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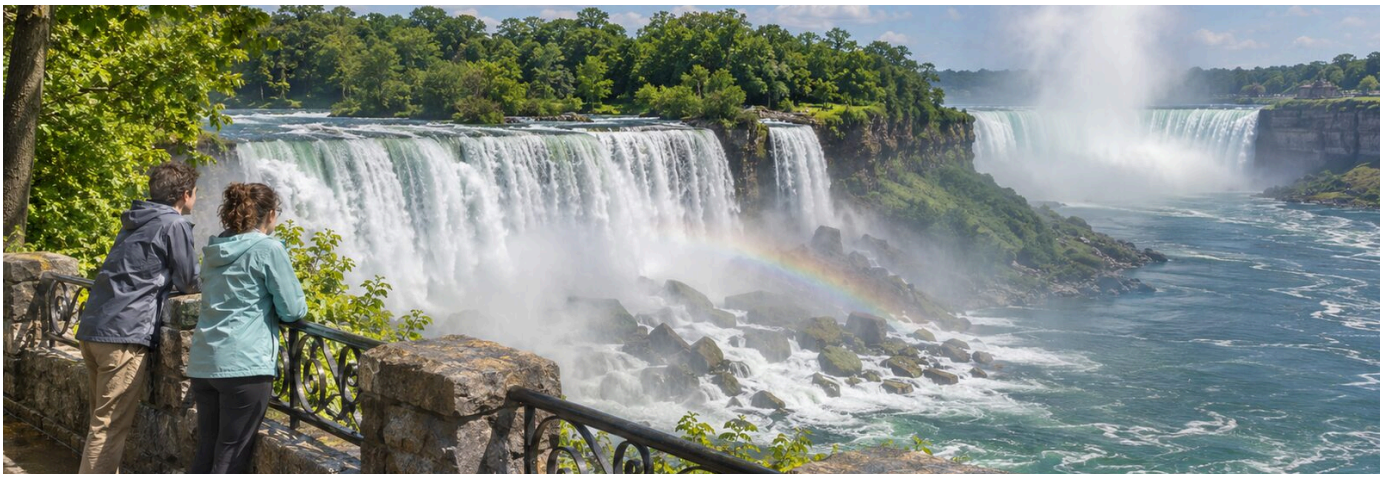
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ROAD TRIP · 8 DAYS FROM NEW YORK

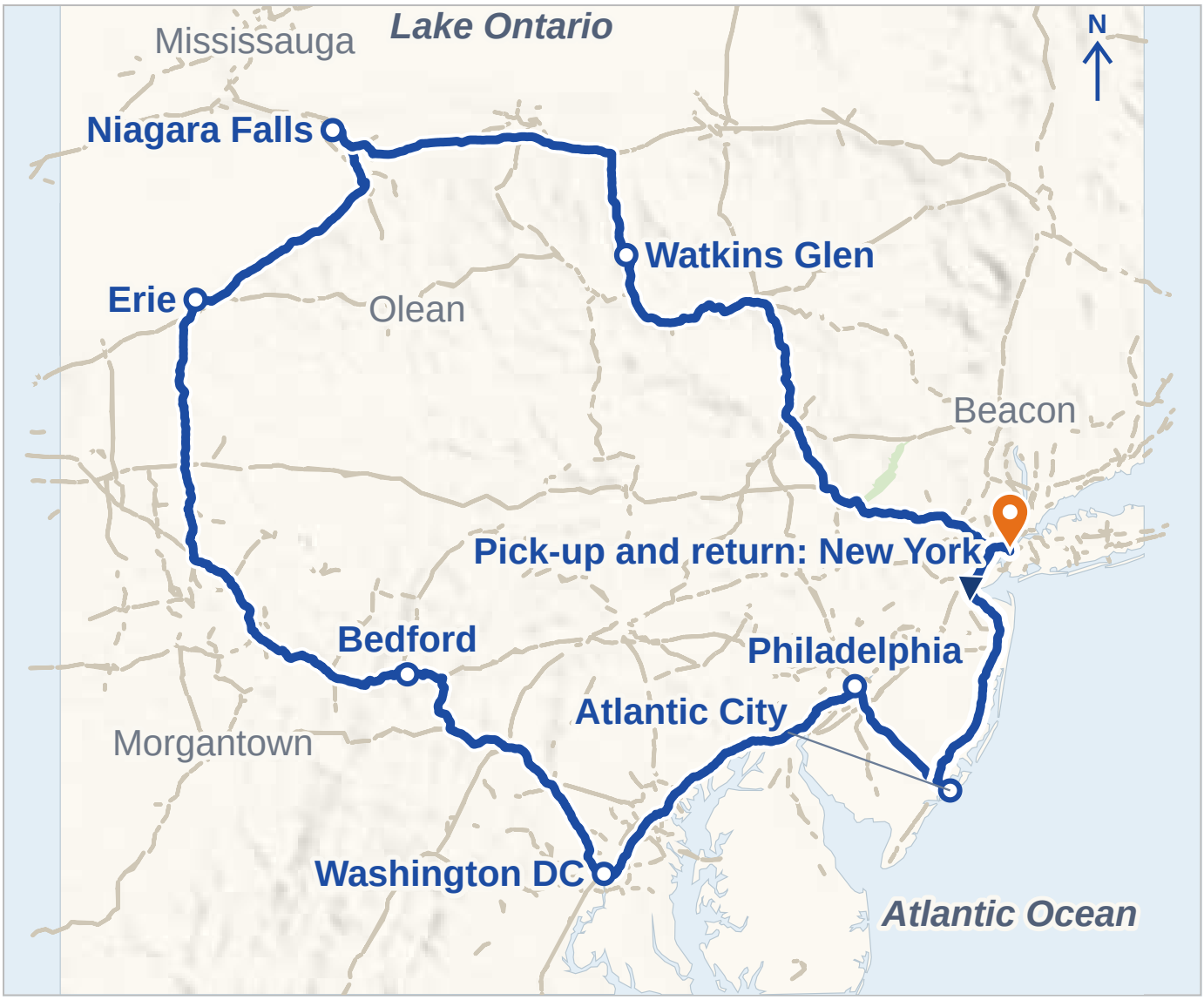
New York, Washington and Niagara Falls - Self-Drive Itinerary

