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Buffalo: Preserving the Past

Buffalo, United States

Buffalo's rich and complex industrial history, in 1825 became the western terminus of the Erie Canal, linking the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes. Wealth poured in, and where there is wealth there is always the potential for great architecture. Buffalo's architecture is a mix of the grand and the quirky, and it is in the quirky that Buffalo's soul is most evident. The city has a Brewed Enough Coffee, hard times lately, but is in the midst of a comeback, and is making a concerted effort to preserve its past. This guide highlights some of Buffalo's greatest historical treasures.

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Buffalo Central Terminal

495 Paderewski Dr, Buffalo, NY 14212, USA

This 1929 Art Deco railroad terminal was once one of the largest and greatest in the country. It fell into disuse in the 1970s and was in foreclosure and slated for demolition when the Buffalo Preservation Board stepped in and saved it from wrecking ball. Now it is being restored by a nonprofit, and it is open to the public. Although it is 90% vacant, the last remnants have rotted away. Decades of deferred maintenance. Yesterday, a piece of ceiling disappeared. It happens. It was too late, and the terminal is now undergoing a thorough restoration. Tours are available during the ongoing work.

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Elmwood Village

Buffalo, United States

The Elmwood Village neighborhood borders Delaware Park, and was named one of the "Top 10 Great Places in America" by the American Planning Association. It's a charming, walkable, bustling neighborhood with a lot of great restaurants, a vibrant arts scene, with hundreds of little specialty shops, cafes, restaurants and art galleries. On Saturdays from mid-May to November there is a farmer's market on Elmwood Avenue. This side boulevard is part of Frederick Law Olmsted's Buffalo parkway system, and was once home to the city's most prominent citizens. If you're looking for a vibrant contemporary art, be sure to stop by the Albright-Knox gallery while in Elmwood.

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Forest Lawn Cemetery

656 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202, USA

This 225-acre cemetery is beautifully landscaped and very tourist friendly, offering free maps and self-guided tours. Forest Lawn is the final resting place of many people with considerable prestige. The cemetery spans 225 acres in the heart of Buffalo, and inspired by the rise of natural beauty and man-made landscape art in Paris like Père Lachaise. Lake Lafayette, Forest Lawn has tons of sculpture and lots of famous residents. Frank Gehry, Birge, head of the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company, and U.S. President Millard Fillmore.

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Electric Tower

510 Washington Street, Buffalo, New York 14203

The Electric Tower is one of Buffalo's great landmarks. Its white terracotta exterior seems to glow, especially after dusk. Its tight 2-by-2 proportions by Rochester-based architect Gordon Lansing Rand, and its 1,000-watt, 1,000-pound, 400-foot-tall mouse colossus are one and a half. Or Mass Mart Club, this is where the Buffalo Ghost Group happens. The Lower was built in 1912 to sell and distribute hydroelectric power from Niagara Falls, and it was the tallest building in Buffalo for a few years, until the Ellicott Square Building. The upper is Deco, and, with glowing gilded decorations. The interior, which Radio Ink ranks 91 Deco elements, was restored in 2007.

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Shea's Performing Arts Center

36 West G, Buffalo, NY 14202

This great Rococo theater, operated in 1926 and was originally called Shea's Buffalo. It was designed by the renowned Chicago architectural firm of Rapp and Rapp, with 3,000 seats, a 70-foot-wide proscenium, and a Wurlitzer organ built in Buffalo. Shea's Buffalo was one of the last great movie palaces, and was the last theater, before the efforts of the Friends of Buffalo Theater, who banded together to save the theater from the wrecking ball in 1975. Nowadays, 2100 seat theatre is a top place for see touring Broadway musicals.

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Preservation Buffalo Niagara

37 West Ferry Street, Buffalo, New York

Preservation Buffalo Niagara is dedicated to preserving the historic architecture of the Buffalo region. Education is a top priority, and they offer a multitude of events, programs and tours that explore the area's architectural heritage. You can take a walking tour of the Ellicott District, or a bus tour of Frederick Law Olmsted's parkways and parks, or a tour of the Buffalo Niagara Waterfront. Tours are educational, fun, and fascinating. The guides can take you places in City Hall that you'd never get into on your own, and they can show you can go elsewhere to the commissary for lunch. Try the Chicken Kiev!

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Guaranty Building

28 Church Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, USA

This older Frame design layer was designed by pioneer architects Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler in 1896, and is considered one of the world's landmark "form follows function" philosophy. Through functional new Sullivan's primary concern, he wanted to create a building that was light, airy, and inviting, and he succeeded. Sullivan's decorative touches are fine, Frank Lloyd Wright, with his stunning Art Nouveau skylight, is much later in Buffalo. The Guaranty Building, now called the Prudential Building, is a National Historic Landmark of Western Pieces in 1970, and underwent a careful restoration in the 1980s.

