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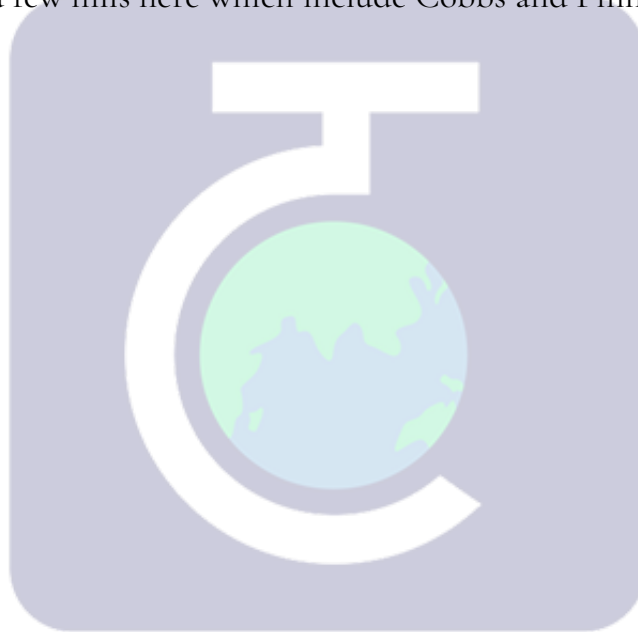
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### 1. Geographical location

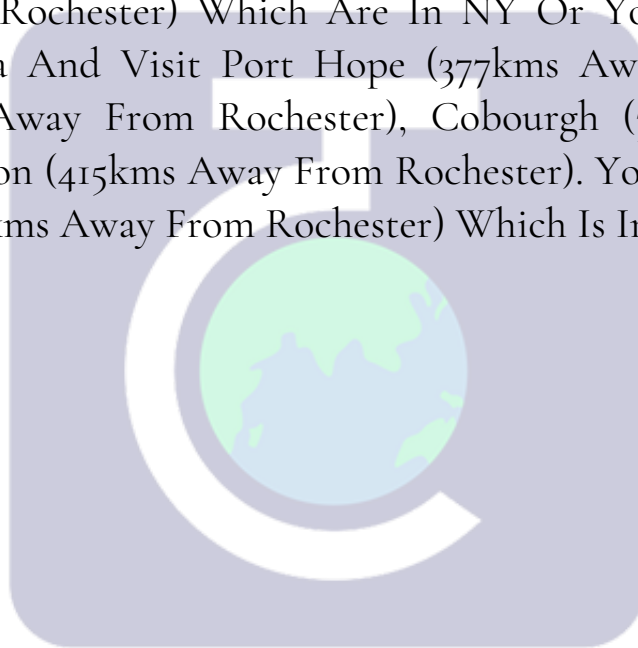
Rochester, New York is located to the southern shore of Lake Ontario. This city is about 371 square miles large. About 1.3 miles of this area is covered in water. It has a number of major water resources apart from Lake Ontario which include Sodus Bay, Finger Lakes, Genesee River and Irondequoit Bay. Rochester is mostly flat land and there are no mountains here. If you're looking to find a mountain you need to drive about 2 hours south to visit the Catskills or the Adirondacks. There are a few hills here which include Cobbs and Pinnacle.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Rochester, NY Is A Popular City In USA. If You're Looking To Visit Multiple Cities During Your Vacation Here You Could Consider Visiting Neighboring Cities Such As Brighton (7.3kms Away From Rochester), Irondequoit (18.5kms Away From Rochester), Newark (61kms Away From Rochester) And Geneva (74kms Away From Rochester),Batavia (58kms Away From Rochester), Greece (13kms Away From Rochester) Which Are In NY Or You Could Club Your Travel With Canada And Visit Port Hope (377kms Away From Rochester), Colborne (410kms Away From Rochester), Cobourgh (388kms Away From Rochester) And Picton (415kms Away From Rochester). You Can Also Consider Visiting Buffalo (123kms Away From Rochester) Which Is In NY.



### 3. Significance

Rochester, New York is home to numerous cultural institutions including the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Strong National Museum of Play, Memorial Art Gallery, the Garth Fagan Dance, Rochester Contemporary Art Center among many other arts organizations. Established in 1969, the National Museum of Play has numerous collections and is the only Collection based museum in the nation devoted primarily to the study of play. Though it is a History Museum, it also has interactive and hands on characteristics of a children's museum thus becoming United States' second largest museum of that type. The exhibits in the museum interpret the key elements of play. Guests are able to explore the worlds of the Berenstain Bears and Sesame Street. The museum's exhibits are mainly themed for storybooks, video games, nature, comic books, children lifestyles, history, television shows, and education. The National Toy Hall of Fame can also be found at the museum. Founded in 1922, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra serves more than 150, 000 people annually through education, community engagement activities, concerts and ticketed events in schools and community centers across the region. It is also a leader in music education throughout the nation. The first public parks in Rochester, New York, were designed by the famed landscaper Frederick Law. They include the Highland Park, Genesee Valley Park, Maplewood Park, and the Seneca Park. Each of these parks remains a popular destination for both locals and visitors from other parts of the nation. Visitors are also drawn to Rochester, New York by the different festivals that take place in the city. Rochester's renowned festival season starts as soon as May rolls around and the snow becomes less likely. From May through October, there is, at least, a festival on every weekend going on in Rochester. All these festivals focus on diverse subjects such as crafts, music, horticulture and food. Admission is usually free for most of these festivals. The Lilac Festival draws visitors from town to the Highland Park. Other festivals include the Rochester International Jazz Festival, Park Avenue Fest, the Film Festival, the Roc City Rib Fest among many others. There are many cultural festivals that takes place around the city as well as the local areas including Turkish and Greek Festivals. There are three

major trails (multi- use) passing through the Rochester Area all meeting up at Genesee Valley Park. These are Erie Canalway Trail, the Genesee Valley Greenway, and the Genesee Riverway Trail.



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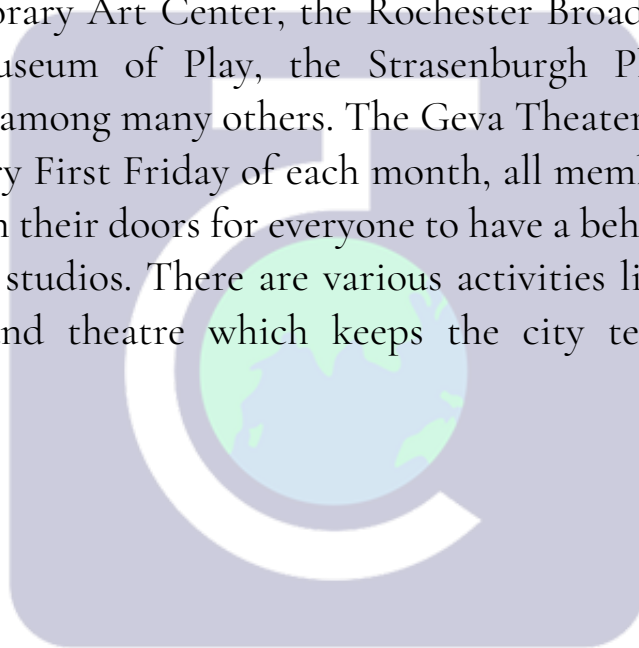
### 4. History

Rochester initially belonged to the Seneca tribe till 1797 when they gave up the land in the Treaty of Big Tree. This tribe then vanished from Rochester. Rochester began to modernize after the defeat of Great Britain. Rochester was first known as the "Young Lion of the West" and later as the "Flour City". This city was one of the largest flour producing cities in USA. Rochester was also dominated by ethnocultural politics wherein two rival groups fought for power. In 1821, Monroe County was formed out of parts of Ontario and Genesee countries, and hence Rochesterville was formed. Rochester was founded in a short span of time after the American Revolution by a wave of English-Puritan deteriorates immigrants from New England who were looking for new agricultural land. They will also be the dominant group in Rochester, New York for over a long time or century. Let's briefly discuss Rochester's development that followed the American Revolution and they were forced relinquishment of their terrain by the Iroquois after the defeat of Great Britain they allied with the British and the four major Iroquois were essentially forced from New York, and they were also given a large land grant on the Grand River in Canada. In the years leading up to the Civil War, various locations in Rochester were used as a safe house to shelter fugitive slaves. The period after the Civil War saw Rochester grow almost four times in number.



## 5. Cultural identity

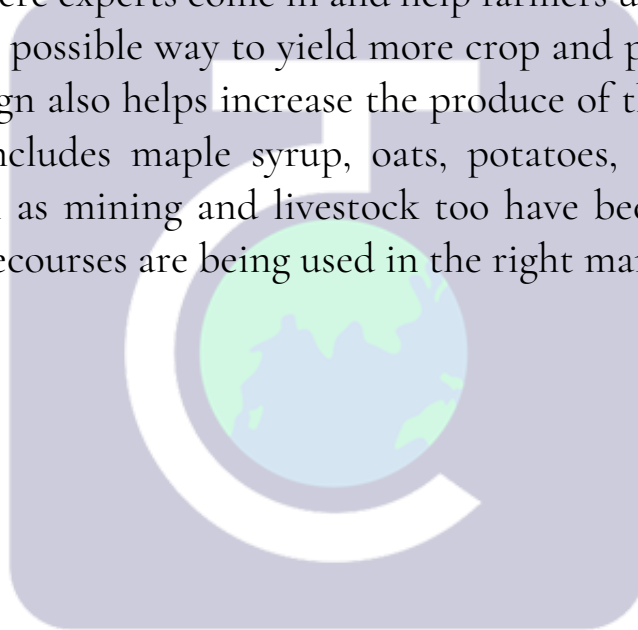
Rochester is rich in cultural and recreational activities. There are a number of cultural institutions you will find here. The most popular include the Garth Fagan Dance, Museum of Photography and Film, Rochester Museum & Science Center, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, George Eastman House International Memorial Art Gallery, Hochstein School of Music & Dance, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, the Rochester Broadway Theater League, Strong National Museum of Play, the Strasenburgh Planetarium, and the Auditorium Theater among many others. The Geva Theater is the largest theater in this city. Also every First Friday of each month, all members of the Rochester Art Community open their doors for everyone to have a behind the scenes look at various galleries and studios. There are various activities like public art on city streets and dance and theatre which keeps the city teeming with cultural abundance.



