

12 Reasons Why Ithaca, New York Is The Best College Town In America

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Last week, the American Institute of Economic Research released its annual list of the best college towns in the country — [naming Ithaca, New York as the best destination for students](#).

Ithaca is home to both Cornell University and Ithaca College, and is truly a welcoming and comfortable setting for students. As a former four-year resident of the town, I could not agree more with the AIER's findings (I graduated from Cornell earlier this year).

Based on my own experiences, Ithaca is the perfect mixture of giving students everything they would want in a college experience and offering seemingly endless opportunities to explore a unique local culture.

It's the most cliched line anyone has ever said about the city, but it's also true — Ithaca's gorges are gorgeous, as is much of the surrounding area.

The gorges, waterfalls, and green hills of Ithaca not only make great scenery, but also give the local area a cool calling card and a fun place to explore — just make sure you're staying safe.