Your weekend guide to the city of Syracuse

Armory Square, located in downtown Syracuse, is home to dozens of businesses including Pastabilities, Lemon Grass, the Landmark Theatre and Empire Brewing Co.

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Extending beyond the Syracuse University campus is a city full of culture. Between its 80-plus restaurants, expansive arts scene and massive mall, there’s plenty to do in Syracuse. If you decide to venture, don’t forget your student ID so you can cash in on student discounts.

**Dining and wining**

Dropping a pin in foodie heaven would bring you to the heart of downtown Syracuse with its variety of cuisines.
Several of the city’s restaurants have been featured on Food Network, including Empire Brewing Company, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, Eva’s European Sweets, Funk ‘n Waffles, Heid’s of Liverpool, Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub and Restaurant, Mother’s Cupboard Dinner and Fish Fry, Chocolate Pizza Company and Pastabilities.

If you want something exclusive to Syracuse, stop by Lemon Grass, Modern Malt, The York, With Love or Original Grain. No matter your craving, you will be satisfied.

At just a year old, Original Grain is making its mark on Syracuse, and the internet is loving it (https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/155453651512812/original-grain/?hl=en). For the health nut who likes beautiful food, every option is available — from vegetarian, gluten-free and vegan.

“If there is something you don’t see on the menu that you might like, we will work with you,” said Mark Letizia, Original Grain’s general manager.

For those looking for an alternative take on brunch, the restaurant holds Saturday hip-hop brunches with live DJs.

**Shop till you drop**

Syracuse is home to Destiny USA, the sixth largest shopping center in the country. The building has 2.4 million square feet of retail space and contains more than 250 stores and services under one roof.

“It’s all about the experience,” said Aiden McGuire, director of marketing for Destiny. “It’s so much broader than shopping.”

The third floor holds most of the mall’s entertainment spots: RPM Raceway, an indoor ropes course, laser tag, Funny Bone Comedy Club and Restaurant, Dave & Busters, bowling and an IMAX theater.

“We’ve seen our night life absolutely explode on the third level and it’s easy to tell why,” McGuire said.

But the real hidden gem at Destiny USA is the fun pass, McGuire said. The pass allows holders to experience the city beyond the mall by permitting free entry to the Museum of Science & Technology, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo and a game at the Carrier Dome.

**At the he(art) of it**

Syracuse is home to 38 museums, 24 parks and 32 historical centers waiting to be tapped into.

A replica of the first shot clock used in a professional basketball game rests in Armory Square. The only upside-down traffic light in the world is located on Tipperary Hill. And part of the Underground Railroad that existed under a church is open to the public thanks to the Onondaga Historical Association.
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