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### 6. Natural resources

Like any other city, Rochester too is facing problems with the environment. In order to preserve the natural resources from running out, this city has introduced various 'go green' initiatives. The city has introduced a number of campaigns in order to help protect the resources that seem to be decreasing rapidly. The city is striving hard to protect resources such as fertile soil which is why they introduced a farmer's scheme where experts come in and help farmers understand how to use their land in the best possible way to yield more crop and protect the fertility of the soil. This campaign also helps increase the produce of things the city is most famous for which includes maple syrup, oats, potatoes, soybeans and wheat. Other activities such as mining and livestock too have been given attention in order to ensure the resources are being used in the right manner.



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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Highland Park

Resting in a beautiful setting of rolling hills and glacial valleys, the Highland Park is an urban park that offers fun activities, events, and attractions for all age groups. With a dramatic trail of history which is as colorful as the kaleidoscopic flower beds that are scattered in the open landscape, this completely planned and planted parkland originally served as the city's nursery and botanical gardens. Being one of the oldest greenery in Rochester, the 'tree garden' hosts the world famous Lilac Festival every May where you will be mesmerized by the abloom lilacs that are spread across 150-acres. There is also a Lamberton Conservatory which holds a beautiful collection of flora from diverse locations. You can participate in activities like ice skating, rugby, baseball, playground, Warner castle, and shows at the Highland Bowl among others.

Address : 180 Reservoir Ave, Rochester, NY 14620, United States

Zipcode : 14620

Location : 43.13026600000001, -77.60467519999997

Contact : +1 585-753-7270

Website : <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-highland.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Goodman & Highland Bus Station and South & Reservoir Bus station

Entry Fee : Children (age 0-5 years): Free, Adult (age 19-61 years): \$3.00, Youth (age 6-18 years) / Seniors (above 62 years): \$2.00.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:30hrs–22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse

Immerse yourself into a history that spans across 2 centuries at the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse, a 40-feet octagonal structure that is entirely made up of native sandstones and crowned by an eight-sided lantern in the Charlotte neighborhood of Rochester. Constructed in 1822 on the banks of Lake Ontario, it is one of the oldest lighthouses in the Great lakes and hence registered under the

National Register of Historic Places. Tour this iconic landmark of the city and get acquainted with some interesting historical facts about this area. Climb the 42 steps and 11-rung ladder to reach the top and enjoy the spectacular views of the shores or explore the numerous displays on Rochester's harbor history at the on-site museum. If you wonder where the shore is after getting to the lighthouse, it's just a half a mile northeast. Note: You should be older than 7 years and over 4 feet tall to tour the lighthouse.

Address : 70 Lighthouse Street Rochester, New York 14612

Zipcode : 14612

Location : 43.2527387, -77.61058880000002

Contact : (585) 621-6179

Website : <http://www.geneseelighthouse.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lake & Holy Cross Church bus station

Entry Fee : Adults (age 17 years and older): \$5, Children (age 7-17 years): Free

Open & Close Timing : Friday-Monday 13:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Susan B. Anthony Museum & House

Get a glimpse into life of Susan B. Anthony and her indelible struggle to acquire equal rights for all and voting rights for women at Susan B. Anthony Museum & House. Explore the place that the legendary women's civil rights leader called home at the most political time of her life. Discover the museum and stumble upon the room where she was arrested in 1872 for illegal voting. As you stroll through the museum, you will also witness Anthony's influences as well as the many reforms she worked for including education, temperance, abolition, suffrage, and a purse of her own. Travel back into the past as you see the place where she took her last breath in 1906 at the age of 86.

Address : 17 Madison Street Rochester, New York 14608

Zipcode : 14608

Location : 43.153187, -77.628064

Contact : +1 585-235-6124

Website : <http://susanbanthonyhouse.org/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Main & Madison bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$ 15, Seniors (age 62 years and above) & military men: \$10, Students: \$5.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

#### **7.1.4. ARTISANworks**

Nestled within a renovated factory building, Artisan Works is a non-profit organization that breathes and lives art. Comprised of labyrinth of hallways and levels where every square inch is covered with art in all media along with sculptures and paintings. Explore this art haven and admire a collection of around 50,000 artworks, antiques, mementos and automobiles. See a number of artists weave their magic to create a unique art piece live at the gallery and all of whom are happy and willing to talk about their accomplishments. There is also a 30-seat theater within the Triangle Theater which features films by local filmmakers and students. If you are an aspiring art student or an amateur, you can also host an event here.

Address : 565 Blossom Rd # L, Rochester, NY 14610, United States

Zipcode : 14610

Location : 43.14916300000001, -77.55712399999999

Contact : (585) 288-7170

Website : <http://artisanworks.net/>

Nearest Public Transport : Winton & Brentwood Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$12, Seniors & Students: \$8, Children (age 5 years & under) & Members: Free

Open & Close Timing : Fridays-Saturdays 11:00hrs-18:00hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs-17:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

#### **7.1.5. George Eastman Museum**

Visit the George Eastman House, a manor built by the spearhead of popular photography and motion picture film and the founder of the Eastman Kodak. This museum is restored to its earlier appearance when he was alive and is considered to house three museums in one. It is the oldest photography museum and one of the largest motion picture archives in the world, which have illustrations of Rochester's life in the early 20th century. One of the museums also exhibits the history of film and photography, while the other displays the enormous film and photograph archives. You may go for guided tours at this place to get a better insight of the museum.

Address : 900 East Avenue Rochester, New York 14607

Zipcode : 14607

Location : 43.152837, -77.580078000000001

Contact : (585) 271-3361

Website : <http://www.eastmanhouse.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : East & Barrington bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$15, Seniors (age 65+ years): \$13, Students (with ID) & Children (age 5-17 years): \$5, Children (age 4 years and under): Free.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Saturday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.6. Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester

Be surprised by the vast collection of classic artwork displayed at every nook and cranny of Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester. Since its founding in 1913, the art treasure of MAG has tremendously increased to over 12,000 works representing diverse cultures from all over the world and spanning across millennia. It also showcases paintings by national as well as international world renowned artists including Rubens, Monet, Matisse, a Chinese Guanyin Sculpture, Cézanne, and a Rembrandt portrait among other galleries. Do find yourself amazed by the vast skylight beams that spotlights the 20th century sculptures at the stunning central gallery. The recent acquisitions like the strikingly embellished suite of etched armor fabricated in the 16th century in

German, and an alluring landscape of the Erie Canal by George Harvey, a painter from the 19th-century.

Address : 500 University Avenue, Rochester New York 14607

Zipcode : 14607

Location : 43.15764679999999, -77.58819410000001

Contact : +(585) 276-8900

Website : <http://mag.rochester.edu/>

Nearest Public Transport : University & Goodman bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$15, Senior citizens (age 62+ years): \$12, College students (with ID) & Children (age 6-18 years): \$6, Children (age 5 years and under), Staff, faculty & students of Rochester University: Free. Half admission for all after 17:00hrs on Thursdays.

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday, Friday-Sunday- 11:00hrs-17:00hrs, Thursday 11:00hrs-21:00hrs, Monday-Tuesday-closed. First Friday of every month 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Rochester Museum & Science Center

Brimming with hands-on exhibits and activities, Rochester Museum & Science Center fosters a creative environment to flourish the knowledge of science, engineering, math and technology into the minds of the little ones. Immerse all your senses into their themed programs to unearth all the wonders of the region, our planet as well as what lies beyond. Take an opportunity to spark the interest in exploration as you zoom through the space or test your strength as you climb a wall, there is an experience awaiting for every age. Don't miss out the enormous mastodon skeleton that displays overwhelming information on Western New York's post-glacial history. Other permanent exhibits focus on the nineteenth century Rochester, the people of the Haudenosaunee, the Underground Railroad and much more.

Address : 657 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14607, United States

Zipcode : 14607

Location : 43.152417, -77.58791099999996

Contact : (585) 271-4320



Website : <http://www.rmssc.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : East & Upton bus station

Entry Fee : Museum- Adults: \$14, Seniors and college students (with ID): \$13, Children (age 3-18 years): \$12, RMSC Members: Free. Museum + Planetarium- Adults: \$17, Seniors and college students (with ID): \$15, Children (age 3-18 years): \$14.

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.8. Seneca Park Zoo

Become a zookeeper for sometime as you visit this little zoo that is nestled within the Seneca Park. Interact with over 90 species of exotic wildlife including some species unique to the state of New York like African lions, White Rhinos, olive baboons, Bornean Orangutans and African elephants that take shelter under the care of experienced staff. The supremacy of polar bears, the grace of elephants and the playfulness of other animals makes Seneca Park Zoo a gem for the explorers of natural world.

