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Albany Symphony's "Water Music New York"
VIPS ONLY
All Inclusive

Group Bus Tour \$1295 per person double occupancy

"Water Music New York" is a one-of-a-kind musical journey celebrating the bicentennial of the Erie Canal. Reaching from Albany, New York to Lockport, New York, this is an incredible opportunity to explore the historic canal and immerse yourself in music! You'll attend concerts in seven pastoral canal communities, each concert featuring newly commissioned works by young American composers. Grammy Award Winner Maestro David Alan Miller and the world-class musicians of the Albany Symphony will provide a beautiful soundtrack to a luxurious weekend.

Highlights

- VIP Seating
- VIP Backstage Access
- VIP Reception
- VIP introduction to the composer
- Surprise VIP Bonuses

Inclusions

- Lodging at 3-4 star hotels
- Return Amtrak train from Buffalo to Albany
- All meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner
- All attraction fees
- Bus Transportation
- VIP access

Bus Tour:

Experience this one in a lifetime opportunity to travel along with an award-winning symphony, and to meet the musicians as well! This fully guided and transported excursion will allow you to sit back, relax and enjoy all the benefits of being a VIP. "Water Music New York" is a celebration of the bicentennial of New York's Erie Canal, developed and presented by the Albany Symphony in close collaboration with the New York State Canal Corporation.

The Symphony will embark on a week-long barge journey on the Erie Canal from July 2nd to July 8th, performing free concerts in seven canal communities along the way. The Symphony has collaborated with local art groups to debut seven original world premieres by emerging composers. Stops include Albany, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Little Falls, Baldwinsville, Brockport, and Lockport. Our tour will include five of the seven stops.

Besides celebrating the present Erie Canal, this tour also explores its history; namely, its contribution to American music, as well as cultural and social movements. The Erie Canal transformed our nation, made New York City the "Seaport Capital of the World," and was designated a National Historic Landmark in



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2016. In 1996, the Federal government established the Ohio and Erie National Heritage Corridor, which led to the development of the Erie Canal as a vacation destination for drivers and boaters alike!

Itinerary

July 5th.

Tour will begin in Amsterdam, NY in the morning.

We will travel by motor coach to scenic Schoharie County for wine tasting, farm stand shopping, and a visit to Sharon Spring's very own Beekman 1802 store, a name you may remember from their show on The Cooking Channel, or from seeing some of their specialty food items in Target!

<https://shop.beekman1802.com/>. A local bistro serving farm to table cuisine will provide lunch - the Bull's Head Inn www.bullsheadinncobleskill.com. Later, nothing beats an afternoon's wine tasting at <http://grapevinefarms.com/wine-cellar/>. After checking in to our hotel in Utica, it's off to Trattoria Calabria, a local Italian favorite, for a delicious dinner. Following dinner, we'll visit Little Falls for the Albany Symphony. A Champagne reception welcomes us to the concert, as well as VIP access and seating.

July 6th

After an early departure, our first stop is Peterboro, New York, an historic hamlet which is home to the National Abolition Hall of Fame and Museum

<http://www.nationalabolitionhalloffameandmuseum.org/page/page/8452922.htm>, as well as the Gerrit Smith National Historic Landmark <http://www.gerritsmith.org/> We'll hear how this small town played such an enormous role in the Women's Suffrage, Abolition and Civil Rights movements. We'll be greeted by first-person interpreters in period clothing as we enjoy an early 19th century inspired lunch, complete with stories and music.

After lunch, we will travel to Camillus for a traditional boat ride on the Canal - powered by mules! <http://www.eriecanalcamillus.com/>. After checking into our hotel, we will enjoy a tour of a canal lock and hear tales from a lock tender who will even allow you to operate a lock! After dinner, we'll spend another evening enjoying the Symphony in Baldwinsville.

July 7th

An early morning departure leads us to unique VIP behind-the-scenes visits of the Strong Museum of Play <http://www.museumofplay.org/>, George Eastman House www.eastman.org and Memorial Art Gallery <http://mag.rochester.edu/>. Your VIP access includes seeing rare items and artifacts not on display to the public! Lunch will be at a regional treasure, Wegmans. After checking into our hotel and dinner at a local favorite restaurant, this evening's concert includes VIP access to the Symphony in Brockport.

July 8th

We depart this morning for the historic village of Palmyra, to enjoy a VIP behind the scenes tour.

<http://historicpalmyra.com/historicalintro.htm>

That afternoon, we'll make a few stops on the Niagara Wine Trail. <https://niagarawinetrail.org/> Once we've checked into our hotel, it's off to dinner and then a cruise on the canal.

<http://www.lockportlocks.com/>.

July 9th Head to Buffalo and depart Amtrak to Amsterdam



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FIT Individual Packages

All individual packages are customizable! You will be treated as a select, VIP guest with back stage access, VIP seating and invitations to VIP receptions. This means only sixteen packages are available! Each customized package will include one to seven stops. You determine the itinerary, you pick and choose the concert you want to be a part of.

Albany, Schenectady, Amsterdam, Little Falls, Baldwinsville, Brockport and Lockport. Package includes lodging, VIP treatment, round trip Amtrak tickets, rental car, breakfast and a ticket to a local museum private tour experience. Packages starting at **\$465** per person double occupancy (price may be less depending on your selections).



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