

Suggested Itinerary: Maritime History

Erie has a rich and storied maritime history in particular during the War of 1812, in what is often referred to as Erie's proudest historical moment. Naval Commodore Oliver Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie and raised the flag emblazoned with the famous words "Don't Give Up the Ship".



Day One

Visit: Erie Maritime Museum

Learn about Erie's role during the War of 1812 and the Battle of Lake Erie, as well as Pennsylvania's contributions to the Great Lakes industry and the environment, and get hands-on with the Lettie G. Howard, a wooden Fredonia schooner built in 1893.

Eat: Oliver's Rooftop

Named after Erie's famous Commodore, Oliver's features spectacular waterfront views from the 8th floor of the Hampton Inn & Suites Erie Bayfront and extraordinary chef-inspired cuisine.

Visit: Erie Cemetery

Learn stories of the personal side of the War of 1812 and the Battle of Lake Erie including Erie pioneer Daniel Dobbins and many other brave soldiers.

Lodging Option: Hampton Inn & Suites Erie Bayfront

Day Two

Visit: Erie's Lighthouses

The Presque Isle and Erie Land Lighthouses feature panoramic views of Lake Erie and Presque Isle State Park. The North Pier Light is on the tip of the north pier which connects Lake Erie to Presque Isle Bay.

Eat: Syd's Place

Serving the community and its visitors since 1930, Syd's offers traditional comfort food classics and seafood specials in a spacious, comfortable setting.

Visit: Perry Monument at Presque Isle State Park

Built in 1926 to commemorate the Battle of Lake Erie, and the valor of the sailors in Commodore Perry's command, the monument and its surrounding interpretive panels tell the battle's story and Misery Bay.



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