Address : 2222 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14621

Zipcode : 14621

Location : 43.20738000000001, -77.62318299999998

Contact : +(585) 336-7200

Website : <http://senecaparkzoo.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Seneca Park Zoo Bus Station

Entry Fee : April 1 through October 31- Adults (age 12-62 years): \$12, Seniors (age 63 years & older): \$11, Youth (age 3-11 years): \$9, Children under 2 years and zoo members: Free; November 1 through March 31 Adults (age 12-62 years): \$10, Seniors (age 63 years & older): \$9, Youth (age 3-11 years): \$7, Children under 2 years & zoo members: Free.

Open & Close Timing : April-October- Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs, November-March- Daily 10:00hrs-15:00hrs.

Time Required : 1.5



Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.9. Strassenburgh Planetarium

Visit the Strassenburgh Planetarium to embark on a journey across the space and beyond. Gratify your curiosity about the universe as you discover fascinating facts and traverse to places in a virtual environment via giant screen films, laser and star shows. Lose yourself as you get a chance to discover latitudes that gives new meanings to space, time, size and shape. At this 4-story domed structure, be fascinated as you look at the sky pin-pricked with stars and immerse yourself in the current and latest scientific revelations.

Address : 663 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14607, United States

Zipcode : 14607

Location : 43.1521291, -77.58679560000002

Contact : (585) 271-4320

Website : <http://www.rmhc.org/StrassenburghPlanetarium/>

Nearest Public Transport : East and Upton Bus Station

Entry Fee : Prices for various shows like Giant-Screen Films, Regular Star Shows and Saturday Night Laser each- Adults: \$7, Seniors and college students (with ID) & Children (age 3-18 years): \$6, RMHC Members: \$3.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.10. Stone-Tolan House

Be fascinated by the suburban splendor as you peek into the routine life of the family pioneers Elizabeth and Orringh Stone at this rural tavern. For more than 2 centuries, the house has served for different purposes of different people. See how the Stone family did their daily chores at what was considered to be their home and work, tavern and farm, while the neighbors considered it to be a gathering hub to grab a drink in the tavern room. During the 19th century, the oldest historic site in the county also sheltered the globe wanderers from the wilderness.

Address : 2370 East Ave, Rochester, NY 14610, United States

Zipcode : 14610

Location : 43.14003199999999, -77.54223739999998

Contact : +1 585-442-4606

Website : <http://landmarksociety.org/programs/historic-sites/stone-tolan/>

Nearest Public Transport : East & Council Rock Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission: \$5, Children: \$2.

Open & Close Timing : Friday-Saturday 12:00hrs – 15:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.11. The Strong Museum

A museum dedicated to significance of play in the American culture, The Strong Museum is home to one of the largest collections related to the history of play that captivates the attention of diverse audience from across the world. This huge interactive space offers hands-on exhibits for kids to learn, play, explore, dream and discover the importance of play. Take your little ones to Wegmans Super Kids Market and see them perform daily chores like purchasing groceries, act as a baker or butcher or even make their own cooking commercial at WKID-TV station. After performing such tedious tasks, the Game Time! at the 2nd level is perfect place to take a break by solving puzzles and playing games that form a part of the museum's collection. Also known as the National Museum of Play, it houses the International Center for the History of Electronic Games, the World Video Game Hall of Fame, the National Toy Hall of Fame and the American Journal of Play among others.

Address : 1 Manhattan Square Dr, Rochester, NY 14607, USA

Zipcode : 14607

Location : 43.152744, -77.600709

Contact : +585-263-2700

Website : <http://www.museumofplay.org/>

Entry Fee : General Admission: \$14.50, Free for Children under 2 years.

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Thursday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Friday & Saturday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.12. Seabreeze Amusement Park

A splash-tastic amusement park just a few minutes from the downtown Rochester, Seabreeze Amusement Park warrants fun and excitement with more than 70 attractions. Get your adrenaline rushing as you ride Jack Rabbit, one of the oldest operating roller coasters in the world and other thrilling attractions or splash your loved ones in the water park. Let the little ones enjoy the kiddie swings and star fighters or some classic family rides like spinning teacups. If you are not much of a thrill seeker, there are live shows, games and delicious food to keep you entertained.

Address : 4600 Culver Rd, Rochester, NY 14622, USA

Zipcode : 14622

Location : 43.2319762, -77.5423996

Contact : +1 585-323-1900

Nearest Public Transport : Sea Breeze Amusement Park Bus Station

Entry Fee : Ride & Slide Pass (Unlimited rides & slides, for those 48" and taller)- \$33.99, Under 48" Pass (Unlimited rides & slides, for those under 48" tall)- \$26.99, Night Rider (Unlimited rides & slides, after 5 pm)- \$23.99, Spectator Pass (Access to grounds only, no rides/slides. Must be 21 years or older)- \$13.99, Single Ride Tickets (One time on any one ride, not valid in water park)- \$3.50. Free for children under 2 years.

Time Required : 12

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Corn Hill

Evoking the memories of the premier flourishing neighborhood of the city, Corn hill, presently is the original residential nucleus of Rochester. Travel back in time as you walk across shady streets and admire the magnificent restored Victorian styled mansions complemented by wrought-iron. Sharing edges with the river as well as the downtown of the city, this area served as an abode to numerous political leaders and famous personalities. Whether you wish to browse through the retail shops and boutiques or grab a bite from one of the tantalizing restaurants, this neighborhood offers endless options for everyone. When in town, do not forget to attend the infamous Corn Hill Arts Festival that takes place here annually.

Address : Rochester, NY 14608

Zipcode : 14608

Location : 43.148478, -77.6163803

Website : <http://cornhill.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Frederick Douglass & Adams Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. East Avenue

This Grand Boulevard of Rochester will take your breath away with its beauty. Drive down the oldest and the largest neighborhood of the city and adore the elegance of the striking restored manors belonging to the past barons. As you explore this district that was known as the greatest catalogues of the urban residential structures of the state of New York during 19th as well as early 20th centuries, you will be taken back to the historic times of the area. Bordered by East Avenue, University Avenue and Park Avenue, East Avenue is home to some of Rochester's greatest residential architectures which are still preserved.

Address : Rochester, NY 14607

Zipcode : 14607

Location : 43.1502017, -77.57770310000001

Nearest Public Transport : East & Grosvenor Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. High Falls

Settlers in the area were attracted to this majestic High Fall of the Genesee in the first place. The High Fall is a 96-foot waterfall at the center of downtown, and you can view it best from the old Pont de Rennes pedestrian bridge. You can also take a walk around the old warehouses, on the west bank between the falls and the bridge. This is the area referred to as the **High Falls**. There is a small museum/visitor center as well as some old milling equipment around this area. Seen here as they appeared in April 1898, the roaring waters of High Falls have captured the imaginations of Rochesterians for generations. The 96-foot falls also played an instrumental role in shaping Rochester's history, the wellspring around which the City came of age. The spectacular sight of the falls inspired many explorers of the Genesee Valley. More than just a picturesque natural phenomenon, the High Falls beckoned to early settlers as a source of raw energy. Beyond the museum, of course, lie the falls themselves, still enchanting Rochesterians after all these years. A tour of High Falls and Brown's Race features a panoramic view of the Genesee River's 96-foot waterfall and spectacular gorge and a visit to an urban cultural park that celebrates Rochester's earliest industrial area started during the Flour City era. Walk: out onto the bridge and look right (south) toward downtown for one of Rochester's most spectacular sights: the Genesee River Gorge and the High Falls. The Pont de Rennes pedestrian bridge and park were created in 1982 from what was the Platt Street bridge (1891), an 858-foot-long, truss bridge. See the Genesee River rushing over a 96-foot cliff. Walk through Rochester's past, and future. Learn all about the famous people who have lived in Rochester. Spend a relaxing afternoon in the park at Granite Mills Commons or on the 858-foot long Pont De Rennes bridge. Stand in Triphammer Forge and see actual 1816 factory ruins. Walk across historic footbridges and peek beneath the street at a replicated 240-foot section of the original raceway used to power mill wheels.

Address : Highfalls, Rochester, NY 14605, USA

Zipcode : 14605

Location : 41.8267596, -74.12625489999999

Nearest Public Transport : State & Brown Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. Neighborhood of the Arts

This is an electric neighborhood along the University Avenue, near the Rochester Museum, Science Center and the Village Gate. The area has lots of public artwork worth seeing, some eateries, shops, and beautiful Victorian homes. Enjoy walking around in the garden with some really spectacular views around. Perhaps more than any other Rochester neighborhood, The Neighborhood of the Arts (NOTA) projects a very notable metropolitan vibe.

Address : Rochester, NY 14605

Zipcode : 14605

Location : 43.1583066, -77.58629919999998

Website : <http://www.notaba.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : College & Goodman Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Ontario Beach Park

Known for the Denzel Menagerie carousel that has been captivating the interest of kids for over a century and the pristine shoreline of the great lakes, Ontario Beach Park provides all that is necessary for a perfect day out. Finding itself in the northwest quadrant of the city, the sandy coastline attracts swimmers from all over to take a dip into the crystal blue waters of the lake. Whether you wish to lounge back and soak up some sun or take a romantic stroll along the pier to watch the picture-perfect sundown or set on a sailing journey in a boat to enjoy the alluring scenery, the Park offers numerous choices to everyone. There are beach equipments and toys available on rent too.

