When you explore Western New York, you’ll soon discover how special it is and how much there is to do. The region is made up of eight counties: Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Wyoming, Orleans, and Genesee. Several of the world’s largest bodies of fresh water create the region’s western and northern borders: Lake Erie, the Niagara River, Niagara Falls, and Lake Ontario interconnect for a natural boundary that’s spectacular to see and enjoy. The two largest cities are Buffalo and Niagara Falls.