



# SoSyracuse

## VISITORS' CHOICE: CAN'T MISS DESTINATIONS

We asked local travel and convention professionals to name some of the places visitors most often look for in Syracuse. Here are the results of our informal survey.



### 3 FLOORS OF ENTERTAINMENT @ DESTINY USA

9090 Destiny USA Drive, Syracuse (off I-81 at Exit 23); 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday; (315) 466-7000; [www.destinyusa.com](http://www.destinyusa.com)

**THE SHOPPING:** Immerse yourself in more than 200 retail, dining and entertainment venues at Destiny USA. Check out brands like Michael Kors, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th, The Cheesecake Factory, Cantina Laredo, Wonderworks and so much more. A full food court, vintage carousel and electric go-karts add to the fun.

**OPTI GOLF:** Golfers can practice their swing year round with OptiGolf's state of the art indoor golf simulators. The latest golf course graphics paired with high speed camera technology and real putting within 20 feet makes this an experience like any other.

**POLE POSITION RACEWAY:** The thrill of the racetrack comes indoors. Experience real head-to-head racing and discover why indoor karting is the fastest-growing sport in the United States. If you think this is kids play...well, think again! A 1/4 mile racetrack with electric go karts that can go up to 45 mph delivers quite the adrenaline rush.

**CANYON CLIMB @ WONDERWORKS:** Challenge your skills at the largest indoor suspended ropes course in the world! At nearly 70 feet high at its tallest point, the Canyon Climb Adventure features more than 80 elements and 35 platforms.

**DAVE AND BUSTERS:** There's so much fun going on at Dave & Buster's, you could get lost before you even get going! So stop at the front desk first to get your Power Card so that you can play the 200+ games. Great food and drinks are available at the bar or dining room. Can you say adult snow cone?

**FUNNY BONE:** Nationally recognized for bringing upcoming talents and stars to their nightclub. Funny Bone offers a full service kitchen and separate bar from the showroom. It seats 325 and they offer corporate and private room rental for any event.

**WORLD OF BEER:** A broad spectrum of patrons, from the beer aficionado to the casual beer fan, can enjoy the best beers on the planet and increase their beer knowledge in a comfortable and upbeat setting.

**REVOLUTIONS:** A 55,000 square foot multifaceted entertainment venue with 24 boutique bowling alleys. Offers week day bowling specials, an amazing happy hour, a live DJ Friday & Saturday nights and group rates sure to please everyone.



## ONONDAGA LAKE PARK

Onondaga Lake Parkway (Route 370 W.), Liverpool. 6 a.m. to 1/2 hour after sunset; (315) 453-6712; [www.onondagacountyparks.com](http://www.onondagacountyparks.com)

**GET MOVING:** It's been a long drive or a long meeting or the kids are cranky. Well, fresh air and exercise might be just the remedy. Join the locals and head for Onondaga Lake Park located a few minutes north of downtown Syracuse and Destiny USA, where you can run, walk, rollerblade or cross-country ski from dawn to dusk on miles of vehicle-free, paved trails.



## THE EVERSON MUSEUM OF ART

401 Harrison St., Syracuse. Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday & Sunday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; Donation; (315) 474-6064; [www.everson.org](http://www.everson.org)

**ART AND ARCHITECTURE:** The Everson was designed by I.M. Pei, who has since designed the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the new addition to the Louvre in Paris. Housing the most significant collection of American ceramics in the U.S., the museum's permanent collection includes work by Jackson Pollock, among others. The Everson also features rotating exhibits, a children's interactive gallery and the Museum Gift Shop.

## DINOSAUR BAR-B-QUE

246 Willow St., Syracuse. 11 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday; live music Monday-Saturday nights; (315) 476-4937; [www.dinosaurbarbque.com](http://www.dinosaurbarbque.com)

**HOT!** Voted Best Barbecue in America in ABC's "Good Morning America Weekend" poll, try some of the Dinosaur's Wango Tango Habanero BBQ Sauce or Mojito Marinade Dressing to get the sensation.

Funky wall art and weekly lineups of blues musicians have made this, the original Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, a national celebrity.

## ROSAMOND GIFFORD ZOO AT BURNET PARK

One Conservation Place, Syracuse. \$8, adults; \$5, seniors and students; \$4, children; children 2 and under, free. Gift Shop & Jungle Café; (315) 435-8511; [www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org](http://www.rosamondgiffordzoo.org)

### LIONS AND TIGERS AND MORE!

Considered one of the best mid-sized zoos in America and home to more than 700 animals, the zoo offers year-round fun for children and adults. Experience the Asian Elephant Preserve, home to the zoo's herd of elephants. The half-mile outdoor trail offers views of penguins, wolves, tigers, bears and more. Indoors, visitors will see a giant octopus, lions, primates and more!



## ARMORY SQUARE & THE MOST (MILTON J. RUBENSTEIN MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY)

The MOST, 500 S. Franklin St., Syracuse. (315) 425-9068; [www.most.org](http://www.most.org)

**CHIC:** A trendy spot for shopping, dining and nightlife, downtown's Armory Square is the place to be. It's easily walkable and a leisurely browse is half the fun. The 60-foot IMAX screen at the MOST is at the heart of it all, in the former Armory building, which gave the square its name.



## TAP INTO THE LOCAL BEER & WINE SCENE

**GREENWOOD WINERY & BISTRO:** Just opened! Greenwood Winery and Bistro is an artisan winery with a farm to table concept. They are open for tastings as well as other special events. Enjoy wine country right here in the city!

**EMPIRE BREWING COMPANY:** Armory Square's Empire Brewing Co. is a contemporary downtown bar and grill with an award-winning brewery on the premises. Empire showcases its microbrewery and the restaurant's kitchen by having them in full sight for patrons to enjoy. The brewpub sources ingredients locally.

**MIDDLE AGES BREWERY:** Middle Ages offers handcrafted ales brewed in the fashion of medieval, merry old England. To maintain the tradition and tastes of English ales of the Middle Ages, the brewery uses malted barley imported from Suffolk, England.

**AL'S WINE AND WHISKEY HOUSE:** Huge selection of wine and whiskey from around the world that pairs nicely with artisan cheese plates. They also offer some of the best live music entertainment in town and a huge selection of craft beers.

**BLUE TUSK PUB & WINE BAR:** More than 50 beers on tap; recognized by All About Beer magazine as "one of the top 125 places to have a beer before you die."