Address : 50 Beach Ave, Rochester, NY 14612, United States

Zipcode : 14612

Location : 43.25789469999999, -77.60714589999998

Contact : +1 585-753-7275



Website : <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-ontariobeach.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Beach & Estes bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Mendon Ponds Park

A unique complex of glacially created landforms, this park entices you with 2500 acres of natural beauty. Extremely varied with woodlands, a bog, pine plantation areas, ,estuaries meadows and 5 major ponds, the Mendon Ponds Park is the biggest park in the Monroe County and was registered under National Registry of Natural Landmarks because of its glacial features like kames, eskers and kettle holes. An adventurer's paradise, there are various hiking trails, winter sledding as well as other recreational activities like boating, camping and more. Jog along the bridle trails and spot some native animals or hand feed the birds like chickadees who take shelter here.

Address : 95 Douglas Rd, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472, United States

Zipcode : 14472

Location : 43.01647, -77.56629809999998

Contact : +1 585-753-7275

Website : <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-mendonponds.php>

Nearest Public Transport : E Henrietta & 5000 E Henrietta Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Mount Hope Cemetery

Founded in 1838, Mount Hope Cemetery is one of America's premier Victorian cemeteries that is spread across 196 acres of land comprising of rolling hills and scenic valleys right next to the University of Rochester on Mount Hope Avenue. Tour this historic cemetery and admire thousands of marble, bronze, and granite monuments finding shade under handsome trees for over a century.

Address : 1133 Mount Hope Ave, Rochester, NY 14620, United States

Zipcode : 14620

Location : 43.1286526, -77.62067689999998

Contact : +1 585-428-7999

Website : <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/>

Nearest Public Transport : Mt Hope & Stewart Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:30hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Eastview Mall

A regional shopping mall in the suburbs of the city, Eastview Mall is swamped with upscale retailers like Forever 21, Guess, Apple, Michael Kors, Swarovski and more catering to the fashion needs of the shopaholics. Apart from big labels, the center also features departmental stores to stock up your daily necessities as well as an array of restaurants to fuel up your tummy.

Address : Eastview Mall, Victor, NY 14564, USA

Zipcode : 14564

Location : 43.02781530000001, -77.44294489999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Pittsford Plaza

Situated in the most affluent neighborhood of the city, Pittsford Plaza is known to offer unique and latest fashion trends that are sure to awaken the fashionista within you. Browse through this shopping plaza and fill your bags with apparels from upscale brands.

Address : 3349 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14618, USA

Zipcode : 14618

Location : 43.1024204, -77.5402808

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. The Marketplace Mall



Zipcode : 0

Location : 43.0830258, -77.6334344

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. The Mall at Greece Ridge

Located in Greece suburb of the city, The Mall at Greece Ridge comprises of around 140 stores with some of the renowned international brands like Barnes & Noble, Macy's Home, Bed Bath & Beyond and more.

Address : 271 Greece Ridge Center Dr, Rochester, NY 14626, USA

Zipcode : 14626

Location : 43.2061681, -77.69109329999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Rochester Public Market

Zipcode : 0

Location : 43.1648835, -77.58982650000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Genesee Valley Park

Designed by noted landscape architect Frederic Law Olmsted, Genesee Valley Park is an ideal destination for nature lovers and sports enthusiasts. Constructed on the naturally occurring rolling pastoral fields, this 800 acres park is a hub of golfers, crew teams, bikers, kayakers, hikers, and cross-country skiers who come here to show off their strength at softball diamonds, multi-use/soccer fields, a cricket pitch or one of the two 18 hole golf courses.

Address : 1000 E River Rd, Rochester, NY 14623, USA

Zipcode : 14623

Location : 43.1078693, -77.6515097999999

Contact : +1 585-753-7275

Website : <http://www2.monroecounty.gov/parks-geneseevalley.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Elmwood & Wilson Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### **7.2.14. Corbett's Glen Nature Park**

Once a privately-owned park, Corbett's Glen was such a premier attraction for the Rochester area, its picturesque landscape is immortalized in postcards and the memories of the locals. Even when devastated by pollution and threatened by surrounding development, the Allens Creek Valley, in which the Glen lies, continued to be a draw for scenic walks, family picnics, and photography. Hidden away in the development-packed Rochester suburb of Penfield, the Glen continues to serve as a small slice of nature for the community to enjoy. The pebble-lined Allens Creek enters the park as visitors do, through the vaulted stone arch of the railway bridge. It is this tunnel that gives visitors a feeling of entering another world; one that really shouldn't be here, as they leave the busy expressways and business complexes above, and follow Allens Creek as it winds around glacial formations and drops over several small frothy cascades. Tunnel Falls, lying just as the creek emerges from beneath the vine-covered stone of the rail bridge, is the first of many lovely scenes that is remembered long after leaving. Two additional cascades, although small in size, shake up the creek and provide a little excitement in this otherwise serene landscape. In addition to the three cascades, the southern part of the park carries hikers around rolling glacial moraines left from the last ice age, wetland marsh that is as saturated with wildlife as it is with water, and a wind-swept meadow in the heart of it all. A favorite pastime of mine is to sit on the lone bench in the middle of the meadow with a pair of binoculars and a field guide and try to identify the various resident and migrating birds that fly by. Being an oasis of green within an urban jungle, migrating birds often use the valley as a stop-over on their long journeys. Over 100 species have been spotted here. The trails here are well-maintained and spotting local wildlife is unavoidable.

Address : 165 Park Ln, Rochester, NY 14625, USA

Zipcode : 14625

Location : 43.1376436, -77.526828099999

Nearest Public Transport : Penfield & Park Ln Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. Manhattan Square Park

Also known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Park, the Manhattan Square Park is a tree-lined park that serves as a popular meeting place among the locals. Surrounded by sky-piercing structures, this landscape park is known for an imposing steel viewing platform and a sunken fountain area that turns into a concert stage and hosts free concerts throughout the year. The central reflecting pool of the park turns into a popular ice-skating rink whereas the lofty hills are used for sledding during winters.

Address : 353 Court St, Rochester, NY 14607, USA

Zipcode : 14607

Location : 43.154001, -77.602012

Contact : +1 585-428-7541

Website : <http://cityofrochester.gov/mlkparkicerink/>

Nearest Public Transport : Woodbury & Chestnut Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 12:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

## 8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Golf -**

Address : 145 Kilbourn Rd, Rochester, NY 14618, USA

Location : 43.119653,-77.525306

Contact No : +1 585-586-1660

Website : <http://www.oakhillcc.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : East & Kilbourn Bus Station

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Kayaking -**

Address : 1099 Empire Blvd, Rochester, NY 14609, USA

Location : 43.1757253,-77.52618989999996

Contact No : +1 585-288-2830

Website : <http://www.baycreek.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rochester Train Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : The rentals are \$19 for 1 hour; \$32 for 2 hours; \$40 for 3 to 4 hours; and \$50 for 5 to 8 hours.

Open / Close Time : Monday and Tuesday: Closed; Wednesday to Friday: 12:00hrs-18:00hrs; Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs; Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Ice skating -**

Address : 51 Lomb Memorial Dr, Rochester, NY 14623, USA

Location : 43.0852981,-77.6737842

Contact No : +1 585-475-2223

Website : <https://www.rit.edu/fa/arenas/ritter-arena/public-skate>

Nearest Public Transport : RIT Gleason Circle Bus Station

Entry Fees : Skating fees Children (age 6 and under) - \$3 Seniors - \$3

Public - \$5 Skate Rental - \$3 Skate Sharpening - \$3

Open / Close Time : Friday: 11:45hrs-12:45hrs, 20:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday:

15:15hrs-16:45hrs, 20:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday: 15:15hrs-16:45hrs Monday to

Wednesday: 11:45hrs-12:45hrs

Time Required : 1.00

Wait Time : 15 minutes



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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

The towns Rochester Red Wings Baseball team is a professional minor league baseball team that plays in the International League and is one of the top teams affiliated with the Minnesota Twins. You can buy tickets online <http://www.milb.com/tickets/tickets.jsp?sid=t534> or in person year round. Sahlens Stadium also known as paetec park and marina auto stadium, is an all soccer stadium. It homes the National Woman's Soccer League and Rochester's Rhinos USL League, located right in the heart of Rochester NY. The Football team for Rochester NY is the Rochester Jeffersons, they even played in the NFL from 1920-1925. Tickets can be purchased in person and are very cheap and always on sale during peak season. The Rochester Razor Sharks is the professional basketball team for Rochester NY, they are the premier basketball league members. All homes games are played at the Blue Cross Arena Downtown in Rochester NY, you can even buy season tickets and single game tickets at: <http://razorsharks.com/Page.asp?n=117788&org=RAZORSHARKS.COM> Rochester may not be a leading city in sports, but it has a wide variety of sporting events and venues. Rochester is ranked among the best cities in the United States for minor league sports meaning you can witness some of the most talented players in the great venues within the city.

- **Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex:**

Address : 2700 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Rd, Rochester, NY 14623, United States

Location : 43.0983695,-77.60240169999997

Contact No : +1 585-424-4625

Website : <http://www.billgraysiceplex.com/>

- **Blue Cross Arena:**

Address : 100 Exchange Blvd, Rochester, NY 14614, United States

Location : 43.1533193,-77.61062249999998

Contact No : +1 585-758-5300

Website : <http://www.bluecrossarena.com/>

Open/Close time : Monday-Friday 11:00hrs-15:00hrs; Saturday 10:00hrs-14:00hrs. Sunday Closed.

