

Tuesday Arrival Suggestions: Get to Know Utica & Oneida County

If you're arriving early for the NYS Tourism Conference, here are just a few suggestions to help you explore some of the great local things Oneida County has to offer before the conference kicks off on Wednesday!

Utica Zoo

<https://www.uticzoo.org/>

A fun and easy stop, perfect for getting outside and walking around a bit after traveling.

New York Energy Zone

<https://www.nypa.gov/Communities/Visitors-Centers/NY-Energy-Zone>

Located right next to the zoo, this interactive center explores the past, present, and future of energy in New York State.

Munson

<https://www.munson.art/>

One of the region's cultural gems, featuring a nationally recognized art museum and rotating exhibitions.

The Stanley Theatre

<https://www.thestanley.org/>

Even if it isn't open, it's worth stopping by to see this iconic Utica landmark from the outside and get a sense of what the theater looks like.

Utica Harbor

<https://uticaharborpoint.org/>

One of Utica's newest developments and an exciting area that's just getting started, with more growth planned over the next few years. Even if you just want to stretch your legs, it's a great place for a walk and you'll pass Utica Coffee along the way.

Village of Clinton

<https://clintonnychamber.org/visit-us/>

A charming village just outside Utica, perfect for boutique shopping and strolling Main Street.

Dinner ideas:

Tailor and the Cook – <https://www.tailorandthecook.com/>

Ancora! – <https://www.ancorautica.com/>

Lotus Garden – <https://www.lotusutica.com/>

Silk Utica (perfect for a pre-dinner cocktail or a late-night drink)

<https://www.silkutica.com/>

A stylish cocktail lounge in downtown Utica, known for its creative drinks and relaxed, upscale vibe.