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Courtesy The Corning Museum of Glass

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This tour of the southern tier of New York will have you laughing out loud and marveling at the spectacular sites and moments. From Lucille Ball to the Fastest Man on Earth to awe inspiring waterfalls, this tour will fill you full of laughter, amazement and fun.

ITINERARY

Four Days | Three Nights

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DAY 1

ARRIVE IN JAMESTOWN

Enjoy Lunch in the **Tropicana Room**, a re-creation of Ricky Ricardo's night club from the iconic *I Love Lucy* show.

After lunch tour the **Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum**, see the nostalgic sets and many of the props used in the *I Love Lucy* show, hear some back stories and try your hand at the famous Vitameatavegamin skit!

Following the Lucy Museums, head on over to Jamestown's newest attraction, the new **National Comedy Center**! This amazing 37,000 square foot museum (recently quoted by *Conde Nast Traveler* as being "One of the Best Museums in the Country Today") has over 50 interactive exhibits all related to comedy in every form. For those who love artifacts and memorabilia, view the vast collections of world's most famous comedian's possessions from Lenny Bruce's trench coat and George Carlin's entire collection of material to the famous Puffy Shirt from *Seinfeld*.

CHECK-IN HOTEL

DINNER

DAY 2 *(Breakfast at hotel. Check out)*

ARRIVE IN HAMMONDSPORT—*Budget Travel's Coolest Small Town in America*

Start the day touring the **Glenn Curtis Museum** where you will discover the fascinating story of Glenn H Curtiss. You might not have read about him in any history books, despite his being a motorcycle pioneer, daredevil, and "fastest man on earth," or despite his eventually being called the Father of the American Aviation Industry and Father of Naval Aviation, but you will know his name after the tour.

The story of **Bull Hill Winery** begins back in 1878 when Walter Taylor's grandfather started the Taylor Wine Company in the small town of Hammondsport, on a steep hill overlooking Keuka Lake. The very same plot of land Bully Hill stands on today. With an exceptional restaurant offering a delicious lunch menu, fun, irreverent tastings daily, two gift shops, and more, Bully Hill has become a destination in and of itself.

Established in 1860, **Pleasant Valley Wine Company** was also the first winery in the country to win an award in Europe for American Sparkling Wine (way back in 1867) which is why they can still call their sparkling vintages "champagne." Pleasant Valley Wine Company is the oldest winery in the region and the first bonded winery in the entire country.

Interested in stepping back in time? You can revisit a bygone era and explore eight gorgeous buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places on one of Pleasant Valley's daily tours (seasonal). Get a feel for the grandeur and extravagance that was prevalent before Prohibition, back when the winery saw visitors daily.

DEPART FOR CORNING *(Check-in one of Corning's downtown hotels)*

Dinner on own on **Corning's Gaffer District**. With over 100 boutiques, antique stores, specialty shops, art galleries, glass studios, and restaurants there's a lot to discover in Corning's Gaffer District.



Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum



National Comedy Center



Glenn H. Curtiss Museum

Courtesy Stu Gallagher



Ravines Wine Cellar



Innovation Center

DAY 3 *(Breakfast at hotel and Check out)*

Discover 35 centuries of glass art, science and innovation at **The Corning Museum of Glass**. Experience the wonder of glassmaking through daily narrated demonstrations, and interactive exhibits. **Enjoy lunch** in the onsite Café offering fresh, made-to-order selections we special group dining options. Save time for shopping in one of the largest museum shops in the U.S.

DEPART FOR ITHACA - ARRIVE IN ITHACA

Upon your arrival to Ithaca, be welcomed by the cascading **Buttermilk Falls!** The largest of the falls along Buttermilk Creek, the falls plunge 600 feet to the valley, converging into a beautiful basin. You don't need to hike to enjoy the view, but for real beauty, climb the stairs into the heart of the gorge. A great first photo for your small group!

Next, sample wine at Ithaca's own **Six Mile Creek Vineyard** in a hilltop tasting room overlooking a picturesque pond and vineyards. Be sure to sip some of their spirits made exclusively from wine grapes.

Check into one of the many **group friendly hotels** to rest and refresh before dinner. The Ithaca CVB is happy to help locate the perfect lodging option for your group.

Dine as a group at the elegant **ZaZa's Cucina**, serving classic Italian with a contemporary twist, or share some laughs in the casual atmosphere of **Agava Restaurant**, farm to table cuisine with southwest inspiration.

Leave room for dessert! Serving ample portions of original recipe, small batch ice cream, grab a scoop at local favorite, **Purity Ice Cream**. Ithaca is the birthplace of the ice cream sundae, after all!

Return to your hotel for the evening. You've got a big day tomorrow!

DAY 4 *(Breakfast at hotel and Check out)*

Start your morning at the 150ft **Ithaca Falls**, right in the heart of the city. At 175ft wide, the falls are one of the region's mightiest.

Tour the extensive gardens and arboretum of the **Cornell Botanic Gardens**. Experience living displays of botanical diversity on your own or with a guide. Be sure to save time for the gift shop at the Nevins Welcome Center, full of nature inspired treasures.

Stroll the **Downtown Ithaca Commons**, a unique pedestrian center lined with some of the city's most historic architectural facades. Specialty shops, boutiques, micro-retail spaces and a wide variety of dining make the Commons the centerpiece of Ithaca. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of Restaurant Row's diverse options.

After a scenic lakeside drive, get ready to be awed! Highlighting one of the most outstanding views in the region, 215ft **Taughannock Falls** is three stories taller than Niagara Falls. Carving a 400ft deep gorge through layers of sandstone, shale and limestone, this steep-walled gorge was carved by ice, thousands of years ago and was once the bed of an ancient sea. Take time for pictures at the **Taughannock Falls Overlook**.

End your time in the Ithaca area with a favorite stop on every tour! Meet the "kids" at a **Lively Run Dairy**, a family owned goat dairy farm. Learn how high-quality goat cheese is made, and of course stay for the tasting!



Buttermilk Falls, Ithaca



Cornell's Botanic Gardens



Taughannock Falls



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