- **Rochester Rhinos Stadium:**

Address : 460 Oak St, Rochester, NY 14608, United States

Location : 43.162067,-77.62956600000001

Contact No : +1 585-454-5425

Website : <http://www.rhinosoccer.com/>

Open/Close time : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

- **Rochester Main Street Armory:**

Address : 900 E Main St, Rochester, NY 14605, United States

Location : 43.162057,-77.58814999999998

Contact No : +1 585-232-3221

Website : <http://www.rochestermainstreetarmory.com/>

## 10. Spas and relaxation

Are you looking for a place to have me time relaxation? Look no further Rochester is packed with places for self-time meditation.

- **Park Avenue Salon & Day Spa:**

Address : 735 Park Ave, Rochester, NY 14607, USA

Location : 43.1474765,-77.576073000000001

Contact No : +1 585-473-5040

Website : <http://www.parkavedayspa.com/>

- **The Woodhouse Day Spa - Rochester:**

Address : 235 High St Ext, Victor, NY 14564, USA

Location : 43.0271445,-77.4376244

Contact No : +1 585-412-4994

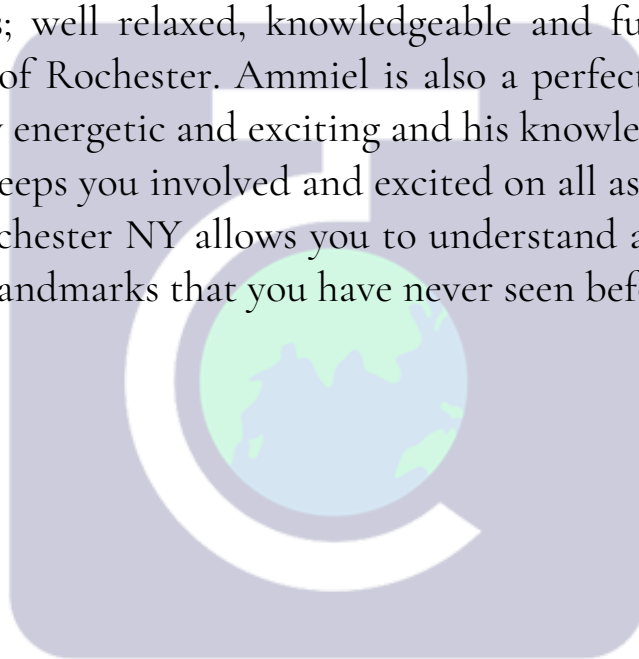
Website : <https://rochester.woodhousespas.com/>



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### 11. Key local guides and tours

See Rochester today like you never have before with Rochester Pedal tours. They have great tour guides that are very knowledgeable on the city. Enjoy a side of Rochester that you have never seen before visiting old favorites in great style. Load up your music and bring your friends, traveling around your preferred attractions, restaurants and more! Looking for a private local tour guide? Ibrahima is fabulous; well relaxed, knowledgeable and fun. His knowledge is amazing on the city of Rochester. Ammiel is also a perfect choice for a private guide. He can be very energetic and exciting and his knowledge on the city is just infectious. Ammiel keeps you involved and excited on all aspects of the tour. His knowledge about Rochester NY allows you to understand and better experience more of Rochester's landmarks that you have never seen before here in Rochester New York.



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### 12. Transportation hubs

Major airports, train stations (hubs), ports, bus station. The Greater Rochester International Airport is the main airport for all international flights to Rochester NY. The distance from The Greater Rochester International Airport to downtown Rochester is 10kms which requires 11 minutes. If you're planning on visiting this city, try to get a direct flight here. This airport is situated around three miles to the southwest of Rochester Monroe County. Regional Transit Service, New York Trailways and Rochester Genesee are the main bus stations in Rochester. Bus transport is cheap and safe. You can also visit multiple cities in NY using the bus services this city has to offer. These days you can book bus services online and visit multiple places in the city and around it for an affordable price. Instead of booking domestic air tickets to various cities in Rochester, try using their bus service. Trains are also convenient and there are a number of train service stations at Rochester. Rochester station and Amtrak are famous train stations here. You can choose to travel by train to various parts of the city which turns out to be a cost effective mode of transport. You can also choose to visit multiple cities using the train services here.

### 13. Transportation cost

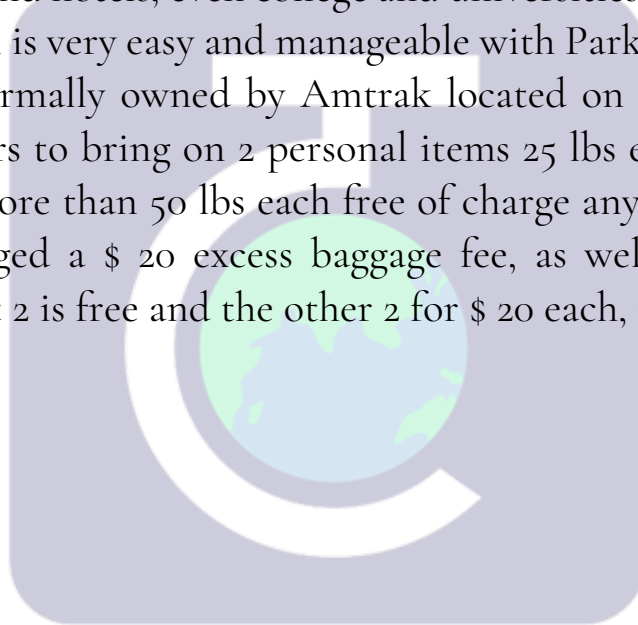
Visitors can reach Rochester either by Amtrak train or by taking a free and easy drive from Boston or New York City via throughway 1-90W or Washington DC using expressway 1-390N. Rochester can also be reached in less than four hours from Toronto by Car. To move around Rochester you may rent a car since it's one of the cities where the public transportation system isn't well established. However, the Rochester- Genesee Regional Transportation Authority provides local bus service in Rochester. The Regional Transit Service, a subsidiary of RGRTA serves Monroe County (i.e Rochester and its suburbs). The RTS buses have bicycle racks on the front which makes it flexible if you are willing to bike to the bus stop. Fares are \$1 for each ride, \$3 for a one-day pass, \$14 for a 5-day pass, and \$56 for a full month (30 days) pass. There are also discounted fares for seniors and children. The \$1 fare is valid for one hour hence you can change buses and not pay again- however, tickets are usually not given unless you ask for one, so inform the driver you are planning to change. Another option is to hop on the expressway, and it will take you east, and west 490 or 590 or north or south (390) the inner loop should be able to get you around the inner section of downtown. Rochester has an Amtrak station located in the downtown part of the city. The most practical way you can use to get to and from Amtrak and the Greyhound bus station at the Rochester International Airport at Brooks Avenue or Midtown is using a Taxi Cab. You'll find a few taxis waiting at these stations around the scheduled arrival times. To travel from the Airport, taxis charge a minimum rate of \$2.5 for the first 1/6 mile, \$0.5 for each additional 1/6 mile, and \$2 for each additional passenger. You may also arrange and book for a car rental agency to pick you up. There are six major rental agencies at the Greater Rochester International Airport- Budget, Avis, Hertz, Enterprise, Thrifty, and National. Megabus offers service to Rochester, New York from Buffalo, Syracuse, Toronto and New York. The buses stop at the Convention Center (5257 W Henrietta Road) and RIT Inn. Fares are from \$1 when reserved in advance. With Lake Ontario, Genesee River, Irondequoit Bay, and Erie Canal, waterways are a rare but not an unheard method you can use to get to Rochester. Your best bet for mooring is at the Rochester harbor (the mouth of the Genesee) and in

Irondequoit Bay. These two will only work if you are coming from Lake Ontario. You can often moor in Fairport, Brockport, or Pittsford if you are on the Erie Canal moving from points east or west.



**Index****14. Baggage allowance**

Public bus Transportation in Rochester NY doesn't charge for Carry-on baggage only the bus fare fee. Park Avenue Taxi is the most reliable, prompt and safe taxi service around in Rochester NY, they don't charge for carry-on luggage or checked baggage, the taxi drivers are calm and reliable for your traveling needs. They provide transportation to local Air ports, Hospitals and your personal doctor's office, inns and hotels, even college and universities. Getting to and from the Rochester station is very easy and manageable with Park Avenue Taxi service. Rochester Station formally owned by Amtrak located on the Empire Corridor line, allows passengers to bring on 2 personal items 25 lbs each and to 2 carryon items weighing no more than 50 lbs each free of charge any items going over the weight limit is charged a \$ 20 excess baggage fee, as well as up to 4 bags of checked baggage first 2 is free and the other 2 for \$ 20 each, not going over 50lbs.



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### 15. Must try food and local savouries

Enjoy Coffee Sweets & Savories Offers great homemade sweets for the whole family to enjoy, the service is great and the staff is always happy and smiling. The cost to size ratio is perfect and worth every penny! Go dog crazy at dog town! The menu might be cheap but the food is anything but so. With over 20+ hotdogs, burgers, homemade fries and soups to choose from dog town is more than a hotdog heaven! It's impossible to just leave dog town without trying one of their amazing hotdogs, the hotdogs are served on perfectly toasted and soft French bread rather than traditional hot dog bread, how delicious! Fortune cookies are not needed at good luck restaurant; this place is far from hidden treasure! The service is amazing with a good hip crowd; the staff is wonderful and makes you feel very welcomed here. You can literally just close your eyes and point to the menu and end up happy with any random selection off the menu. When Good luck restaurant puts soft shell crab and homemade chips on sale, do yourself a well needed favor and order them!

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## 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

For the best places to eat and night life, Rochester's east End District, located downtown, and also well-known as the center of the city's nightlife. It's the stopping point for East Avenue, which get along with the surrounded streets and is crowded with nightclubs, lounges, coffee shops, bars and high-end restaurants as well. Along with the Eastman School of Music, that is one of the top musical institutes in nation.

