

Renovated Troy Waterfront Awaits Hudson River Cruisers in 2021!



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After a three year absence and over \$26 million invested, Troy is happy to welcome back boaters with a state of the art Marina and Riverwalk. Visit us to access provisions, services, entertainment and recreation and take a respite from your travels. Whether you are on the Great Loop, transiting from the Great Lakes, or day tripping from nearby, there are few cities on the system that can compare with Troy's offering to shop, dine, and explore.

The City of Troy is a beautifully preserved, largely intact historic downtown that was left untouched by urban renewal. It was the fourth wealthiest in the nation on a per capita basis in the mid-1800s and this is apparent from the magnificent architecture seen everywhere. Troy once produced much of the nation's iron and steel and it became one of the largest cities in the United States manufacturing detachable collars and cuffs.

The Marina offers fuel, power, water, and showers, and is located in the heart of Troy. The downtown is home to a wide variety of local and ethnic cuisine, retail outlets,



including crafts, clothing, books, wine and liquor, and a drug store. For your chandlery needs, West Marine is only 15 minutes away and there are other marine services nearby available by contacting the Capital Region Chamber (capitalregionchamber.com) or consult the latest Maptech Embassy Cruising Guide.

Enjoy the Hudson River view from your outdoor seat alongside the Riverwalk at restaurants and micro-breweries within view of your boat or go inside to get out of the heat or explore, knowing your boat is secure. Heading south along the Riverwalk takes you into the main business district where there are restaurants, micro-breweries, and retail stores galore.

On Saturdays between 9 and 2, the Troy Waterfront Farmer's Market is a perfect place to pick up fresh fruits, baked goods, crafts, wine and prepared food. Over 15,000 people visit the four-block festival which in 2019 received the National Farmland Trust's 2019 "People's Choice" award. On Thursday evenings, enjoy the Rockin' on the River Concert Series in Riverfront Park. The Troy Music Hall, renowned for its acoustics, and the Hart Cluett Museum are nearby on 2nd Street.

For the comfort of a hotel for an evening, the Courtyard by Marriott, and Best Western are each within sight of the Marina. For your recreation needs, Frear Park provides an excellent 18 hole golf course and Prospect Park has a 9 (soon to be 18) hole disk golf course. Bike share is available one block north of the Marina.

Troy is centrally located as a base for rental car or ride-hails to other regional destinations such as the Saratoga Track, the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, or the State Capitol in Albany. Uber and Lyft make pickups at the Marina.

For more information about Troy, visit downtowntroy.org where you can download a walking guide or visit the City's site at troyny.gov.

Photos clockwise from top left: The Troy Marina is now ready to welcome boater to Historic Downtown Troy - part of a \$26 million investment in this historic downtown

Each Saturday from 9am - 2pm over 15,000 shoppers converge on Troy's nationally recognized Farmers Market

During the Pandemic, Troy has closed parts of Broadway and River Street to provide plenty of outdoor, socially distanced dining opportunities

Troy's 1 mile (and growing) Riverwalk and new boat facilities, looking towards Riverfront Park

