

Albany, New York, USA

New York's capital city delivers an outsized shore day — a riverside pier within walking distance of a jaw-dropping Beaux-Arts capitol, world-class museums, and a real WWII destroyer escort you can board.

Docked — river pier

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

USD

English

State Capitol & history

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water river pier on the Hudson; ships dock directly — no tender

Best For: American history, architecture, Hudson Valley scenery, museums

Walk to center: ~10-15 min on foot to Empire State Plaza and State Capitol

Don't Miss: NY State Capitol tour + USS Slater WWII destroyer escort

Getting around: Taxi \$8–\$12 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- New York State Capitol Tour** — One of the most elaborate capitol buildings in the U.S., with over 30 years of construction and a stunning million-dollar staircase.
 - USS Slater WWII Destroyer Escort** — The only restored WWII destroyer escort afloat in the U.S., moored on the Hudson.
 - Empire State Plaza & NY State Museum** — The dramatic modernist plaza holds the New York State Museum (free, excellent), The Egg
- performing arts center, and the Corning Tower with a free...

 - Albany Institute of History & Art** — One of the oldest museums in the U.S., with strong collections on Hudson River School paintings and regional history.
 - Hudson River Sightseeing Cruise** — Dutch Apple Cruises runs 90-minute river tours from Albany, with views of the capitol skyline, local wildlife including bald eagles, and expert...

BEST WALKS

- Capitol Hill Heritage Walk** 1.5 miles · 30-45 min · Easy — A compact loop hitting Albany's greatest hits: the NY State Capitol, the Empire State Plaza, the NY State Museum, and views toward the Hudson.
- Riverfront Stroll** 1 mile · 20 min · Easy — Walk south along the Hudson riverfront from the pier through the Corning Preserve to the downtown waterfront, with views across to the Rensselaer shore.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	37°	12d
Jun		78°	58°	12d
Aug		82°	63°	12d
Sep		75°	57°	10d
Oct		62°	46°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:13AM–7:37PM · Jun 5:16AM–8:34PM · Aug 6:02AM–7:55PM · Sep 6:35AM–7:04PM · Oct 7:08AM–6:11PM

USD

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Free highlights: NY State Capitol tours, NY State Museum, and the Corning Tower observation deck are all free — a full day of top-tier sights at no cost.
- Capitol tours fill up: Tours run on a schedule; aim to arrive by 10 AM to snag a slot without waiting.
- Thacher Park requires transport: There's no direct public transit — use Uber/Lyft or book a guided tour if you want to visit the escarpment trails.
- Hudson Valley weather: Summer calls can be humid with afternoon thunderstorms — pack a light rain layer for outdoor walks.
- Eat downtown: Lark Street and the Pearl Street corridor have good local restaurants. Albany's a real working city — solid food without tourist markup.
- River port context: Albany is primarily a commercial/river-cruise port. Ocean-going ships don't call here; this is a Hudson River itinerary stop — calls are relaxed and uncrowded.

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- CDTA: \$1.50 base cash fare (checked 3 Oct 2026).

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