

ROME

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WHEN IN ROME

DID YOU KNOW

- **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS FROM ROME!** Rome was the home of Francis Bellamy, author of The Pledge of Allegiance. You can visit his grave and monument at the **Rome Cemetery**.
- Rome is the birthplace of the **Erie Canal**, once the main economic engine of New York State. The canal is still heavily used today by recreational boaters. All visitors are welcomed to Rome at our new Navigation Center at Bellamy Harbor Park.
- The **Capitol Theatre** remains the only building in Rome constructed for the specific purpose of exhibiting motion pictures. Although the theatre received an Art Deco face-lift in 1939, the auditorium is configured exactly as it was in 1928, and much of the original decor remains. Also still in place is the theatre's 3 manual, 7 rank, Moeller theatre organ. In addition to motion pictures, the theatre hosts musical performances and other performing arts productions.

NOW IS THE TIME TO VISIT ROME!

2017 MARKS THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ERIE CANAL. A Bicentennial celebration will take place on July 22nd at Bellamy Harbor Park that will include entertainment, vendors, food, activities for kids, an arts and antiques festival, and a reenactment ceremony.

Rome is a bike-friendly community with bike rental stations, bike paths, and bike racks in front of area buildings, including the Willett Center at Fort Stanwix. A 220-foot walking bridge crosses the Mohawk River and connects Erie Canalway Trail from Bellamy Harbor Park to Fort Stanwix. The bridge is wide enough to accommodate walkers, bikers, and joggers, and it offers lighting for 24-hour use. Rome is easily accessible by car, train and plane. Three New York State Thruway exits lead to Rome, as well as State Routes 365, 26, 46, and 49. The **Rome Station on Martin Street** is served by Amtrak and has multiple departures seven days a week. In addition, Griffiss International Airport is now located at Griffiss Airfield, in the heart of **Griffiss Business and Technology Park**.



GET AROUND ROME.



BE PART OF HISTORY.

Visit the many historical treasures that Rome has to offer. Rome was the home of Francis Bellamy, author of The Pledge of Allegiance. You can visit his grave and monument at the **Rome Cemetery. Fort Stanwix National Monument** commemorates the major role that the original fort had in helping America defeat the British at the Battle of Saratoga. Take a guided tour at the **Marinus Willett Center** to experience a day in the life of a Revolutionary War hero.

Don't miss Rome's other historical sites, all listed on the National Register of Historic Places: the **Rome Historical Society**, home to a vast collection of artifacts and archives, including over 14,000 paper records; **Gansevoort-Bellamy Historic District; Jervis Public Library**; and the completely restored 1929 **Historic Sears Service Station**.

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BE IMMERSED IN THE ARTS.

The Rome Art and Community Center, a multi-art facility, contains four art galleries, modern arts studios, performance spaces, and the ArtHouse Café. The facility houses exhibits for local, regional, and national artists; concerts and theatrical performances; an art festival; and children's and teen events.

The **Rome Community Theater**, one of the oldest theaters in the region, showcases performances by local residents that span many genres, including dramas, comedies, musicals, and mysteries. The regular season runs from October to May, featuring four productions, each playing seven times. The theater also offers summer cabarets and summer youth performances.

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ARTS & CULTURE





BE SURROUNDED BY NATURE.

Take in the beauty of Rome's perfectly preserved parks. Individuals and families flock to the pristine parks and glistening waterways to swim, boat, fish, camp, hike, bike, picnic, and even cross country ski.

The **Mohawk River Trail** serves the residents and visitors of Rome as a connector to downtown and conduit for viewing the city's beauty. The trail begins at its southern terminus and trailhead at Bellamy Harbor Park. From there, the trail extends north and connects Rome's waterfront with historical sites, commercial districts, public services, local schools, city parks, the Griffiss Business and Technology Park, and residential neighborhoods, all while offering a unique multi-use trail recreational experience.

