
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$1689.00

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$1249.00

PAYMENT DUE BY FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024

EMAIL TOM@BUFFALOAUDUBON.ORG TO REGISTER

Travel Packages Include:

- Three-night hotel accommodations in East Aurora, NY
- Transportation via passenger van
- Dinners at local restaurants
- VIP Solar Eclipse Viewing Experience



WESTERN NEW YORK

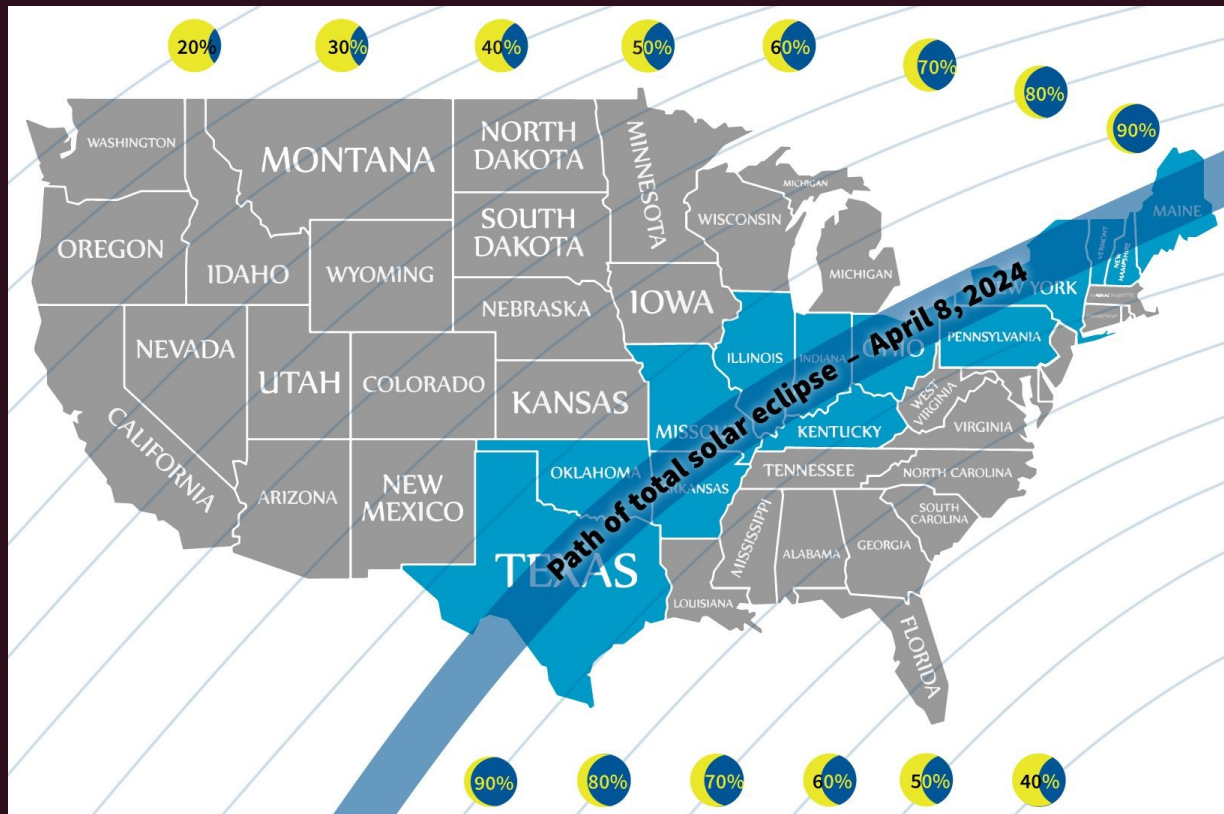
SOLAR ECLIPSE

BIRDING WEEKEND

APRIL 6TH - 9TH

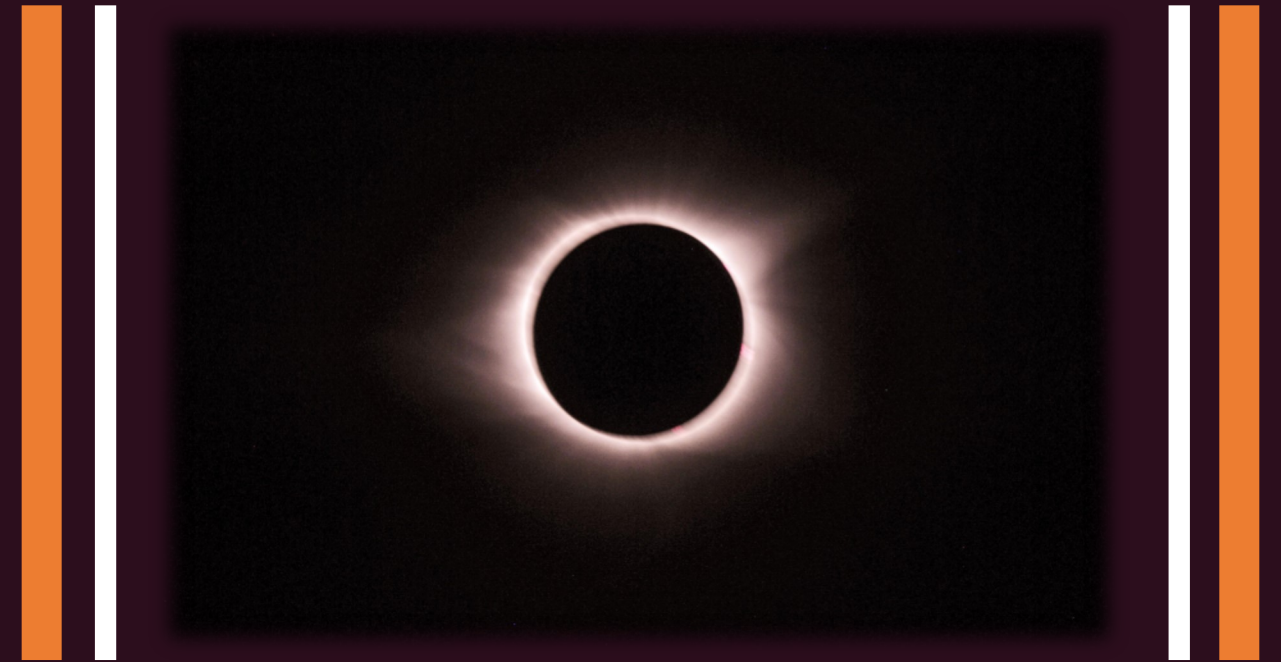
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On Monday, April 8th, a Solar Eclipse will occur over North America with a path of totality that will cross 13 states. Buffalo, NY is directly in the path of totality, bringing us a full solar eclipse from 3:18 PM to 3:22 PM. The last total eclipse over Buffalo was in 1925, and there will not be another one until 2144.

