Whether you’re in town for a conference, wedding, vacation or just a local looking for something new to try, check out our list of must-do activities in and around Syracuse.

1. Catch a Game:
Whether it’s football, basketball or lacrosse, watching a game in the Dome is a must during your stay in Syracuse. Check out Cuse.com for schedules and ticket information. That’s not all, with three semi-professional teams in Syracuse, there’s a game happening no matter the season. Whether it be the Syracuse Chiefs (A-league affiliate of the Washington Nationals), the 2017 Calder Cup Finalist Syracuse Crunch (Tampa Bay NHL affiliate) or the Major Arena Soccer League’s Silver Knights, there’s something for everyone in Syracuse. Find schedules and ticket information at: milb.com; syracusecrunch.com; syracusesilverknights.com.

2. Destiny USA:
Destiny USA has it all. With over 250 places to shop, dine and play from retail and outlet stores like Aldo, lululemon and Michael Kors to dining options like PF Changs and Cantina Laredo, there’s something for all your friends at Destiny USA. Channel your inner racecar driver at RPM Raceway, catch a comedy show at the Funny Bone, play games or watch them at Dave & Buster’s or go bowling at All-Star Alley. When you’re tired from all the excitement grab a bite to eat at World of Beer or Gordon Biersch. Check it out at desintyusa.com.

3. Downtown Dining:
The Syracuse dining scene has something to offer everyone and is a must-do on any itinerary. From the Spicy Hot Tomato Oil at Pastabilities (featured on the Food Network) to the Rueben Fritters at the authentic Irish restaurant, Kitty Hoynes. Other must try’s are Apizza Regionale, Aster Pantry & Pub, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, Lemongrass, The Mission and Otro Cinco. Within a 5 minute drive of downtown, check out: Laci’s Tapas Bar, Asti’s & Francesca’s Cucina.

4. Sip on Syracuse Beverage Trail:
With over 30 breweries, pubs, cideries and wineries the Syracuse area has a SYR-ious selection to quench your thirst. The Sip on Syracuse Beverage Trail offers pubs and breweries within downtown and as well as farm breweries, cideries and wineries within a 30 minute drive. Check out siponSyracuse.com for more Trail information. Syracuse is also the gateway to the Finger Lakes region and its 200 plus wineries. Start at Anyela’s just outside of Skaneateles and head west to the Seneca or Cayuga Lake wine trails.

5. Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation:
Explore the home of one of the leaders of the Women’s Rights Movement. Although not often recognized Matilda Joslyn Gage worked with Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony to organize the political action of the 19th century woman suffrage movement. Open by appointment.

6. Casinos:
Try your luck at a hand of blackjack, take in a show or grab dinner and drinks at one of the several casinos less than an hour from downtown Syracuse. Both Turning Stone Resort & Casino and Del Lago Resort & Casino offer gaming, entertainment, dining and spa services while Point Place Casino offers gaming, dining and two bars.

7. Skaneateles:
Stroll down tree-lined streets and cobblestone sidewalks as you take in picturesque Skaneateles, just 20 minutes from Syracuse. If serenity and relaxation are what you need, Mirbeau Inn & Spa, voted one of the Top 100 Spas in the U.S. by Conde Nast, is the perfect spot. Visit the Sherwood Inn or Rosalie’s Cucina for a romantic dinner or stop into Doug’s Fish Fry for a quick bite. Walk down the pier for a great view of the lake or take a Mid-Lakes Navigation cruise to really see it all.

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...WITH DAYTRIPS.
While there are plenty of activities to occupy your time in the Syracuse area alone, the region as a whole has plenty to discover, all within a short driving distance. Find your thing in Syracuse and beyond.

1. Cooperstown & National Baseball Hall of Fame:
If you're looking for a short excursion the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown is just under a two hour drive from Syracuse. As one of the best known sports shrines in the world, the Hall of Fame is a chance to relive baseball's greatest players and moments that made the game what it is today. Find out more at thisiscooperstown.com.

2. Aurora & Mackenzie Childs:
Called America's Best Kept Secret by Country Living magazine, the village of Aurora is a charming mix of quaint lakeside streets and refurbished historic buildings. Aurora is home to the American Girl doll creator, the Aurora Inn and Mackenzie Childs, one of the world's leading pottery manufacturers. Drive time: 1 hour.

3. Niagara Falls:
Explore Niagara Falls State Park, the oldest state park in the U.S., take a ride, and get a bit wet, on the Maid of the Mist or experience tropical storm like conditions from the Hurricane Deck. The three falls, Horseshoe, American and Bridal Veil Falls offer breathtaking scenery from both the American and Canadian sides. Don't miss the Cave of the Winds, Aquarium of Niagara and Old Fort Niagara while in town. Drive time: Just over 2 1/2 hours.

4. The Thousand Islands:
The Thousand Islands is a popular destination for those seeking a truly outdoor vacation. Located along the border between NYS and Canada the region boasts over 1,800 islands and has been a popular vacation spot for over 150 years. Take a tour of the world famous Boldt Castle, explore the seaway on an Uncle Same Boat Tour, stop by the Antique Boat Museum or experience world-class fishing. Drive time: 1 1/2 hours.

5. Adirondacks:
Home to the Adirondack State Park, the largest park in the continental U.S., the ADK region spans over six million acres. From canoeing and kayaking in the Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake region to the hiking trails of the 46 High Peaks, the area is known for its diverse geography. Explore Lake George with the whole family, ski Whiteface Mountain, take a walk on the wild side at the Wild Center or visit former Olympic sites at Lake Placid. The Adirondack region offers something for everyone. Drive time: 1 1/2 - 4 hours.

6. Corning Museum of Glass:
The Corning Museum of Glass offers a world of wonder for the whole family. More than 3,500 years of history is displayed in the Glass Collection Galleries, from ancient Egyptian portraits to contemporary sculptures, all made of glass. Learn about the science and technology behind glass innovation with hands-on exhibits or watch a live, narrated glassmaking demonstrations. The museum also offers Make Your Own Glass sessions. Drive time: 2 hours.

7. Ithaca:
Ithaca is Gorges. Over 150 waterfalls flow across the town, funneling water through gorges carved out thousands of years ago. Spend a day touring the waterfalls and gorges or sip some wine along Cayuga Lake, the largest of the Finger Lakes. Ithaca is also home to Cornell University and features its very own Wizarding Weekend.

8. Watkins Glen:
Watkins Glen is home to Watkins Glen International, named the Best NASCAR Track by USA Today, and host of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR XFINITY series in 2018. The area also boasts acclaimed attractions such as Watkins Glen State Park and the Seneca Lake Wine Trail.

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