Hudson County, NJ

Take a Trip to Liberty State Park & More

Day 1

Begin your group trip with the jewel of the Hudson County area: the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Access is only available via Statue Cruises. Group ticket reservations are required. While Lady Liberty is, of course, the star of Liberty Island, you’ll also want to stop by the island’s Museum, which tells the story of the statue’s journey to America and houses the original torch.

From Liberty Island, take the ferry to Ellis Island, where your group can explore the place where 12 million immigrants took their first steps on American soil. In the Immigration Museum, visitors can see historical artifacts, or head to the American Family Immigration History Center to search relatives with help from trained historians. It’s a moving experience that truly grounds you in America’s history. For the ultimate New Jersey dining experience, look no further than Liberty House, a scenic and posh restaurant overlooking the lower Manhattan skyline with delicious food. There are dozens of options for accommodations on your Jersey City group getaway. Try Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson for stunning vistas.

Day 2

Now that you’ve seen two of America’s top bucket-list attractions, it’s time to go deeper with one of our favorite and most historic Hudson County greenspaces: Liberty State Park.

Grab a bite at a local favorite like Amelia’s Bistro, located two miles from the park and a delicious brunch menu. Start your Liberty State Park day with a self-guided walk through the Historic Central Railroad of New Jersey. This is where new immigrants, who’d just come through Ellis Island, continued on to their new homes across the U.S.

Conclude the day with a scenic and serene stroll along the one-mile Liberty Walk Promenade. Here, you can see the best of Hudson County’s views, including sweeping vistas of the Manhattan skyline, plus the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. End your day with dinner at Maritime Parc or another group-friendly Jersey City favorite just beyond the park like Porta, a lively hangout known for delicious Neapolitan pizzas. Other local group dinner options include Mediterranean restaurant Satis Bistro and hip American-fare hangout Left Bank Burger Bar.

Day 3

Head deep into historic Hudson County over in the Journal Square neighborhood, a destination with everything from the stunning William J. Brennan Courthouse to a 14-foot statue of the famed Jackie Robinson. While this neighborhood promises history, it’s also a destination for dessert fans—with Monteleone’s Bakery, or Phillipine Bread House.

See one more side of Hudson County before you head out: downtown Jersey City. This jam-packed destination boasts parks like Van Vorst Park to Hamilton Park. Don’t miss Grove Street, one of the county’s most happening thoroughfares, with food options like Madame Claude Bis (French fare), or fabulous bagels at Wonder Bagels. Go shopping! Hudson County doesn’t disappoint when it comes to shopping, from the new American Dream in East Rutherford (just north) to Hudson County’s many local markets, with many in Jersey City.