

history & culture

Carry on a tradition of learning in Chautauqua County by experiencing local history and culture as you take part in interactive tours through historic mansions, the Amish countryside, and lakeside assembly camps.

2-3 Day Itinerary Suggestions:

Day 1—Fenton History Center *(estimated stop time: 2 hours)*

What to Learn:

- Historic and contemporary photographs, primary documents, artifacts and hands-on exhibits tell the stories of one of the few slave captures in Western N.Y. and the risks local black families took to help freedom seekers. Also, learn about Catherine Harris, a free black who became one of the most well-known, local operators on the Underground Railroad.
- Learn about the local life of Lucille Ball through an ongoing exhibit that focuses on her early years in Jamestown and Celoron and her return trips to the area throughout her career. Included are restricted photographs taken by her friend Marion Strong VanVlack, showing a touching, and human aspect of this internationally loved comedian.



Fenton History Center
67 Washington Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
Phone: (716) 664-6256
www.fentonhistorycenter.org



Day 1—Robert H. Jackson Center *(estimated stop time: 2 hours)*

What to Learn:

- Learn about the life of former Chautauqua County resident turned United States Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, most famously known for his prosecution of Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg Trials after World War II and setting the standards for international law as we know them today.
- Observe the beautiful and elegant architecture of the former Kent Family Mansion through a personalized tour. In addition, view a growing collection of artifacts, papers, and historical items related to World War II, the Nuremberg Trials, and the life and ideas of Justice Jackson.

Robert H. Jackson Center
305 East Fourth Street
Jamestown, NY 14701
Phone: (716) 483-6646
www.roberthjackson.org

More Suggestions—Chautauqua Belle History *(estimated stop time: 2 hours)*

- Board a crown jewel of Chautauqua Lake, as the 19th century replica steamboat takes you on a first-hand, narrated journey of the history of Chautauqua Lake and its surrounding shores. In addition, enjoy lunch, evening, or cocktails cruises, while taking in breathtaking panoramic views of Chautauqua Lake.

NOTE: *Please call ahead or visit the website for tour times, pricing, and reservations.*



Phone: (716) 269-2355
www.269belle.com

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866-908-4569, www.tourchautauqua.com


The World's Learning Center
Chautauqua
County New York

History/Culture – 2-3 Day Itinerary Suggestions

Day 2—Fisher’s Amish Tours OR Amish Flair Tours (estimated stop time: 4 hours for each)

What to Learn—Fisher’s Amish Tours:

- Take part in an unforgettable, authentic Amish experience, as you tour scenic back country roads and observe, first-hand, the old-fashioned ways and simple life style of the Amish.
- Knowledgeable guides will share fascinating information and make stops at Amish owned shops such as the rug shop, where you can see the 1800’s looms still used today and the candy shop, where delicious chocolates and creamy goat’s milk fudge are made fresh on-site.

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Fisher’s Amish Tours
10 Jamestown Street
Randolph, NY 14772
Phone: (716) 358-9730
www.fishersamish.com

What to Learn—Amish Flair Tours:

- Observe farming as it was practiced in the 1800s by touring the beautiful Carrier and Ives countryside. Learn about the customs, history, and culture of the Old Amish Order Community in Western New York, while also shopping for homemade quilts, breads, jams, maple syrup, and other Amish crafts and delights.
- Take part in a unique Amish Style Luncheon at the Cherry Creek Inn, featuring recipes for succulent baked chicken, coleslaw, macaroni and potato salad, and pies and breads from an Amish baker.

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Amish Flair Tours
1022 West Road
Cherry Creek, NY 14723
Phone: (716) 962-3412
www.cherrycreekinn.net



Lily Dale Assembly
5 Melrose Park
Lily Dale, NY 14752
Phone: (716) 595-8721
www.lilydaleassembly.com

Day 3—Lily Dale Assembly (estimated stop time: 2-3 hours)

What to Learn:

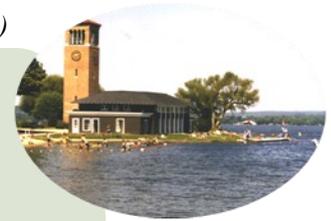
- Explore and experience opportunities to expand your knowledge and intuition at the world’s largest center for spiritual development and the practice of the Spiritualist religion.
- World-renown for activities featuring best-selling authors, leaders in academic and scientific research into psychic phenomena, as well as powerful mediums, teachers and healers, Lily Dale offers a full schedule of workshops, lectures and seminars to help deepen faith, heighten awareness, and attain enlightenment.

Day 3—Chautauqua Institution Historic Walking Tour (estimated stop time: 3-4 hours)

What to Learn:

- Experience the beauty and splendor of Chautauqua Institution, as you walk through the 750 acre grounds that hold both historical and architectural significance.
- On the National Register of Historic Places, history can be witnessed at every turn at the Institution. Visit famous sites, such as Bestor Plaza, the Amphitheater, Miller Bell Tower, and the Athenaeum Hotel or stop by some of the many libraries, studios, and lecture halls you will encounter along your walk.

NOTE: Pick up a self-guided walking tour book in the Chautauqua bookstore, open year-round in Bestor Plaza.



Chautauqua Institution
One Ames Avenue
Chautauqua, NY 14722
Phone: (716) 357-2161
www.ciweb.org

More Suggestions—Dunkirk Historic Lighthouse (estimated stop time: 1.5 hours)

- This 61-foot historic tower still utilizes its original third order Fresnel lens with a 27-mile range, making it one of the most prominent sites on the shores of Lake Erie. The Veteran’s Museum located at the Lighthouse offers an extensive collection of military and maritime artifacts, as well as maps of famous shipwrecks in the surrounding waters of Lake Erie.



Phone: (716) 366-5050
www.dunkirkighthouse.com

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