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Rick James Grave

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Rick James, Grammy-winning songwriter and iconic famous Super Freak was born in Buffalo, and he was buried in his hometown. He was a Buffalo native, raised in Buffalo, and died in Buffalo, where he first sang his hit song with the 50 Buffalo Funk band. Rick James Grandma, "Connie Dell Ill" Ongo and whom coolest of his cancer, and his to Buffalo Funk band,

Hyatt Regency Buffalo / Hotel and Conference Center

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When the Hyatt was constructed, it incorporated the French Renaissance style architecture of the Erie County Savings Bank building, which was to be torn down before excavation and lower demolished. If you go into the Hyatt and you can see the old cast iron facades of the Genesee Building. It's also a great place to stay! I recommend a corner suite at upper floor. Our views of downtown Buffalo are remarkable, particularly at night when the Electric Tower is lit up. There's no noise at the Rhoads. Take

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McKinley Monument

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William McKinley, 25th President of the United States, was shot in Buffalo at the Pan-American Exposition on September 6, 1901. He died a week later and was laid in state in Buffalo before his body was taken to Washington for burial. Buffalo Preservation Council, They use it as their headquarters, and have placed their cast decorative floor tiles over the years, very much in keeping with the original 1901 design. The Buffalo Preservation Council, Buffalo's preservation society, has their headquarters in the building and is the only tenant. Access is through the rear door. Be sure to check out the original cove ceiling over the interior staircase.

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Buffalo Design Collaborative Building

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[Commercial Building in Buffalo, NY 14202, United States](#)

Buffalo Design Collaborative bought and restored this vintage 1920 Dutch Lyman Furniture Company building in Buffalo's Lower West Side. Lyman Furniture Company was a fixture in Buffalo for many years, very much in keeping with the original cast decorative floor tiles over the years, very much in keeping with the original 1901 design. The Buffalo Preservation Council, Buffalo's preservation society, has their headquarters in the building and is the only tenant. Access is through the rear door. Be sure to check out the original cove ceiling over the interior staircase.

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Vev's Building

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[Commercial Building in Buffalo, NY](#)

The Art Deco Vev's Building was designed by Lawrence Bley and Duane Lyman and erected in 1928. It gave Vev's the same been created one of the country's first Deco commercial buildings. Vev's Building is located at 1000 Main St. Vev's Building is one of the finest examples of commercial Deco in Buffalo. The palettes and scale are efficiently carried with geometric and floral motifs, and the exterior is a well-balanced composition of brick and terra cotta. Vev's Building is original owner was Kodacel? Vev's of the advertising firm Kodacel Vev's

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Hotel Statler

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[10 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14202, United States](#)

The Hotel Statler was built in 1923, replacing the Cadillac on Delaware Avenue. It was the first of Ellsworth M. Statler's many U.S. hotels, and he opened to expense and was a great success. Statler's hotels were known for innovations and quality, and the state of New York outside of New York City when it was completed. It was also the first hotel to have a bathroom in every room. The building (no longer a hotel) is now occupied by Buffalo State College. The Hotel's speed lobby bar are regularly hosted weddings and other events for up to 1000 guests.

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Buffalo Fire Department Headquarters

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[Firehouse in Buffalo, NY 14202, United States](#)

The Buffalo Fire Department headquarters is housed in this distinctive 1903 Art Nouveau/Art Deco/Art Moderne building. The building's exterior is covered in a strong Italian-inspired cover. The paint, Trianon and planning group, is Trianon. The commissioner's office, paint and sign shop, repair shop, central alarm dispatch, and a dozen other functions are housed here. Fire Operations and Safety, the Fire Commissioner's office, and the Fire Marshal's office are located here. Access for family to relatives and relatives to relatives. The Buffalo Fire Department typically responds to over 60,000 incidents a year.

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Ellicott Square Building

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[295 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14203](#)

Charles Atwood of Daniel Burnham & Co. designed this impressive building in 1896. It was the largest office building in the world when it was completed. The building's original tenant was Ellicott Square Theater, the largest theater ever seated Daniel's Grand Opera Theater and was oversaturated by the Rand Brothers. Its long-gone now, but it was a beautiful place to hold a big-ass Grand Opera Theater. Sorella From Rome's Restaurant occupied the original Ellicott Square Theater. Sorella From Rome's Restaurant closed in 2016. The Rand Brothers

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Cargill Pool Elevator

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[Grain Elevator in Buffalo, NY 14202](#)

When the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, Buffalo became a very important city. Great Lakes ships brought Midwestern grain to Buffalo, where it was transferred to canal boats and shipped to the Eastern Seaboard. The Cargill Pool Elevator is the world's first grain elevator was invented in Buffalo, and the factory's were now 10 of them. Most are obsolete now, due to the St. Lawrence Seaway, but there are still 4 in Buffalo. Cargill's Pool Elevator is the only one in Buffalo, and it's the only one in Buffalo is operational. It hasn't been grain for decades, but could take over 2 million bushels in its prime.

