



Experience America's Most Perfect Village With a Stay at The Otesaga Resort Hotel

Cooperstown, New York (June 23, 2026) – Dotted around the country are charming small towns that lay claim to being among the best in America – from “America’s Hometown” of Plymouth, Massachusetts, to “America’s Most Beautiful Small Town” of Bardstown, Kentucky, to “America’s Coolest Small Town” of Lititz, Pennsylvania. Though each of these places has its own bragging rights, we’re partial to “America’s Most Perfect Village” of Cooperstown, New York.

Small-town American charm is tenfold in this upstate New York destination, which is home to world-class attractions including the [National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum](#) and an award-winning historic lakeside resort called [The Otesaga Resort Hotel](#). Once you arrive here, you’ll only need your walking shoes to discover quaint shops filled with baseball memorabilia, mom-and-pop restaurants with all-American cuisine (yes, you’ll find hot dogs and burgers, fries and apple pie), and homes that have lovingly preserved their timeless 19th-century architecture.



“America’s Most Perfect Village” sits in upstate New York.

Credit: The Otesaga Resort Hotel

A stay at The Otesaga transports you to a bygone era while also providing modern luxuries. The resort offers daily history tours, an art tour showcasing its owner's love of American folk art, and one of the East Coast's most beautiful and challenging golf courses, [Leatherstocking Golf Course](#). You'll quickly understand why guests return here year after year, after taking in the resort's lakeside views and appreciating the nearly untouched scenery.

Otsego Lake's breathtaking views and the surrounding village were also the inspiration for America's first great novelist, James Fenimore Cooper, who's known for his Leatherstocking Tales series. The first book in the series, "The Pioneers," debuted in 1823, followed by Cooper's most popular novel, "The Last of the Mohicans." Published in 1826, that book is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. To mark the milestone, The Otesaga sells the novel in its namesake grab-and-go coffee shop, Mohican Market.

Museum-goers will also appreciate the village's two other major attractions, the [Fenimore Art Museum](#) and [Fenimore Farm and Country Village](#). A wide-ranging collection of American art fills the 1933 Neo-Colonial mansion of the Fenimore Art Museum, including its renowned Eugene and Clare Thaw Collection of American Indian Art. The museum's collection also includes the original documents relating to the [letters](#) that led to the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, as well as Hamilton's [death mask](#). While not currently on display, the collection can be viewed online.

Across the street, Fenimore Farm offers a look back at 19th-century rural life through interpretation at a historic village, working farmstead and thousands of artifacts. Fenimore Farm was once owned by James Fenimore Cooper and is home to the Empire State Carousel, which celebrates New York state's heritage, geography and prominent figures.

Throughout the year, The Otesaga offers overnight packages in partnership with the museums in town, as well as a pass that offers entry to all three Cooperstown museums. Currently, you can book the resort's [Double Play Package](#), which includes accommodations, tickets to the Baseball Hall of Fame and a souvenir mini-baseball bat with a logo.

To learn more about exploring America's Most Perfect Village through a stay at The Otesaga, please visit www.Otesaga.com.

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ABOUT THE OTESAGA RESORT HOTEL

The Otesaga, a 132-room resort, has appealed to travelers visiting Cooperstown's historic attractions for more than a century. Voted several times by *Conde Nast Traveler* readers as a top resort in the Northeast, the hotel has combined gracious hospitality, luxury accommodations and fine dining since 1909. The resort offers first-

class dining options, a spa and the 18-hole Leatherstocking Golf Course, which is ranked among the Top 100 public-access golf courses in the country by *Golfweek*. A member of the Historic Hotels of America and a AAA Four-Diamond hotel for 25 consecutive years, The Otesaga is open year-round.

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