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Destination guide: tourist highlights within a 90-minute drive

Destination	Category	Drive	Description
 AMSS Convention HQ Cortland, NY	Convention	—	Home base for the AMSS Convention. Cortland sits at the heart of seven valleys, ideally positioned for Finger Lakes day trips.
 Buttermilk Falls State Park	Nature	~35 min	Ten waterfalls along Buttermilk Creek with a swimming hole at the base of the main falls. Adjacent to Ithaca.
 Robert H. Treman State Park	Nature	~35 min	19 waterfalls in a stunning gorge. The Lucifer Falls cascade is one of the most photographed in New York.
 Taughannock Falls State Park	Nature	~45 min	A 215-foot waterfall — taller than Niagara. Flat gorge trail leads to the base; rim overlook above Cayuga Lake.
 Watkins Glen State Park	Nature	~45 min	19 waterfalls along a dramatic 2-mile gorge trail through layered sandstone. One of the Northeast's most spectacular parks.
 Green Lakes State Park	Nature	~40 min	Two rare meromictic lakes with crystal turquoise water. Swimming, hiking, golf course, and beach.
 Chittenango Falls State Park	Nature	~45 min	A 167-foot waterfall in a beautiful gorge. Home to the endangered Chittenango ovate amber snail.
 Montezuma Audubon Center	Nature	~60 min	World-class birding on Cayuga Lake. Major stopover on the Atlantic Flyway for migratory birds.
 Labrador Hollow Unique Area	Nature	~20 min	A quiet natural area just south of Cortland with a kettle lake, bog, and forest trails. Great for birding and wildflowers.
 Seneca Lake Wine Trail	Wine & Lakes	~50 min	35+ wineries lining both shores of Seneca Lake, the deepest Finger Lake. Runs from Watkins Glen north to Geneva.
 Cayuga Lake Wine Trail	Wine & Lakes	~45 min	30+ wineries along the shores of the longest Finger Lake. Runs from Ithaca north through Seneca Falls.
 Skaneateles Village & Lake	Wine & Lakes	~45 min	One of upstate NY's most charming villages on the clearest Finger Lake. Boutique shopping, dining, and boat tours.
 Erie Canal Museum	History & Culture	~35 min	Located in Syracuse's original 1850 weighlock building — the only surviving structure of its kind.
 Museum of the Earth	History & Culture	~35 min	World-class fossil collection in Ithaca, including a near-complete mastodon skeleton. Great for all ages.
 Cornell Lab of Ornithology	History & Culture	~35 min	World-renowned bird research center on Sapsucker Woods pond in Ithaca. Visitor center and birding trails.
 MacKenzie-Childs	History & Culture	~50 min	A whimsical farm studio on the east shore of Cayuga Lake in Aurora. Colorful hand-crafted home décor; farm tours available.
 National Soaring Museum	History & Culture	~60 min	World's largest soaring museum in Elmira, NY — the soaring capital of America. Historic gliders and interactive exhibits.
 Baseball Hall of Fame	History & Culture	~60 min	The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Iconic exhibits and plaques; the village itself is worth exploring.
 Women's Hall of Fame	History & Culture	~60 min	The National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls — honoring 300+ pioneering American women. In the historic Seneca Knitting Mill.

 Boxing Hall of Fame	History & Culture	~55 min	The International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, NY. Robes, gloves, and the famous Madison Square Garden ring where Ali fought Frazier.
 Syracuse	City	~35 min	Central NY's largest city. Armory Square district, Everson Museum of Art, Rosamond Gifford Zoo, and Syracuse University.
 Ithaca	City	~35 min	Home to Cornell and Ithaca College. Vibrant food scene, the Ithaca Commons, gorges, and Cayuga Lake waterfront.
 Binghamton	City	~35 min	The Carousel Capital of the World — six antique carousels free to ride. Roberson Museum and a craft beer scene.
 Elmira	City	~60 min	Mark Twain's summer home; his study and gravesite are open. Gateway to the Southern Tier wine region.
 Public Golf Courses	Golf	5–30 min	Cortland area has multiple public 18-hole courses: Walden Oaks CC, Elm Tree Golf Club, Willowbrook GC (all in Cortland), Maple Hill GC (Marathon), Vesper Hills GC (Tully), and Butternut Creek GC (Trumansburg).
 Shipwreck Mini Golf	Golf / Family	~5 min	Shipwreck Amusements on Rt. 13 in Cortland — holder of the Guinness World Record for the world's longest mini golf hole. Outdoor pirate course, indoor blacklight course, arcade, and ice cream.