

The magazine cover features a top-down view of several meringue nests on a light-colored surface. Each nest is filled with a yellow fruit compote and topped with fresh blueberries and blackberries, garnished with small green mint leaves. The text is overlaid on the left and top right of the image.

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# Nine Cities to Visit in New York That Aren't NYC

Sure, New York City is home to Broadway and Wall Street, but there are plenty of other cities to explore across the state. From Buffalo to Montauk, consider these cities as vacation destinations.

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## 1. Buffalo



Photo: Joe Cascio

New York's second most populous city is located on the shores of Lake Erie. Take in stunning architecture (including seven Frank Lloyd Wright masterworks) and the art scene (including an impressive number of works by Andy Warhol and Jackson Pollock at the [Albright-Knox Art Gallery](#)). See what's going on at [Canalside](#) while you're in town--the picturesque waterside location hosts over 1,000 annual events. And of course, sample some Buffalo wings.

## 2. Niagara Falls



And while you're in the neighborhood, head on up to Niagara Falls. Of course, the famous eponymous Falls are a sight to see, but they aren't the only things to put on your Niagara Falls itinerary. Check out the [Niagara Wine Trail](#), go hiking or fishing, or pack in a few rounds of golf.

## 3. Syracuse



Photo: Miles Media

If you have a shop 'til you drop mentality, you've met your match in Syracuse. [Destiny USA](#) is a retail hub, and then some. With over 250 shops, restaurants, and attractions, the complex has something for everyone. For a boutique shopping experience, head to [Skaneateles](#), a charming village along a lakeshore. And don't miss [Armory Square](#) for shopping and dining.

## 4. Seneca Falls



Photo: NYS DED/Darren McGee

Tucked into the northern reaches of the Finger Lakes region, Seneca Falls is an important site in the women's rights movement, and several attractions emphasize that importance. Aside from a rich history, Seneca Falls boasts a nearby [wine trail](#) and a wide variety of options for exploring nature.

## 5. Ithaca

Another favorite, Ithaca is a city where nature and city life collide in the best way possible. While you're here, plan to see at least one [waterfall](#) (there are over 150 in 10 square miles). Ithaca has more restaurants per capita than even New York City, so you won't want for a delicious food experience. And don't miss Ithaca's [Discovery Trail](#)--eight family-friendly locations with an educational bent.

## 6. Lake Placid



Photo: ROOST/adirondacksusa.com

Enjoy the best of both urban and rural in Lake Placid. Situated in the gorgeous Adirondack Mountains, the city of Lake Placid offers plenty of stunning scenery and nature-focused adventures. But you'll also find plenty of places to pamper yourself (hello, spa day), enjoy a delicious meal, and do a little shopping.

## 7. Saugerties

Take in views of the Hudson River in Saugerties, about 2 hours north of New York City but worlds apart from The Big Apple--and that's a good thing. It's a quiet little town with plenty to offer, and plenty more to do in the surrounding [Catskills Mountains](#). Plus, the town is easily accessible from the New York State Thruway.

## 8. Montauk



Photo: Ray Landolfi/Long Island CVB

Located on the tip of Long Island, Montauk is the quintessential New York beach town. Relax on the beautiful beaches, try water sports (surfing, snorkling, windsailing, and more) or land sports (hiking and biking), and sample the local fare, including seafood year-round.

## 9. Long Beach



Photo: Long Island CVB

For another Long Island option, consider Long Beach. It's only 50 minutes outside New York City (you can take the train from the city to get here). Long Beach has a little more bustle, including a vibrant night life, but still all the beachside amenities and views you could hope for in a coastal getaway.