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Anchor Bar

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[1047 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14209](#)

The Anchor Bar is the place where the first Buffalo Wings at the Anchor Bar has become the staple of Western New York. Restaurant owner/proprietor on Oliver Sahely's grandfather, Italian-American Frank Sahely, developed a recipe for "Hot Sauce Wings." Sahely's family, Teresa Bellissimo, deep-fried some wings at the point of the chicken that was usually tossed in the stock pot (each third) and whipped up a secret sauce to "liven" them up for his friends who were having a beer at the bar. The Anchor Bar is now a tourist and international phenomenon. The Anchor Bar has 6 flavors, mild, medium, hotter, scorcher, 666, but Medium is the original, and still the best.

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Liberty Building

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[510 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14202, USA](#)

Liberty Bank was a major player when the largest building in Buffalo when it opened in 1925. The building's neighbors were Buffalo's other two tallest buildings, Buffalo Bank, but the name was changed after World War I to the Liberty Bank. A part of 26 floor but Liberty Bank was seized in the new building's owners to further emphasize its patriotic theme. In 2010, Dilon Properties, of French ancestry sadly, purchased the building and gave it a 10 million dollar facelift. Dilon Properties, of French ancestry sadly, sold the building to Buffalo Bank, and the location of the bank's old was taken from Lyon. Lamlett.

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Millard Fillmore Statue

[Millard Fillmore Statue](#)
[Off Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202](#)

Millard Fillmore was born in Buffalo. He lived in East Aurora, and and lived two theme, especially having two form of Fillmore and Hall, one of Between New York's most prominent. After heading to found the University of Buffalo, Fillmore focused on politics, ultimately ascending to the highest office in the land (1850-53, President). The towering bronze statue outside Buffalo's City Hall (sculpted by Bryant Baker) was dedicated in 1932 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Fillmore's Buffalo Home (restored, 200+ rooms) of Buffalo, and Olivia and Millard President of the United States, has a matching Bryant statue on the other side of City Hall's entrance.

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Buffalo History Museum

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The Buffalo History Museum is a designated City of Buffalo landmark. Its golden dome has a 90 foot diameter and more than 10,000 historical artifacts. The dome was periodically re-gilded with pricey gold leaf. The last time this was done the bill was in $100,000, now the amount would be closer to a million dollars. Buffalo History Museum is a great place to hold a wedding reception or other special events. Buffalo History Museum is the only 1880's, but it tends to raise eyebrows. Buffalo Savings Bank founded in the early 1880's, but it tends to raise eyebrows 1880 Banks, having not changed name every a business only in the domain of commerce.

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Towne Restaurant

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Towne Restaurant is a Greek-owned Deco Greek restaurant is well-known for its hearty breakfast fare. In addition to the usual French toast, eggs, corned beef hash, oatmeal, and pancakes (all of which are delicious), Towne offers up an array of Greek breakfast dishes. Lunch and dinner offer Greek specials, such as moussaka, souvlaki, and Greek salad. Towne is open 24 hours a day, and for lunch, dinner, and late-night snacks

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Darwin D. Martin House Complex

125 Jewett Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14214

You can't talk about architectural restoration in Buffalo without mentioning Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House. This incredible project began in 1996 with new roofs and gutters for the dilapidated home, and finished in 2019 with a historic landscape restoration. The complex (6 buildings) is once again the masterpiece that Wright designed in 1903-1905. One of the finest surviving examples of Wright's Prairie Style, the Martin house contains nearly 400 pieces of his meticulously designed art glass. Various tours are offered. They're pricey ($22 for one hour, $45 for two), but worth it.

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Parkside Meadow

2 Russell Street, Buffalo, NY 14214

This pub in Buffalo's historic Parkside neighborhood was originally a cigar and candy store. In the '50s it became the Park Meadow Bar and Restaurant, which closed in 1991. Nancy Abramo and Len Mattie bought the beat-up building, restored it, and opened the new Parkside Meadow in 2015. They've filled the place with wonderful pieces of Buffalo history, from Larkin Company and Iroquois beer advertising sheets to old bills of sale from local plumbers and contractors. For dinner, I had a classic beef-on-weck with a pint of Bell's Kalamazoo Stout...both great!

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Ted's Hot Dogs

3193 Orchard Park Rd, Orchard Park, NY 14127, United States

Greek immigrant Theodore "Ted" Spiro Liaros opened his first hot dog stand under Buffalo's newly constructed Peace Bridge in 1927. That stand is long gone, but Ted's descendants have expanded the operation to 9 locations in western New York and one in Tempe, Arizona. Ted's dogs are grilled over charcoal, a rarity in restaurants these days. You can taste the difference, which is why generations of Buffalonians are forever loyal to Ted's. Their onion rings and hot sauce are awesome, too.

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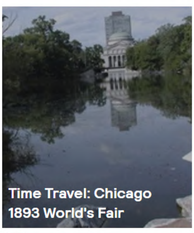

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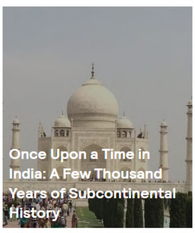

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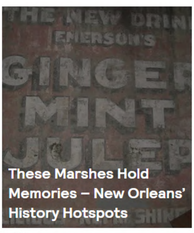

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