Solar Eclipse viewing will take place at Beaver Meadow Nature Center in North Java, NY. The Buffalo Astronomical Association maintains an observatory on-site and will be hosting viewers from across the Western New York region.



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TRAVEL PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- **THREE-NIGHT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT HAMPTON INN EAST AURORA**
- **TRANSPORTATION VIA PASSENGER VAN**
- **DINNERS AT LOCAL RESTAURANTS**

Daily hiking distances will be up to 5 miles. April temperatures in Western New York range from 30 degrees Fahrenheit to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Proper outdoor gear is required.

For more information and registration email tom@buffaloaudubon.org
 Registration due by Friday, February 20th, 2024

Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Registration is not complete until payment is received. This trip is limited to ten participants. Additional interested participants will be placed on a waiting list.

SOLAR ECLIPSE AND BIRDING WEEKEND

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Saturday, April 6th

Afternoon/Evening—Check into Hampton Inn East Aurora

7:00 PM – Dinner at Hotel (Bar Bill)

Sunday, April 7th

6:30 AM – Breakfast in Hotel

7:00 AM – Depart for Niagara Falls

8:00 AM – Bald Eagle Nest Viewing at Strawberry Island

9:00 AM – Birding at Niagara Falls

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Birding Lower Niagara River

4:00 PM – Birding along Lake Ontario

7:30 PM – Dinner at Woodcock Brothers in Wilson

10:00 PM – Return to Hampton Inn East Aurora

Monday, April 8th

Monday's Itinerary will be subject to change. Viewing the Solar Eclipse under clear skies will be our top priority. If weather does not allow us to see this once in a lifetime event, we will take advantage of the van and travel to a location with a better weather forecast, within reason.

6:30 AM – Breakfast in Hotel

7:00 AM – Depart for Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

8:00 AM – Birding at Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge

12:00 PM – Lunch and Depart for Beaver Meadow Nature Center

1:00 PM – Eclipse Viewing at Beaver Meadow

4:00 PM – Birding at Beaver Meadow

6:00 PM – Dinner at TBD

8:00 PM – Owl Prowl at Beaver Meadow

10:00 PM – Return to Hampton Inn East Aurora

Tuesday, April 9th

6:30 AM – Breakfast in Hotel

7:00 AM – Hotel Checkout

7:00 AM – Depart for Peregrine Nests Sites

8:00 AM – Peregrine Nest Viewing

9:00 AM – Birding at Upper Niagara River Locations

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Airport drop-off/return to hotel parking lot

Trip itinerary is subject to change based on weather, notable bird sightings in the region, and other unforeseen circumstances. Changes in the itinerary are at the leader's discretion.

Experience Spring birding in Western New York with the Buffalo Audubon Society and Audubon Senior Naturalist Tom Kerr. Known as the "Gull Capital of North America," the Niagara River is the winter home to 18 species of gulls. We will search for Iceland Gulls, Glaucous Gulls, Little Gulls, and more. Located along a major migratory flyway, thousands of ducks and other waterfowl will be staging the next leg of their journey north to their nesting grounds. Several pairs of Bald Eagles and hundreds of Great Blue Herons nest along the river, while Peregrine Falcons and Great Horned Owls are nesting inland



Target Bird Species

- Iceland Gull
- Glaucous Gull
- Little Gull
- Lesser Black-backed Gull
- Bald Eagle
- Peregrine Falcon
- Great Horned Owl
- Eastern Screech-owl
- Barred Owl
- Snowy Owl
- Sandhill Crane
- Trumpeter Swan
- Red-Headed Woodpecker
- Northern Shrike



BIRDING THE NIAGARA RIVER



Because the Niagara River does not freeze, it is a major winter hotspot for Ducks, Geese, Gulls, and more. In early spring, it is a migratory hot spot, attracting thousands of ducks and gulls on their way north. 18 Species of Gulls have been recorded on the Niagara River. Rarities like Sabine's Gull and Black-legged Kittiwake are spotted every year, while uncommon species like Iceland, Glaucous, and Little Gulls are seen regularly.

One of the greatest endangered species recovery stories in North America, Bald Eagles are once again a common sight on the Niagara River and throughout Western New York. Peregrine Falcons have also made a recovery, with seven nesting pairs along the Niagara River Corridor.



BIRDING WESTERN NEW YORK



Between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario there are many exciting ducks, geese, loons, and grebes to see. The Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is home to nesting Sandhill Cranes and more.

After the eclipse we will enjoy an owl prowl at Beaver Meadow. The Old Growth areas of Beaver Meadow are home to several pairs of curious Barred Owls that will come close to investigate the "strange owl" in their woods.