Whether in a campervan or renting a car this 8 day loop from New York to Washington across to Lake Erie, Niagara Falls and back to New York lets you explore some of America's most iconic destinations.

DISTANCE **About 1,955 km (1,215 mi)**	DAYS **8 days, 8 drives**	ROUTE **Loop from New York**	DRIVING TIME **About 25 h 30 min by car**
LONGEST DRIVE **405 km (250 mi), Watkins Glen to New York**	VEHICLE **Car or motorhome**		



Niagara Falls, New York, day 6 · Illustrative image



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Picking up in New York

You'll generally need your licence, a credit card in the main driver's name and your booking confirmation: see what to bring at pick-up. Before you drive away, you'll check the vehicle against its condition report, and with a motorhome staff show you how it works: see what happens at a motorhome handover. More on motorhome hire in New York.

DRIVE

205 km (125 mi) from New York

about 2 h 40 min by car · about 3 h 15 min by motorhome

Via **Garden State Parkway**

DAY 1

New York NY to Atlantic City NJ

PICK-UP

Collect your car or motorhome in New York today. If you're renting a motorhome, allow time at the depot for the rental company to show you how it works before you leave.

Depart this morning and take the I-78 W in Jersey City. Take the I-95 S and Garden State Parkway to Christopher Columbus Boulevard in Atlantic City.

The Atlantic City Boardwalk is a great way to see a number of attractions in one go. Known as the arts and cultural centre of Atlantic City, here you can find everything from the Atlantic City Historical Museum to the Atlantic City Arts Center. Plus, there are also lots of shopping opportunities for souvenirs and dining areas along the boardwalk.

One of the stops along the boardwalk not-to-miss is the iconic Steel Pier. The Pier is a small amusement park, and features 25 rides suited to both children and thrill-seekers. With food and entertainment on offer, it is a great afternoon out.

Stay Pomona RV Park & Campground

DRIVE

99 km (62 mi) from Atlantic City

about 1 h 20 min by car · about 1 h 40 min by motorhome

Via **Atlantic City Expressway**

DAY 2

Atlantic City NJ to Philadelphia PA

Depart this morning and take the Atlantic City Expy W, NJ-42 N and I-676 N to N 15th Street in Philadelphia.

Independence Hall is one of the most iconic historical venues in America. The Hall is where the 56 men gathered to debate and sign the Declaration of Independence. Take a tour of this important venue and see George Washington's famous "rising sun" chair in the Assembly Hall.

If you're feeling brave, a visit to the Eastern State Penitentiary is definitely not for the faint-hearted! Opening in 1829, the prison was home to the infamous criminal and gangster Al Capone. At Eastern State, he is just one of the many criminals who were detained within these walls, where tour guides will enlighten you on just what criminals had to do to be imprisoned here.

Stay Campus Park and Ride

> **Check first:**
> Campus Park and Ride is a commuter car park with RV sites, and we couldn't confirm it's still taking RVs, so check before you go.

DRIVE

220 km (135 mi) from Philadelphia

about 3 h by car · about 3 h 45 min by motorhome

Via **John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway**

DAY 3

Philadelphia PA to Washington DC

Depart this morning and take the I-676/ US-30 E. Follow the I-95 S, I-895 S and Baltimore-Washington Parkway to US-50 W/ New York Avenue NE in Bladensburg. Continue on New York Avenue to Washington.

