Albany’s Famous Faces

Alexander Hamilton
Founding Father

Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, spent quite a bit of his time in Albany! Though modern sensibilities tend to sympathize with Hamilton, and his writings in The Federalist Papers helped usher in our form of government, during his lifetime his ideas were seen as controversial. The city of Albany formed a backdrop for some of the most important arguments Hamilton had, including the one that led to his untimely death. Walk in Hamilton’s footsteps with this itinerary!

Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site
32 Catherine Street, Albany, NY 12207 | 518-434-0834
Explore Hamilton’s in-law’s mansion! Hamilton was the son-in-law of Revolutionary War General (and prominent New Yorker) Philip Schuyler. After a whirlwind courtship, Eliza Schuyler married Alexander Hamilton in one of the Schuyler Mansion’s parlors. On a tour, view the parlor where the famous wedding occurred and see Philip Schuyler’s law library where both Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr studied.

Albany Institute of History & Art
125 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12210 | 518-463-4478
The Albany Institute of History & Art, the second oldest museum in the country, has a special, must-see exhibit “The Schuyler Sisters and Their Circle” on display. View Eliza Schuyler’s wedding ring, a lock of Alexander Hamilton’s hair, rarely display portraits and more! On display from July 20, 2019 - December 29, 2019.

50 State Street (former home of Judge John Tayler)
Downtown Albany
Judge Tayler hosted a dinner party at his home at 50 State Street (the structure no longer stands) attended by Hamilton, Philip Schuyler and Taylor’s son-in-law Dr. Charles D. Cooper. Cooper later composed a letter about the evening, claiming Hamilton called Burr “a dangerous man and ought not to be trusted.” The Albany Register obtained a copy of the letter and published it. When Burr demanded a retraction, Hamilton would neither admit nor deny the allegation. Burr challenged Hamilton to a duel in New Jersey, where he fatally shot Hamilton.
The First Church
110 N. Pearl St., Albany NY 12207 | 518-463-4449
The congregation of the First Church in Albany, part of the Reformed Church in America, was established in 1642. Aaron Burr’s daughter, Theodosia, was married here and Hamilton’s in-laws, the Schuylers, were members of the church congregation. After Hamilton’s death, the Reverend Eliphalet Nott from the First Presbyterian Church, gave a rousing eulogy at the church titled On the Death of Hamilton, which was considered a driving force in the eventual outlaw of dueling.

Ten Broeck Mansion
9 Ten Broeck Pl, Albany, NY 12210 | 518-436-9826
The Ten Broeck Mansion was built in 1798 for Abraham Ten Broeck, a close friend of Hamilton’s father-in-law, General Philip Schuyler. Abraham’s son, Dirck Ten Broeck, was a law clerk for Hamilton and had a lunch date set with Hamilton in NJ the day of the duel. Tragically, Dirck found himself sitting vigil at Hamilton’s deathbed. Dirck penned a letter detailing the duel and passing of his “dear departed friend.” A recording of this letter by local theatre company, Creative License, is available during tours of the Mansion.

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TRAVELING WITH A GROUP?

Group Friendly Restaurant Options

- A Better Bite
- C H Evans Brewing Co. at the Albany Pump Station
- The Century House
- The City Beer Hall
- Dave and Buster’s
- dp’s Brasserie
- Druthers Brewing Company
- The Hollow Bar & Kitchen
- Jack’s Oyster House
- Lucky Strike Social
- New World Bistro Bar
- Olde English Pub & Pantry
- Recovery Sports Grill
- Warehouse Grill & BBQ

Jay Cloutier will assist in planning an itinerary for your groups, including the perfect hotel and cuisine choices.