

CENTER STAGE

JAMESTOWN/BEMUS POINT, NY ESTIMATED TOUR TIME – 2 DAYS

CHAUTAUQUA REGION OF WESTERN NEW YORK

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This complete tour is only available four weekends in the fall but variations are available year-round.



Day One: Check into your rooms at the Comfort Inn, just off I-86, Exit 12. Freshen up, and then head for a wonderful dinner in the Lucy-Desi Center's Tropicana Room, a replica of the nightclub where Ricky Ricardo led his orchestra. While dining, watch the "I Love Lucy" episode, "Lucy Writes a Play."



After dinner, it's off to the Lucille Ball Little Theater of Jamestown for a performance.



Day Two: Start with a tour of the restored Reg Lenna Civic Center, formerly known as the Palace Theatre. It was here that Lucy's grandfather, Fred Hunt, used to bring young Lucy for vaudeville theatre and where she was bitten by the show business bug. In 1956, "Forever Darling" premiered at the Palace, and Lucy and Desi returned to Jamestown for the event.



Next, tour the Desilu Playhouse, devoted to "I Love Lucy", and the Lucy-Desi Museum, full of family memorabilia, including Lucy's 1972 Mercedes. Lunch is on your own at any of half a dozen restaurants within two blocks of the Center. Then it's back on the bus for a guided Lucy-town Tour to see the house where Lucy was born, the home where she grew up, Celoron Park, and more, ending at the cemetery where Lucy and several family members are buried.