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PRESS RELEASE

ACTIVITIES FOR AURORA INN GUESTS

Wine Trails

* Finger Lakes wines – particularly Rieslings – are attracting national attention these days. Both Cayuga Lake and Seneca Lake have wine trails that lead visitors to dozens of wineries that offer tastings, gourmet food and picnic areas with breathtaking lake views.

History

* **Village of Aurora and Wells College** – Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Aurora is home to Wells College, which was founded in 1868 by Henry Wells of Wells Fargo stagecoach fame. The college has a beautiful campus overlooking Cayuga Lake.

* **Women’s Rights National Historical Park**, Seneca Falls – The birthplace of the women’s rights movement, Seneca Falls is home to the Women’s Rights National Historic Park, the National Women’s Hall of Fame and the home of suffrage leader Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

* **Harriet Tubman Home**, Auburn – A conductor on the Underground Railroad who led hundreds of slaves to freedom, Harriet Tubman settled in Auburn after the Civil War and operated this home for aged and indigent African-Americans.

* **Willard Memorial Chapel**, Auburn – Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 1894 chapel is masterpiece of Tiffany design. It is the only complete and unaltered Tiffany religious interior in the world and a nine-panel rose window, a three-paneled stained glass window, 14 opalescent nave windows, nine leaded glass chandeliers and more.

* **The Seward House**, Auburn – A registered National Historic Landmark, this grand home was the long-time residence of William Henry Seward, Governor of New York, Secretary of State to Presidents Lincoln and Johnson and leading figure in the purchase of Alaska.

Recreation, Entertainment and Attractions

* **Well College Golf Course**, Aurora – Designed in part by Robert Trent Jones, this 9-hole course is open to the public and offers sweeping views of Cayuga Lake.

* **Skaneateles Festival: Chamber Music by the Lake** – Since 1980, the Skaneateles Festival has brought world-class musicians to this lakeside community for four weeks of chamber music, chamber orchestra and children’s concerts in late summer.

* **Merry-Go-Round Playhouse**, Auburn – Housed in a former carousel, this professional summer theater is known as “Broadway in the Finger Lakes.”

* **Lake and Canal Cruises** – Mid-Lakes Navigation Company offers barge rides on the Erie Canal, as well as sight-seeing cruises aboard vintage U.S. mail boats and other watercraft on nearby Skaneateles Lake.

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Shopping

* **MacKenzie-Childs**, Aurora – The celebrated maker of hand-crafted tableware, home furnishings and accessories is located less than one mile from the inn. Visitors can take a weekday studio tour to watch the artisans at work, tour the Victorian farmhouse, stroll through the gardens and shop in the retail store.

* **Antiques** – Start at Cleaveland’s Antiques just outside Aurora and go from there in search of wonderful antiques and other treasures.

* **Posie’s** offers distinctive gifts, fresh flowers and plants, while **Jane Morgan’s Little House** has been a mainstay in the community for its selection of fine women’s apparel and accessories. **Vintage Lighting** sells a fascinating collection of old lamps and lighting.

Restaurants

* **MacKenzie-Childs** – Don’t miss the scrumptious afternoon tea served daily at 3:00 from mid-May through Columbus Day in a restored 19th century dairy barn.

* **Fargo Bar & Grill** – Casual food and atmosphere are the calling card of this newly renovated restaurant and bar, which is located directly across the street from the Aurora Inn.

* **Pizzaurora** – Billed as “the pizzeria with pizzazz,” Pizzaurora is located in a 1940s garage across the street from the Aurora Inn. Now completely renovated with a bright, contemporary decor, the family-friendly restaurant serves homemade thin-crust pizza, salads and submarine sandwiches.

* **Dorie’s** – This charming luncheonette and restored soda fountain offers homemade soups, sandwiches, salads, fresh-baked breads, pastries and desserts. A short walk from the inn, Dorie’s has a shady deck that overlooks the lake.

* **Village Market** – Immediately adjacent to the Inn in a handsome mahogany storefront, this new market has fresh produce, meat, baked goods and carry-out meals.