

Student History Trip Itinerary

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Day 1

Genesee Country Village & Museum

9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Start your day at **Genesee Country Village & Museum** (open mid-May through Columbus Day) where history comes alive! Spend the day exploring this 19th-century American village—the largest and most comprehensive living history museum in New York State and the third-largest in the country. Featuring restored historic buildings with costumed interpreters, students learn about trades, crafts, cooking, and agriculture in settings that include the Pioneer Farmstead, George Eastman’s boyhood home (Eastman was the founder of Eastman Kodak Co.), Hosmer’s Inn, the octagon-shaped Hyde House, and more. Voted ninth in the “Top Places to Take Kids in Rochester” survey by KidsOutandAbout.com, this outdoor museum offers both unguided and guided tours. Guided tours are available late April through early May and feature a costumed-chaperon-led tour of six different buildings and hands-on activities. While at Genesee Country Village & Museum tour the John L. Wehle Gallery, which features some of the world’s best sporting and wildlife art, a fishing exhibit, and a superb costume and coverlet collection. The experience includes a 30-minute break to enjoy a scrumptious boxed lunch, prepared in-house. Depart Genesee Country Village & Museum at 1 p.m.



National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House

1:45–3 p.m.

Disembark at the **National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House** where you will discover Anthony’s lifelong struggle to gain voting rights for women and equal rights for all. Explore the home where the legendary American civil rights leader spent the 40 most politically active years of her life. This home is also the site of her famous arrest for voting in 1872 and served as the headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage Association during her term as president. Anthony died at the home in 1906 at age 86, following her “Failure is Impossible” speech in Baltimore. Depart the National Susan B. Anthony Museum and House at 3 p.m.



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George Eastman Museum

3:15–5 p.m.

Your experience continues at the **George Eastman Museum**. This international treasure encompasses one of the world's foremost collections of photography and cinema, including the preeminent collection of photographic and cinematographic technology. The museum is located on the National Historic Landmark estate of entrepreneur and philanthropist George Eastman, who was the founder of Eastman Kodak Co., a pioneer of popular photography, and a leader in the development of motion picture film. Depart the George Eastman Museum at 5 p.m.



Radisson Rochester Riverside or Holiday Inn Rochester Downtown

5:15–6:45 p.m.

Check in and freshen up at either the **Radisson Rochester Riverside** or the **Holiday Inn Rochester Downtown**. Experience contemporary hospitality, centrally located in the heart of downtown Rochester. Guests will enjoy picturesque settings alongside the scenic Genesee River and outstanding amenities including complimentary high-speed, wireless Internet; seasonal, heated outdoor pool; vending and ice machines on every floor; and on-site dining. Complimentary motor coach parking and breakfast buffet is included in your stay. Depart hotel at 7 p.m.



LASERTRON

7–9 p.m.

Head on over to **LASERTRON** where groups will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner featuring a choice of assorted of gourmet burgers, savory sandwiches and wraps, specialty pizzas, chicken wings, salads, and tasty desserts. After dinner, it's time to split into teams and embrace your competitive spirit in one of the biggest and most advanced laser tag arenas in New York State. Each arena is multi-level and more than 9,000 square feet. Try your hand at Cyber Sport, a highly competitive two-team game that's a combination of lacrosse and basketball played on maneuverable cyber cars. Depart for hotel at 9 p.m.

Day 2

Breakfast

7:30–8:45 a.m.

After breakfast at hotel, embark on a historical tour of the City of Rochester.

Tour of Rochester

9–10:45 a.m.

Your guide will meet you at your hotel for a combination driving and walking tour of the **City of Rochester**. See the mighty Genesee River, the Erie Canal, and Rochester's High Falls area.

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Eastman Theatre

10:45 a.m.–Noon

Your city tour ends at the historic **Eastman Theatre**. Since its opening in 1922, Eastman Theatre has been regarded as Rochester’s preeminent performance space. Throughout its history, Eastman School of Music students have frequently shared the stage with some of the world’s greatest musicians and conductors. Your guided tour of this magnificent theatre will explore its rich history and detailed architecture. Built by Eastman Kodak Co. founder George Eastman as a center for music, dance, and silent film with orchestral and organ accompaniment, it serves as the primary concert hall for the Eastman School’s larger ensembles and the principal hall for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. An architectural gem, its opulent décor reflects the taste and elegance of the 1920s. Depart Eastman Theatre at noon.



The Strong National Museum of Play

12:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

Your next stop is **The Strong National Museum of Play**. Spend the afternoon exploring the only collections-based museum in the world devoted to the history and exploration of play. Named the “Number One Family Destination in the United States” by *FamilyFun* magazine, The Strong is one of the largest history museums in the United States and Western New York’s largest cultural attraction. Open year round and spanning more than a city block, the museum holds the world’s largest collection of toys, dolls, and games, and features two floors of vibrant exhibit spaces that include an indoor butterfly garden, a retro arcade, the National Toy Hall of Fame, and so much more. The experience begins with a welcome and museum overview and includes general admission, butterfly garden admission, lunch in the food court at your leisure (\$10 voucher), five game tokens, and 10% discount in the Everything for Play gift shop. The Strong offers a guided tour that highlights must-see artifacts from the museum’s world renowned collection. Learn the stories behind these toys and how they illuminate American cultural history. Depart The Strong at 5:15 p.m.



Hotel for Dinner

5:30–7:45 p.m.

Return to your hotel and get ready for dinner. On the menu this evening is the garbage plate—a favorite Rochester meal.

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Dryden Theatre at George Eastman Museum

8 p.m.–10 p.m.

Enjoy a movie at the historic **Dryden Theatre at George Eastman Museum**. The 500-seat Dryden Theatre is the premier exhibition space for the art of cinema as championed and interpreted by the George Eastman Museum. Presenting film screenings every day of the week, the Dryden is devoted to showing all films in their original formats, thus honoring and reproducing their historical—and aesthetically supreme—modes of exhibition. It is one of the very few theaters in the world equipped for the projection of original nitrate film that also makes nitrate film screenings part of its regular program. Since its curtain was raised in 1951, the Dryden Theatre has supported the growth of the museum's moving image collection, provided a forum for discussion on the history of the medium, and screened more than 16,000 titles. The Dryden has hosted hundreds of cinema's most talented directors, cinematographers, actors, animators, critics, and others, serving as a meeting place for those who practice the art of making film and their audiences. Return to your hotel at 10 p.m.

Day 3

Breakfast

7 a.m.–9:15 a.m.

Breakfast and hotel check out. Depart for Ganondagan at 9:30 a.m.

Ganondagan and the Seneca Art and Interpretive Cultural Center

10 a.m.–Noon

Arrive in **Ganondagan** and the **Seneca Art and Interpretive Cultural Center**. Explore a Native American community and historic site where thousands of Seneca lived 300 years ago. Tour a full-size replica of a 17th-century Seneca bark longhouse, walk miles of self-guided trails, climb the mesa where a huge palisaded granary stored hundreds-of-thousands of bushels of corn, and learn about the destruction of Ganondagan, Town of Peace, in 1687. As one of the six nations comprising the Iroquois Confederacy, discover how the Seneca's democratic ideals served as an inspiration for the U.S. Constitution and how the Seneca's matriarchal society helped inspired the 1848 declaration of sentiments that eventually lead to a woman's right to vote. Learn how the Seneca developed one of the world's most healthy cuisines using natural foods still popular today, and the natural medicines they used to treat illnesses. Depart for home at noon.



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