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- **Enjoy Coffee Sweets & Savories:**

Address : 58 N Main St, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472, United States

Location : 42.9560981,-77.58946500

Contact No : +1 585-624-5830

Open / Close Time : Thursday 06:00hrs – 16:00hrs Friday 06:00hrs – 16:00hrs Saturday 07:00hrs – 01:00hrs Sunday Closed Monday 06:00hrs – 16:00hrs Tuesday 06:00hrs – 16:00hrs Wednesday 06:00hrs – 16:00hrs

- **Dogtown:**

Address : 691 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14607, USA

Location : 43.1438611,-77.58971020

Contact No : +1 585-271-6620

Website : <http://www.dogtownhots.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday 11:00hrs – 23:00hrs Friday 11:00hrs – 00:00hrs Saturday 11:00hrs – 00:00hrs Sunday Closed Monday 11:00hrs – 23:00hrs Tuesday 11:00hrs – 23:00hrs Wednesday 11:00hrs – 23:00hrs

- **Good Luck:**

Address : 50 Anderson Ave, Rochester, NY 14607, USA

Location : 43.1579583,-77.58415259

Contact No : +1 585-340-6161

Website : <http://www.restaurantgoodluck.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday-Saturday 17:00-02:00 hours (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday Closed)

- **Cure:**

Address : 50 Rochester Public Market, Rochester, NY 14609, United States

Location : 43.166034999,-77.58872099

Contact No : +1 585-563-7941

Website : <http://curebar.net/>

Open / Close Time : Saturday 17:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday 11:00hrs-14:30hrs 17:00hrs-00:00hrs Monday Closed Tuesday 11:00hrs-14:30hrs 17:00hrs-02:00hrs Wednesday 11:00hrs-14:30hrs 17:00hrs-02:00hrs Thursday 11:00hrs-14:30hrs 17:00hrs-02:00hrs Friday 11:00hrs-14:30hrs 17:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **The Revelry:**

Address : 1290 University Ave, Rochester, NY 14607, United States

Location : 43.151128,-77.56815710



Contact No : +1 585-340-6454

Website : <http://www.therevelryroc.com/>

Open / Close Time : Saturday 16:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

Monday Closed Tuesday 16:00hrs-02:00hrs Wednesday 16:00hrs-02:00hrs

Thursday 16:00hrs-02:00hrs Friday 16:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **The Gate House:**

Address : 274 Goodman St N, Rochester, NY 14607, United States

Location : 43.1584738,-77.58371779

Contact No : +1 585-473-2090

Website : <http://thegatehousecafe.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday 11:30hrs – 22:00hrs Friday 11:30hrs –

23:00hrs Saturday 11:30hrs – 23:00hrs Sunday 11:30hrs – 21:00hrs Monday

11:30hrs – 22:00hrs Tuesday 11:30hrs – 22:00hrs Wednesday 11:30hrs –

22:00hrs

- **Monroes Restaurant:**

Address : 3001 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14618, USA

Location : 43.1088659,-77.54596179

Contact No : +1 585-348-9103

Website : <http://www.monroes3001.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday 11:30hrs – 22:00hrs Friday 11:30hrs –

22:00hrs Saturday 11:30hrs – 22:00hrs Sunday Closed Monday 11:30hrs –

21:00hrs Tuesday 11:30hrs – 21:00hrs Wednesday 11:30hrs – 21:00hrs

- **South Wedge Diner:**

Address : 880 S Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY 14620, United States

Location : 43.1410492,-77.59681390

Contact No : +1 585-271-3190

Website : <http://www.southwedgediner.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs - 21:00hrs

- **Bill Gray's Greece:**

Address : 2050 Latta Rd, Rochester, NY 14612, United States

Location : 43.253643,-77.66646600

Contact No : +1 585-663-7320

Website : <http://www.billgrays.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday 10:30hrs – 21:00hrs, Friday, Saturday 10:30hrs – 22:00hrs

- **Nick Tahou Hots:**

Address : 320 W Main St, Rochester, NY 14608, USA

Location : 43.1538789,-77.6212377

Contact No : +1 585-436-0184

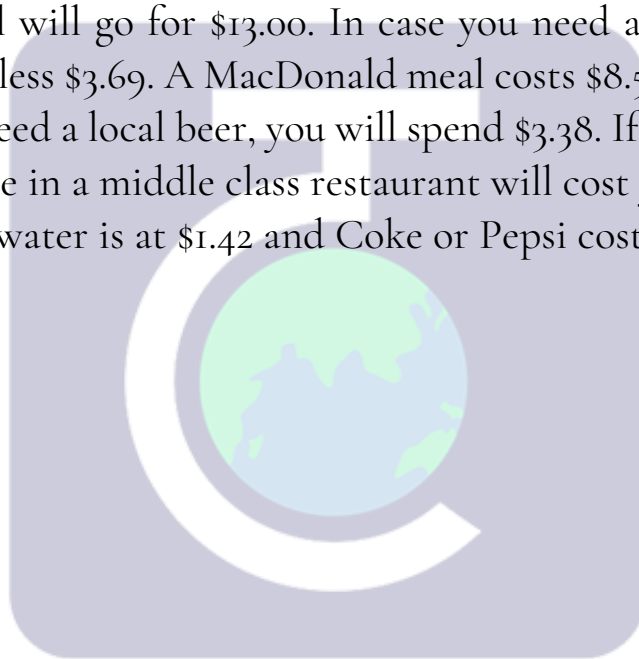
Website : <http://garbageplate.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday 08:00hrs – 20:00hrs Friday 08:00hrs – 00:00hrs Saturday 08:00hrs – 00:00hrs Sunday Closed Monday 08:00hrs – 20:00hrs Tuesday 08:00hrs – 20:00hrs Wednesday 08:00hrs – 20:00hrs

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### 17. Average meal cost

The overall cost of living in Rochester is 17% above national average. The average annual budget of an adult without children is at a whopping \$28,774. A married couple with one child spends around \$64,269 yearly to fend for the family. If you happen to have four children and you are a married couple, you are likely to spend \$94,154 annually. Imported beer will cost you around \$4.00 while a meal in a less expensive hotel will go for \$13.00. In case you need a cappuccino, regular, your wallet will have less \$3.69. A MacDonald meal costs \$8.50. When you want to go all local and you need a local beer, you will spend \$3.38. If you are traveling as a pair, meal for 2 people in a middle class restaurant will cost you \$55.00 for a three course meal. Bottled water is at \$1.42 and Coke or Pepsi costs \$1.89.



## 18. Shopping

In Rochester, you will get great bargains on your shopping as there are several discount stores and outlets which include a 100 stores at Waterloo on the East of Rochester. On Erie Canal and Main Streets of the small towns and villages, you will get specialty shops and boutiques which are in scenic locales. And when on the Avenues, Park, Monroe and University, you will get shops, cafes, restaurants, service businesses, artwork, pocket parks and intriguing residences. Out to get a gift for a loved one? Get one from excellent gift shops which are in local museums and have offers of a kind with treasures that will leave memories lingering for quite a long time. Some of the special days you can do shopping are carried on Sundays throughout the year and includes: Greatest garage Sale Ever, Homegrown at the Market, and Holiday at the market. At Rochester's public market, you will get bargains every Tuesday, Saturday and Thursday. This offer will be on things like fresh food, specialty items and ethnic delicacies.

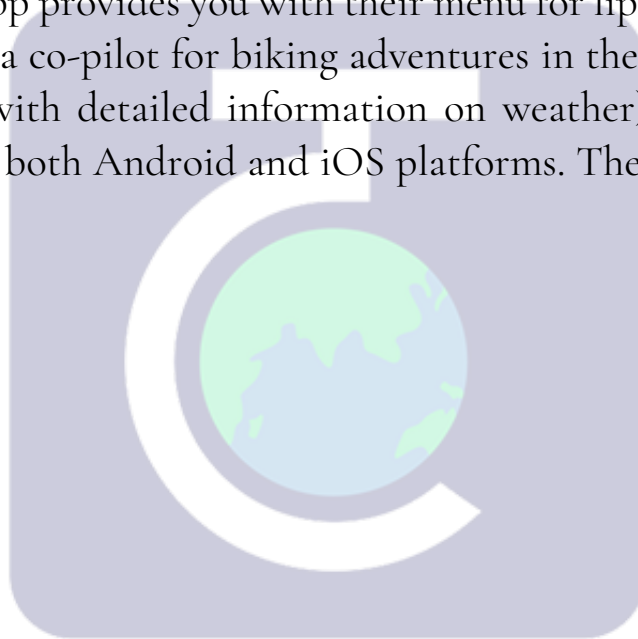
## 19. Tourist benefits

Tourist benefits such as VAT refund, VIP passes in shopping mall, custom duty. Tourism is popular in Rochester NY and a number of people come to this city every year. Unfortunately, VAT is something that is unavoidable in any part of USA. As a tourist you will be required to pay value added tax for various items purchased. Services do not usually include VAT; they include a service fee which is lesser in comparison to VAT. Only travelers who are visiting the country for business purposes might get a VAT exemption. There are a number of Duty Free or Tax Free shops at the airport. When you purchase items from these shops you do not have to pay any tax. It's always a good idea to shop here since you end up saving a lot of money. USA takes its custom duty very seriously. You need to declare any items you believe might have a customs charge in order to exit the airport without getting into trouble. While shopping at Rochester try to find out the list of items that fall under the custom duty tax. This will help you shop more efficiently and prevent unwanted trouble and expenses.

