

Seneca Falls Begins Wineries Bus Service

June 20, 2008— SENECA FALLS, NY The Village of Seneca Falls is offering a one of a kind touring service with Finger Lakes wineries. For \$10 per person, visitors are able to catch a bus in Seneca Falls and ride to six area wineries in one day. The passes are good all day and allow riders to hop aboard a shuttle that runs continuously throughout Seneca County on Saturdays or Sundays from mid-June into October of this year.

“The Seneca Wine Tour Bus allows more people to gain access to our wineries,” explains Bob Buccieri, Director of the Seneca Falls Development Corporation and author of the program. “At \$10 per day, it promises a great trip in the country and showcases some of the best places to visit in Seneca County.” While the stops are scheduled at wineries such as Knapp, Sheldrake Point and Wagner Wineries, the routes pass many farm stands, villages and the former Seneca Army Depot, “Where you may get the chance to see a white deer beyond the fence line,” Buccieri offers, “and you’ll see other places you may want to visit on your own sometime.”

Tickets are available for purchase at the Visitors Center in the Village of Seneca Falls starting a half hour before the tours begin. Once purchased, travelers will board the next available bus, which run every 45 minutes or so starting at 10 AM on Saturday and 12 Noon on Sundays. These buses maintain a regular schedule where visitors can get off where they wish, sample wines, visit the gift shop and, in select locations, have lunch before getting on the next available bus to continue their adventure.

“It runs like any public transportation line and picks up and drops off travelers at specific locations each day of operation” offered Aug Sinicropi, President of the Board of the SFDC. “You may visit as many of the scheduled wineries as you like and return to Seneca Falls at the end of the day, and for \$10 per person, it is more economical than driving yourself.”

The Tour Bus will visit Wineries along the west shore of Cayuga Lake or the east shore of Seneca Lake, up to 6 locations each day. The schedule varies by day to make certain that as many of the wineries as possible get the chance to participate. “With 27 wineries located in Seneca County, we have a great number of quality sites to visit and a vast selection of wines to sample. The shuttle allows easy visits to a number of Seneca County wineries so that people can decide which to visit again as new vintages and products become available,” explained Fred Gaffney, Executive Director of the Seneca County Chamber of Commerce.

Boaters can take advantage of the free overnight dock space available in the Village and climb aboard the shuttle to sample the wines as well. Buccieri offers, “We expect a number of visitors will join us from the Cayuga – Seneca Canal to enjoy an evening in our Village after a day of touring. Of course, they may choose to make a vacation of it and visit either Seneca or Cayuga Lake, or both!” The two largest Finger Lakes are available to boaters through locks on either side of the Village of Seneca Falls.

For more information on the Shuttle Service, visit www.senecawinetour.com or call 315-568-8107.

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