

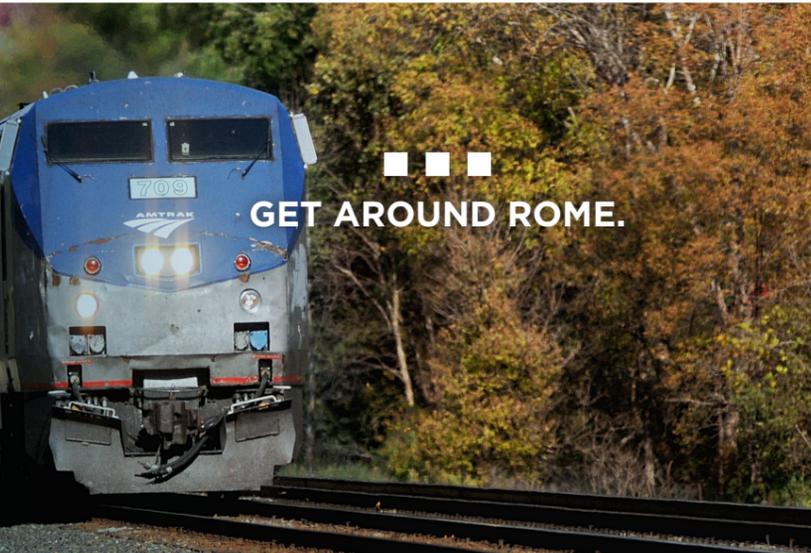
DID YOU KNOW

- **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS FROM ROME!** Rome was the home of Francis Bellamy, author of The Pledge of Allegiance. Bellamy lived most of his life and died in Rome - You can visit his grave and monument at **Rome's City Cemetery.**
- 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 performance and other performing arts productions.
- Rome is the starting location of the Erie Canal, once the main economic engine of New York state.

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 which 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. The 220-foot-long Walking Bridge crosses the Mohawk River and connects Erie Canal Recreationway Trail from Bellamy Harbor Park to Fort Stanwix. It's 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 historic **Martin Street Train Station** is served by Amtrak and has multiple departures seven days a week. In addition, the Oneida County airport is now located at Griffiss Airfield, in the heart of **Griffiss Business** and **Technology Park.**



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WHEN IN ROME

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BE PART OF HISTORY.

Visit the many historical treasures that Rome has to offer. **Fort Stanwix National Monument** represents a major role in America's defeat of the British in the 1777 battle at 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 that National Register of Historic Places: **Arsenal House, Gansevoort-Bellamy Historic District, Jervis Public Library, Mills House** and **Zion Church**. Also not to be missed is the **Rome Historical Society**, home to a collection of artifacts and archives that date back to the time when the Iroquois dominated the land, including more than 14,000 paper objects.



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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 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** showcases performances by local residents -- drama, comedy, 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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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 beauty of Rome. 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 - this is a camper's paradise.

Rome Sand Plains Resource Management Area covers more than 16,000 acres of land and features one of the few inland pine barrens in the United States. The area contains sand dunes, peat bog, hardwood forests, meadows and wetlands. Birdwatchers and nature lovers explore its meandering trails.



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BE A FAMILY.

Take a nature break and visit **Fort Rickey Children's Discovery Zoo**. For Rickey's 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** for a day filled with go-karts, bumper boats, batting cages and full arcade. 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.

Other family friendly activities include Rome's **Honor America Days** and **CanalFest**. Honor America Days is a two week long annual celebration consisting of community events. 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.