Delta Lake State Park, a 3,000-acre park on the Delta Reservoir, comprises mainly flat, wooded areas and offers year-round outdoor recreation. The lake has a boat launch and contains trout, pike, bass, bullhead, and perch. With several tent and RV campsites - the park is a camper's paradise.

Rome Fish Hatchery is located in Oneida County about four miles north of the City of Rome. The hatchery is one of Department of Environmental Conservation's largest, with annual production totaling nearly 160,000 pounds of brook, rainbow, and brown trout. Hatchery staff play a major role in providing fish for airplane and helicopter stocking of remote waters.

The **Erie Canal State Park** is a national recreational trail that runs 36 miles from Rome, NY to Clay, NY. To learn more visit, <https://parks.ny.gov>

Additional Experiences:

- Erie Canal Trail
- Rome Sand Plains Resource Management
- Griffiss Sculpture Garden Trail

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WATERFRONT



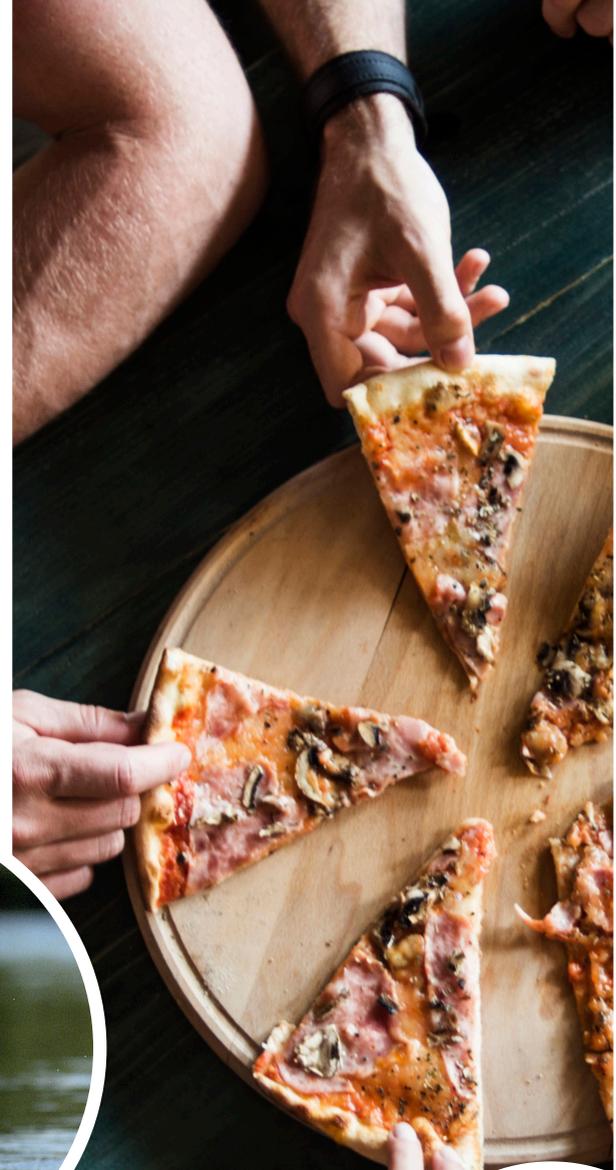


BE A FAMILY.

Take a nature break and visit **Fort Rickey Children's Discovery Zoo**. Fort Rickey is a special "hands-on" zoo where kids can feed the animals, hold baby goats, and more.

For non-stop action, visit **Peterpaul's Recreation Park** for a day filled with go-karts, bumper boats, batting cages, and arcade games. Also fun for the young and young at heart is a trip to the **J.F. Kennedy Civic Arena** where you can watch or participate in a number of on-ice sports events in the winter months.

Other family-friendly activities include Rome's **Honor America Days** and **CanalFest**. Honor America Days is an annual, two-week community event. Highlights of the celebration are the parade, fireworks display, and Syracuse Symphoria's concert. 2017 marks the CanalFest's 15th anniversary - three fun-filled days on the historic **Erie Canal** at **Bellamy Harbor Park**. The festival is a family-oriented event with non-stop music and entertainment.





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