

CLEAN ENERGY EXPERIENCES

OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

DAY 1

Wind and Solar Power Experiences



- **Stockbridge-Augusta Wind Farm Loop: Crow Hill Rd. Bouckville, NY**- Enjoy a scenic 4.5 mi. drive looping through the 29 windmills of the *Stockbridge-Augusta Wind Farm*. This drive puts you as close as possible to these windmills and offers great views of the Stockbridge Valley.
- **Lunch at the Colgate Inn, Hamilton**- Enjoy fine American cuisine in a relaxing atmosphere. The Inn's menu changes regularly to take full advantage of the region's freshest ingredients. innatcolgate.com
- **Fenner Renewable Energy Education (FREE) Center, Fenner**- *The Fenner Renewable Energy Education Center (FREE Center)* offers awe-inspiring views of rural Central New York. Learn about wind, solar, hydro, biomass and geothermal energy plus energy conservation. Set in the midst of 20, 1.5-megawatt wind turbines, the site uses solar energy, features many exhibits, including a wind turbine propeller on the ground, and is equipped with a composting restroom. thefreecenter.org
- **Critz Farms Solar Project, Cazenovia**- *Critz Farms* has developed two solar arrays that provide power for its farm and brewing & cider operations. View the panels and learn exactly how beneficial the power is to the farm. Afterwards, tour the rest of the farm where they grow crops, such as pumpkins, apples and blueberries, and raise various animals. Then pair cheese that is aged on-site with a taste of their sweet non-alcoholic cider, hard ciders or beers—featuring ingredients grown on the farm—in their tasting room. critzfarms.com
- **Dinner at Lincklaen House, Cazenovia**- Enjoy casual fine dining in this classic hotel's main Dining Room or a relaxed meal in the tavern. lincklaenhouse.com
- **Overnight at the Hampton Inn & Suites Cazenovia**- You're assured a great night's rest and free hot breakfast, plus the chance to relax in the indoor pool or re-energize in the fitness center, at this recently opened hotel. hilton.com/en/hotels/syrczhx-hampton-suites-cazenovia

Trash to Gas Experiences

DAY 2

- **Madison County Solid Waste's "Gas to Energy Project," Canastota**- Visit the landfill – yes, the landfill! – to see how anaerobic bacteria digests the organic waste in the landfill to produce methane gas as a by-product. The methane gas is recovered by a piping system that transports it to the gas-to-energy facility. The gas is dewatered, filtered and pressurized then used to run the 20-cylinder CAT engine. This 1.4-megawatt system generates enough electricity to power 1,200 homes annually. madisoncounty.ny.gov/2417/Landfill-Gas-to-Energy

DAY 2

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- **Lunch at Babe's at Harbor Point, Utica-** *Babe's at Harbor Point* is a local favorite, offering guests not only the freshest ingredients but Utica classics such as Utica Greens, Chicken Riggies and homemade soups, homemade sauces, and fresh baked bread daily. babesutica.com
- **Saranac Brewery's Anaerobic Digester, Utica-** Tour the *Saranac Brewery*, which proudly proclaims "What goes in – Must go out!" Saranac has incorporated sustainability initiatives into every aspect of its operations, including daily production, marketing and warehousing while achieving a 99.1% recycling rate. Saranac installed an anaerobic digester in 2012 to break down the brewery's wastewater and convert it into energy, which is then used by the brewery for production. The methane gas produced by this process powers 40% of the electricity used by the brewery. saranac.com/green-initiative
- **Overnight at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Utica** - Located in the foothills of the Adirondacks and the heart of Utica, NY, indulge in the elegance of the early 20th century while relishing the modern comforts of today. This full-service property was recently renovated but still offers its vintage charms. dtutica.doubletreebyhilton.com

DAY 3

- **Tour at Utica Energy Zone , Utica-** The *Utica Energy Zone* is the New York State Power Authority's (NYPA) newest visitor center adjacent to the Utica Zoo. Set to open in the summer of 2020, this admission-free facility will host state-of-the-art exhibits focusing on the past, present and future of New York's energy system. They will also have STEM programming for locals and tourists.

All tours are available by appointment; all meals and lodging require reservations.

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