THINGS TO DO
WHEN YOU VISIT CORNELL

☐ Wander through the many beautiful gardens and hidden nooks on campus. Take a rest in Wee Stinky Glen, enjoy Minns Garden (in front of Plant Sciences), and see the Farrand Garden in full bloom behind the A. D. White House.

☐ Climb the 161 steps of McGraw Tower and watch a chimesmaster at work.

☐ Visit the I. M. Pei–designed Johnson Museum of Art, home of Cornell’s extensive, global art collection. Head up to the fifth floor to take in a spectacular view of Cayuga Lake and Ithaca’s hills and valleys.

☐ Go to an ice hockey game and cheer for the Big Red!

☐ Cornell lore says that if a couple walks around Beebe Lake hand in hand, they’ll end up together. Enjoy this (mostly) flat one-mile loop between North Campus and the College of Human Ecology.

☐ Bowl a few frames at Helen Newman Lanes.

☐ Visit the Hartell Gallery in Sibley Dome. After taking in the art, go down to the Green Dragon for a cup of coffee and listen to architecture students banter about their latest studio projects.

☐ Stop in at 626 Thurston Ave., home to resource centers, advising units, and affinity groups that comprise the Dean of Students Diversity and Inclusion portfolio. Visit the various spaces open for your student to enjoy.

☐ Tour our solar system on the Sagan Planet Walk, beginning downtown on the Ithaca Commons.

☐ Go on a campus tour and ask about the Ostrander Elms memorial and other Cornelliana.

☐ See a campus theater or music production, or catch a student improv, a cappella, or dance group.

☐ Visit the third floor of the Space Sciences Building to touch a meteorite.

☐ Visit the Cornell Costume and Textile Collection showcasing 300 years of design on display in the College of Human Ecology.

☐ Enjoy Cornell-made ice cream at the Cornell Dairy Bar.

☐ The Cornell Botanic Gardens are adjacent to campus, yet they take you to a world apart, with native plantings, spectacular gardens, natural areas, and one of Ithaca’s best sledding hills. Start at the Nevin Welcome Center for trail guides.

☐ Watch an Ithaca sunset from the top of Libe Slope.

☐ Go to the ROTC museum in Barton Hall to view World War I uniforms, photos, and memorabilia.

☐ Tie on some skates and hit the ice at Lynah Rink.

☐ Pick up a cup of locally roasted Gimme! Coffee at Gates Hall. Then take a walk through the Engineering Quad and check your watch’s time against the sundial.

☐ Sit in Sage Chapel and admire the stained glass windows, then find the wall plaque quoting Charlotte’s Web, by Cornell 1921 alumnus E. B. White.
View historical labor photos in the Kheel Center collections at Catherwood Library and appreciate the improvements in labor standards and safety we have today, due to the work of the ILR school.

Play frisbee on the Arts Quad . . . or juggle, sit on the steps of Goldwin Smith Hall, listen to the chimes, or get a photo in A. D. White’s lap.

Visit the Heasley Mineralogy Museum and touch a fossilized dinosaur footprint in Snee Hall.

On a clear Friday night, visit the Fuertes Observatory to watch the stars and planets.

Go to the Rare and Manuscript Collections in Kroch Library—home to Cornell’s greatest archival treasures—and enjoy current exhibits and displays.

Shake the hand of Cornell’s president.

Watch a classic film at Cornell Cinema.

Visit the College of Agriculture and Life Science’s Mann Library, where you can sample one of Cornell Orchards’ apples from a vending machine offering old favorites and brand-new varieties, participate in a student-led research experiment, or explore Mann’s makerspace.

Get a snack from one of the hot trucks on North or West Campus or in Collegetown.

Head to one of Ithaca’s many waterfalls at one of the nearby state parks—Taughannock, Treman, and Buttermilk—or stop by Ithaca Falls, right downtown.

Check out the bugs and butterflies in Comstock Hall.

Grab a bite to eat in one of the Statler Hotel’s eateries. You will likely be served by a Hotelie, who may very well become one of the hotel industry’s next leaders.

Visit Uris Library, Cornell’s central undergraduate library, where students gather in “The Fishbowl” and are inspired by the beauty within the A. D. White Library.

Take a rest outside The Cornell Store on the Centennial Memorial bench, which commemorates the founding at Cornell of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first intercollegiate fraternity of African American men.

Visit one of the campus war memorials that honor Cornell’s graduates, beginning with the World War I War Memorial in the cloister between Lyon and McFadden Halls.

Attend a lecture by a world-renowned Cornell faculty member and gain a sense of why your student loves attending Cornell.

Handpick some apples or pick up some fresh cider from the Cornell Orchards.

Visit the Lindseth Climbing Wall in Bartels Hall and watch students practice climbing and bouldering.

Dine in the Risley Dining Room, modeled after the Christ Church Refectory at Oxford University.

Visit the Lab of Ornithology and hike the trails at Sapsucker Woods.

Enjoy a cup of soup from the Temple of Zeus in Klarman Hall. You’ll feel immersed in the humanities while you dine among faculty and students as plaster casts of Venus, Nike, and other statues look down.

Visit the Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room to read the inspirational words of Willard Straight.

Hit some balls at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course.

Attend Convocation and Commencement.