

# Oswego's Harborfest!



American Bus Association Top 100 Event in North America – **5 Times!**  
International Festivals & Events Association Pinnacle Award – **10 Times!**  
I Love New York Award for one of the 12 Best Values in Family Getaways!

Harborfest features great music, food, and a wide variety of activities! Enjoy the smooth sounds of jazz, blues, rock and oldies on several stages throughout the city of Oswego. View the juried arts and crafts show, cheer on the children's parade and celebrate the Grucci Brothers world-famous fireworks spectacular!

*While you're here, be sure to visit the some of our historical treasures!*

The [Safe Haven Museum and Education Center](#) commemorates the only U.S. shelter for Jewish refugees during World War II. In August 1944, nearly one thousand Holocaust survivors were transported to the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter. The museum features artifacts and videos, including first-person accounts and the many later accomplishments of these courageous people.

[Fort Ontario State Historic Site](#) re-creates how U.S. officers and soldiers lived between May 1868 and April 1869. Tours of the fort can be arranged with advance notice.

The [H. Lee White Marine Museum](#) features paintings, models and artifacts depicting 300 years of maritime history. Step aboard the 'Lance Knapp,' the last steam-powered vessel on the Barge Canal, and the 'LT-5,' the last remaining tugboat from the Normandy invasion of World War II, named a National Historic Landmark due to the heroic action of her crew on D-Day.

The [Richardson-Bates House Museum](#) takes you back to the late 19th century. With more than 95% of the home's original furnishings and a variety of exhibits presented by the Oswego County Historical Society, you'll learn how Victorian American society valued art, history, travel and education.

# FIREWORKS CELEBRATION!

Saturday is the biggest day of this weekend-long event. Thousands of people flock to Oswego to enjoy the huge variety of music and fun, and then gather at Fort Ontario, the harbor, and nearby Breitbeck Park for world-class fireworks.

With 'Park-n-Ride' options from lots at the east and west ends of the city, you'll enjoy transit convenience as you exit the crowds near midnight. This option is best for those who break into smaller groups for the full Harborfest experience.

Lodging in Oswego and the surrounding areas usually fully book in advance, so overnight trips may need to look in Pulaski for group bookings.

*Hint: for an extra day of fun, plan an overnight stay and either return to Harborfest or visit the nearby Sterling Renaissance Festival!*

## Harborfest's World-Famous Fireworks by Grucci

The "Energy Nuclear Fireworks Spectacular" is one of only seven world-class fireworks exhibits in the Northeast. It is produced by the Long Island-based "Fireworks by Grucci," world-famous for their complex and exciting pyrotechnic shows.

A typical show at Harborfest takes five days to set up and requires the services of ten technicians. The display is entirely controlled by a computer using over 1,000 firing cues and is carefully choreographed to a different music track each year.

Bring a portable radio to listen to the music broadcast on TK 99 and TK 105 FM.

Best viewing is from Fort Ontario on the east to Breitbeck Park on the west.