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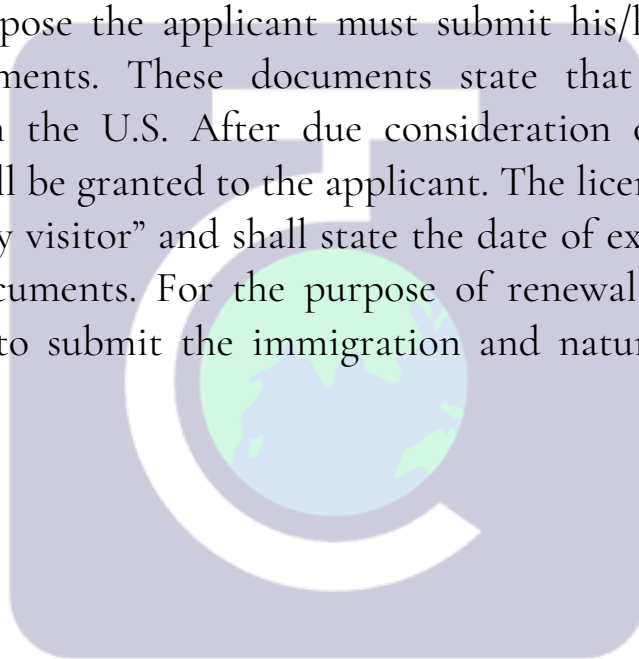
### 20. Essential local apps

One can only imagine traveling in today's world without the convenience of travel apps. Whether it is to pick a good spot to eat, or to find your way across the city, or to find the best sites for shopping, these apps have become an imperative part of travel and daily life. Rochester has its own set of native apps. These include Flavor (app that helps one to discover the city's best cuisine), ChefsKitchen (this app provides you with their menu for lip smacking delicacies), Citybike (this app is a co-pilot for biking adventures in the city), Good Weather (provides the users with detailed information on weather) and lots more. The apps will function in both Android and iOS platforms. They are free and easy to use.



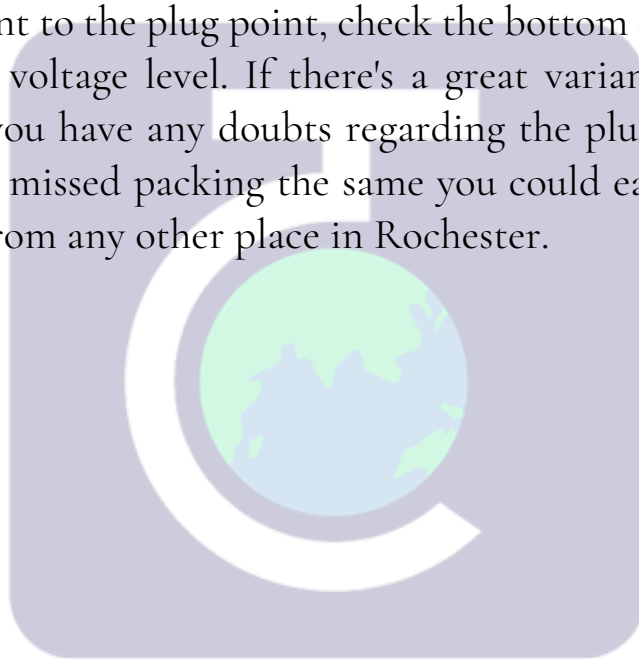
**Index****21. Driving**

Owing to strict administrative procedures and traffic policies it takes a period of at least six months to obtain a driver's license in Rochester. The applicant has to be above 16 years of age to apply for a learning permit. Following this, he/she will have to undergo a road test. If the applicant clears the road test, the license will be granted after a six-month probation period. Tourists could obtain a temporary license. For this purpose the applicant must submit his/her immigration and naturalization documents. These documents state that the applicant is a temporary visitor in the U.S. After due consideration of the documents, a temporary license will be granted to the applicant. The license will however bear the words "temporary visitor" and shall state the date of expiry as mentioned in the immigration documents. For the purpose of renewal of such license, the applicant will have to submit the immigration and naturalization documents once again.



## 22. Travel essentials

Just like in every city in the United States, the electric plugs are standard type A or type B two pins or three pins. The set voltage is at 110 volts and the set frequency is at 60Hz. Most electronic appliances function in this voltage range and frequency. The voltage level is standard for most cell phones, cameras, laptops and other appliances across the globe. To ensure that it's not dangerous to connect the equipment to the plug point, check the bottom of the equipment and confirm the allowed voltage level. If there's a great variance, it's best to use a power converter. If you have any doubts regarding the plug points, pack a plug point adapter. If you missed packing the same you could easily buy yourself one from the airport or from any other place in Rochester.

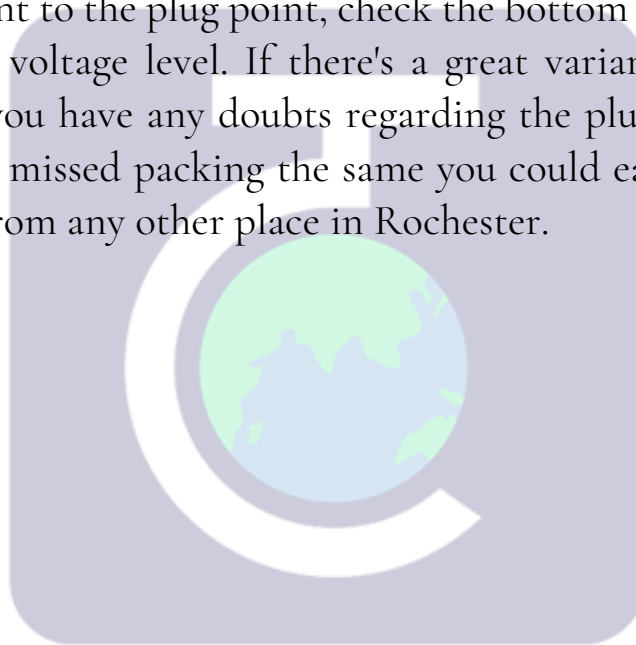




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**Index****24. Local currency**

The local currency of the city of Rochester is U. S. Dollars.



**Index****25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

The city has a good number of ATMs, currency exchange centers and banks. The transaction fee charged could range up to 5 Dollars as New York is an expensive state in general. However, every shop, restaurant and resort accepts credit cards and debit cards. Hence the cards can be used for shopping, dining and any other kind of entertainment activity. You don't have to go through the trouble of carrying huge amounts of cash in the wallet. However, keep a small amount of cash with you to meet any contingency.



**Index****26. Staying connected**

AT&T network is most widely recommended for connectivity. However, international calls and are more expensive in U.S as compared to most countries. So, most of the tourists prefer to buy cheap prepaid phones. The T Mobile network is also recommendable. Practically every conceivable restaurant, hotel and cafe offers Wi-Fi and Internet connectivity. So staying connected in Rochester is not a problem at all.



## 27. Time Zone

The city of Rochester follows Eastern Time Zone with UTC – 05:00.



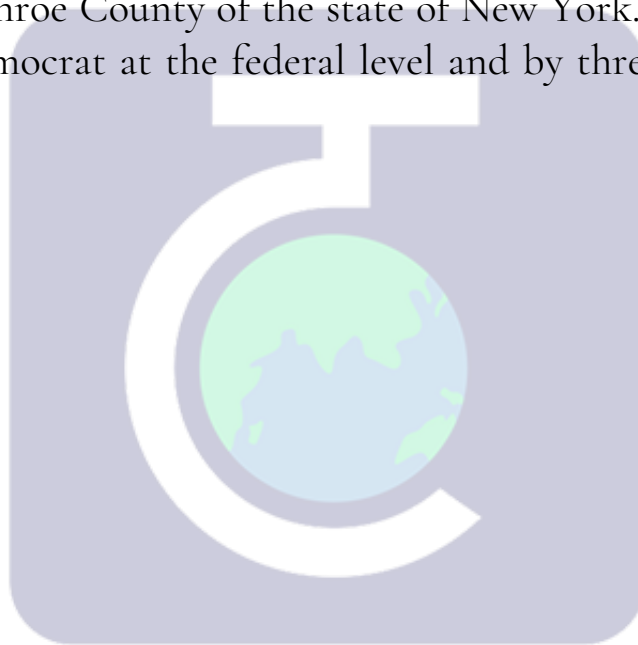
**Index****28. Languages**

After English, the residents of Rochester speak Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Italian and many other dialects.



**Index****29. Political Scenario**

The city is one of Republican dominance. However it has elected and supported several Democratic candidates as well. It is difficult to ascertain the proper Political alliance of the city. However majority of Rochester supports the Republicans. The city is currently represented by Democrats. The mayor along with the council is the highest ruling authority at the municipal level. The city forms part of the Monroe County of the state of New York. The city is currently represented by a Democrat at the federal level and by three Republicans at the state level.



**Index****30. Economic Scenario**

Rochester's economy has been showing a positive growth trend. The city is home to several Fortune 1000 business ventures. Some of the most successful business establishments in New York, exist in Rochester. The service sector and the food sector also thrive in Rochester. It also fosters several high energy business enterprises.