The Smithsonian Institution is home to 17 museums and galleries, including the Natural History Museum and the Air and Space Museum. Covering histories and sciences from all over the world, the museums and galleries are a great way to extend your knowledge and see these world-renowned attractions.

Washington DC is the home of politics within America. It is a must to visit the iconic Lincoln Memorial, and see the monument built to honour the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Just across from the Lincoln Memorial, you will find the Washington Monument. This particular monument was built to commemorate the very first President, George Washington.

Stay Cherry Hill Park

DRIVE

220 km (135 mi) from Washington DC

about 3 h by car · about 3 h 30 min by motorhome

Via **Dwight D Eisenhower Highway**

DAY 4

Washington DC to Bedford PA

Depart this morning and take the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington. Take the I-270 N and I-70 W to US-30 W in East Providence Township. Follow the US-30 W to Bedford.

The Fort Bedford Museum is a great way to learn about the local history. The museum displays a number of exhibits, from Native American artefacts to models depicting the original forts in the town. It is the best way to step back in time and witness the pioneer days on the frontier of western Pennsylvania.

Taste some of the local produce at the Briar Valley Vineyards & Winery, where they are home to award-winning wines of the region. Located next to the Allegheny Mountains, the picturesque winery is the perfect place to relax after a long day.

Stay Friendship Village Campground RV Park

DRIVE

370 km (230 mi) from Bedford

about 4 h 15 min by car · about 5 h by motorhome

Via **Pennsylvania Turnpike**

DAY 5

Bedford PA to Erie PA

Depart this morning and take the I-70 W/ I-76 W in Bedford Township. Follow the I-76 W and I-79 N to Bayfront Parkway in Erie.

The Presque Isle State Park is full of activities suited to any weather condition. In summer, check out the 11 miles of beaches, which are perfect for a swim or to read a book on the beach. In the winter months, the park becomes home to cross country skiers and snow fans alike, so have a go at skiing or even just spend the afternoon playing in the snow.

Stay Presque Isle Passage RV Park & Cabin Rentals

DRIVE

185 km (115 mi) from Erie

about 2 h 30 min by car · about 3 h by motorhome

Via **New York State Thruway**

DAY 6

Erie PA to Niagara Falls NY

Depart this morning and take the E 6th Street and PA-290 E to I-90 E in Harborcreek Township. Continue on the I-90 E to Niagara Falls.

While staying in Niagara Falls, it is a must to visit the actual waterfalls in the state park. Niagara Falls is situated in America's oldest state park, and the best way to experience it is through a boat ride which will take you straight to the falls themselves. Each second roughly 750,000 gallons of water falls, making it both a powerful and beautiful view.

After seeing the falls, take a trip to the Aquarium of Niagara. Here you can get up and close with the animals that inhabit the state park. With everything from penguins to shark feeding sessions, the aquarium is a fun way to learn about the natural environment.

Stay Niagara Falls Campground & Lodging

DRIVE

250 km (155 mi) from Niagara Falls

about 3 h 15 min by car · about 4 h by motorhome

Via **New York State Thruway**

DAY 7

Niagara Falls NY to Watkins Glen NY

Depart this morning and take the I-90 E to NY-318 E in Phelps. Take NY-14 S to Watkins Glen.

The Watkins Glen State Park is a truly magical place. With waterfalls, lakes, gorges and cascades, this is a place where you can get in touch with nature. Activities offered by the park include biking, fishing and hiking, meaning you can see every inch of the park in a new and different way.

Stay Watkins Glen / Corning KOA

DRIVE

405 km (250 mi) from Watkins Glen

about 5 h 15 min by car · about 6 h 15 min by motorhome

Via **Southern Tier Expressway**

DAY 8

Watkins Glen NY to New York NY

RETURN

Depart this morning and take the I-86 E/ NY-17 E. Continue on the NY-17 E. Take the I-81 S, I-380 S, I-80 E and I-280 E to Holland Tunnel in Jersey City. Continue on Holland Tunnel to New York City.

New York truly has something for everybody. Whether you want to see a world-famous musical on Broadway, or spend an afternoon walking around Central Park, the ‘City That Never Sleeps’ will keep you entertained for hours on end.

For a cultured afternoon, discover masterpieces at the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Or if you’re not afraid of heights, head to the top of the Empire State Building to see the sites from up above.

Stay Liberty Harbor RV Park

Returning in New York

When you return your motorhome, allow time for the return inspection. Return it by the time on your booking, as rental companies charge for late returns. If staff find new damage, ask for the updated condition report and how any charge is worked out: see checking the vehicle when you return it. More on motorhome hire in New York.

Enjoy the loop, from the big city to the falls and back.

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