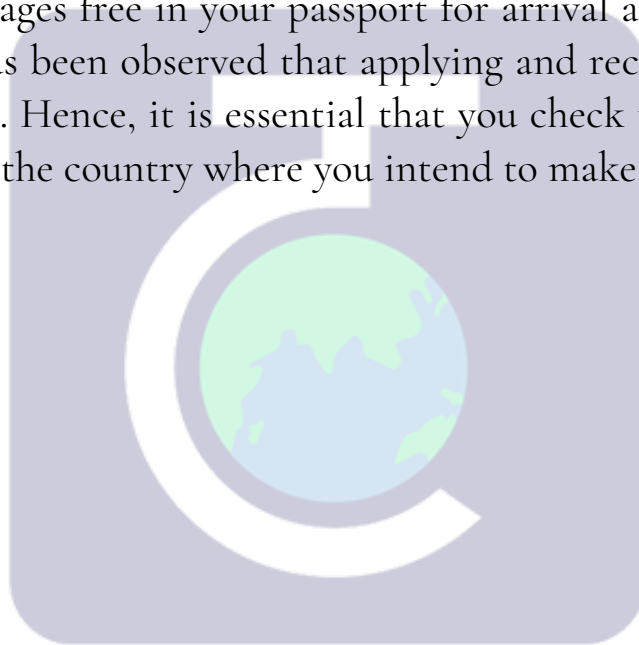
**Index****31. Religious belief**

46.35% of Rochester, New York are religious with 25.95% affiliated to Catholic, 0.59% are LDS, 6.20% are in another Christian faith, 1.39% are Jewish, 0.37% are an Eastern Faith; and 1.23% are affiliated to Islam. There are two great religions which have their roots in Rochester which are the Spiritualists and the Mormon. The Spiritualism was founded in the City of Rochester while Mormon originated from the town of Palmyra, New York which is east of Rochester.



**Index****32. Visa requirements**

Those entering Rochester NY as tourists or to visit friends or relatives must obtain a Visitor's Visa (B-1 for Business or B-2 for pleasure/medical treatment). Both these type of Visas are non-immigrant Visas. Such Visas as normally issued up to a period of 3 months to 10 years. Once you are in US, an additional extension of 6 months can be obtained upon approval from the USCIS. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



**Index****33. Essential vaccination**

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



**Index****34. Theft and Safety**

Rochester, New York is not one of the safest cities to be travelling to. The crime rate here is quite high in comparison to other cities in NY. If you're planning to visit the city, it is essential for you to understand the kind of crimes this city is famous for and the situations that could make you vulnerable to such crimes. No city is safe, it is essential for you to take the right precautions in order for you to stay safe.



**Index****35. Embassy/Consulate**

It is necessary for each city to have an embassy and consulates that enable foreign travelers to visit the city in a legal and safe manner. These consulates are responsible to ensure city safety and prevent unwanted visitors from flocking the city and creating havoc. Like every other city, Rochester too has its own embassy and some consulates in different parts of the world. Rochester has over 105 consulate offices which are located in various places. For more information, you can visit <http://us.consulby.com/embassies-in-usa/embassies-in-rochester5/>.



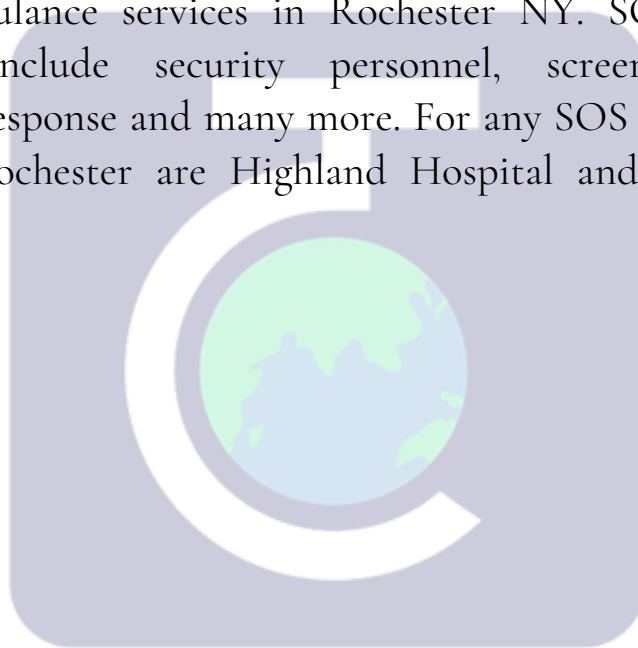
## 36. Accessibility

Rochester NY is named as one of the top 10 disability friendly cities in USA. Apart from quality medical services, personal assistance at public places and hotels and homes that are wheelchair friendly, most of the transportation here too is equipped to accommodate people who are wheelchair bound. You will find handicap access ramps and vertical wheelchair lifts to assist people with limited mobility.



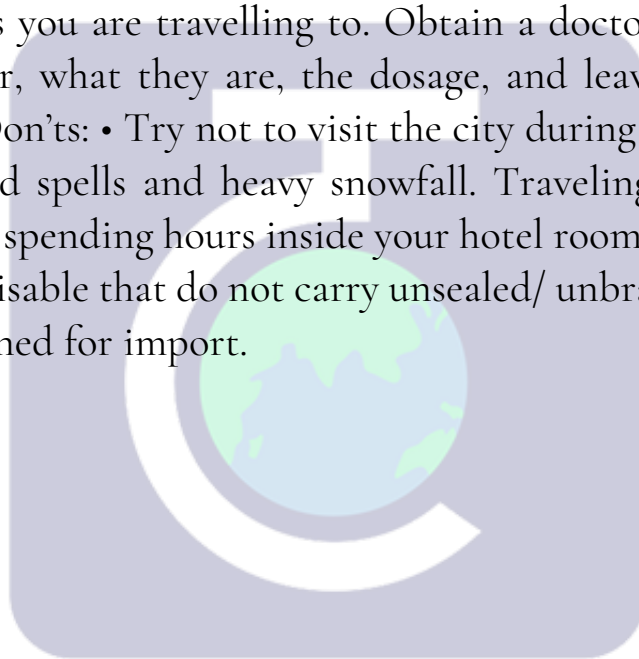
**Index****37. Emergencies**

Rochesterhealth.com is a nonprofit website which serves as a connection to healthcare in Rochester NY. They provide services like physicians, dentists, medical services and also feature health related calendar events. In addition to this, the rural/metro medical services are considered one of the best in delivering emergency and non-emergency ambulance transportation services. It also offers 911 emergency ambulance services in Rochester NY. SOS services are also provided which include security personnel, screening/access control, emergency/tactical response and many more. For any SOS services, call 911. The best hospitals in Rochester are Highland Hospital and Unity Saint Marys Campus.



**Index****38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's • Use common sense and situational awareness and crime will not be a problem. • While it's safe to roam around Rochester during the day, it's always advised to head back to your hotel before 11pm. Most crimes here take place at night. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • Try not to visit the city during winters. Rochester is known for really cold spells and heavy snowfall. Traveling here during winter would often result in spending hours inside your hotel room waiting for the snow to clear up. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.





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### 39.Tipping basics

The average New Yorker tips between 10 percent and 11 percent. Although the tipping culture is frowned upon and many are in favor of getting it outlawed, there are a few entities that would end up suffering from such a decision. If you do feel the need to tip, make sure you tip the road side hot-dog or food vendors. These are the people who depend on such tips for their livelihood.



**Index****40.Pet info**

You need to understand the airline policy towards travelling with your pet. Rochester, NY is a pet friendly city and your pet could be of great companionship to you on your visit here. Make sure you get all your paperwork formalities completed on time and in a precise manner. Always get a letter from your vet confirming that your pet has been vaccinated and is fit to travel. Mention the nature of your pet and how your pet reacts to new situations in order for him to have a better flight. There are a number of hotels and restaurants in Rochester, NY that welcome pets. Make a list of the places that allow you to get your pet along so you know where to go.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*The City of Rochester considered as one of America's first towns, and they rose to mound initially as the site of bunch flour mills along the Genesee, and then as a major hub of manufacturing. If you're looking for family-friendly activities to professional sports Rochester has something to reveal for these interesting stuffs. Enjoy Rochester's scenic Erie Canal, Genesee River and the Lake Ontario, and don't miss the Strong National Museum of Play which is the America's second largest children's museum or It can be the international Museum of Photography, and please be sure to try one of Rochester's famous "white-hots", Rochester's another type of the hotdog and don't ever miss the closer Finger Lakes region with its wine trails and gorges that is very interesting and awesome trip to try. Rochester has a short-lived and high-speed passenger vehicle ferry of Ontario, that was built in Australia, The breezy and speedy, associated Rochester to Toronto crossing the Lake Ontario. Also, Rochester is considered as the Tech Valley and it is technologically recognized in the area of eastern New York State, it has pledged a western offshoot into the Rochester and Finger Lakes in the area of New York State Since the 2000's. Rochester has their major Shopping Centers like Rochester Public Market and Village Gate Square and the former centers were Midtown, Plaza and Reynolds Arcade. One of Rochester's food product that calls its own "white hot" of the hotdog or smoked bratwurst made by the local Zweigle's company and the other companies. Another local specialty that could be very much interesting is "the Plate Garbage" known as the identification of Nick Tahou Hots that traditionally includes baked beans, home fries, and two hot dogs with topped mustard, onions, and their well-known meat hot sauce that really sounds delicious. Rochester's parks was amazing too, including Highland, Cobb's Hill, Durand Eastman, the Genesee Valley, Mapplewood, Edgerton, Seneca, and Ontario Beach; the four of these were designed by a landscape architect named Frederick Law Olmsted. Throughout the history, Rochester has acquired several nicknames; it is known as "Worlds Image Center", also "The city of Flour and the "City of flower" and Rochester held the Festival of Lilac for every 10th of May when varieties of lilac bloom and 100,000 visitors arrive.*

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