Day 1—Friday or Saturday

Genesee Country Village and Museum
5–7 p.m.

Take part in an event that harkens to the Christmases of yesteryear with the Genesee Country Village and Museum’s Yuletide in the Country tour. The year is 1849 and New York has just declared Christmas an official state holiday. The snow-covered historic village is abuzz with activity as the villagers first hear this news and begin their Christmas preparations. Your nighttime lantern-lit tour, led by a costumed guide, takes you to homes and businesses of these villagers, where you will take in music, dancing, and family traditions, including the lighting of the Christmas tree. (Guests must be prepared to walk and stand for the tour’s entirety including through uneven walkways and steep stairs. The tour is not recommended for those who find it difficult to walk or stand and is not recommended for infants or children under 10 years of age.) Depart Genesee Country Village and Museum at 7 p.m.

Woodcliff Hotel and Spa
7:45 p.m.

Arrive and check-in at Woodcliff Hotel and Spa where breathtaking views, festive holiday lights, and a tastefully decorated 20-foot Christmas tree await you. Afterward enjoy a seasonal dinner in the hotel’s Horizon’s Restaurant. Marvel at the handmade gingerbread house display created by the pastry chef, and delight in live entertainment at Horizons Lounge after dinner.

Day 2—Saturday or Sunday

Breakfast
7:45–8:45 a.m.

Savor a sumptuous breakfast buffet at the hotel while taking in the beautiful winter scenery. Depart the Woodcliff Hotel and Spa at 9 a.m. for a second day of festive fun.
Yuletide Memories Holiday Tour
Playfully Produced by The Strong

Memorial Art Gallery
9:30–10:50 a.m.

Arrive at the Memorial Art Gallery (MAG) and experience the magical works of internationally acclaimed artist M.C. Escher in Reality and Illusion, on view November 13, 2016 to January 29, 2017. Drawn from the world’s second-largest private collection of Escher’s work, Reality and Illusion includes early figure drawings, lesser-known book illustrations, detailed Italian landscapes, the “tessellations” for which he became famous, and several examples of Escher’s signature architectural fantasies in which stairways seem to go both up and down. Next, explore MAG’s incredible galleries and see the only full-size antique Italian organ in North America—with 600 pipes and lavishly carved, painted and gilded 22-foot case—and hear a mini recital (with prior arrangement). Take festive holiday photos in the museum’s beautiful Pavilion. Then shop to your heart’s content in the MAG gift shop where you will find unique gifts handcrafted by more than 75 regional artists. Each guest on the tour receives 10% off one item. Before you depart, work with one of MAG’s teaching artists and create your own holiday card. Depart at 10:50 a.m. for the George Eastman Museum.

George Eastman Museum
11 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

George Eastman Museum is Rochester’s home for the holidays. For more than two decades the museum has hosted Sweet Creations—an exquisite display of dozens of cleverly designed and deliciously decorated gingerbread houses and objects. Sweet Creations—on view November 4 through December 14—is one of the Rochester community’s most beloved holiday traditions. Over the years, the display has featured hundreds of memorable gingerbread designs including houses of all sizes, famous landmarks, trains, cars, and even cameras. The imaginative and talented designers—which include bakers, chefs, caterers, schools, scout troops, and families—have inspired countless visitors to try their hands at gingerbread creations at home. And as is customary for the season, the historic house will be festively decorated inside and out. Depart at 12:20 p.m. for Casa Larga Vineyard.
### Yuletide Memories Holiday Tour

**Casa Larga Vineyard**

1–2:45 p.m.

Arrive at **Casa Larga Vineyard**’s beautiful estate, elaborately decorated for the holiday season. Guests will be welcomed with a glass of hot mulled wine and then treated to a delicious Italian holiday lunch in a private room. Following the meal, guests will head to the vineyard to discover the history of Casa Larga, and learn more about the grapes grown at the winery and why the Finger Lakes region of New York State is a prime grape growing location. Then it’s off to learn about harvesting, fermentation, and the aging process in the Cellar; and to the Barrel Room and the bottling line to learn the fascinating process of ice wine making. Finally, head upstairs to the Tasting Room and learn the five S’s of wine tasting—see, swirl, smell, sip, and savor. Be sure to stop by the gift shop before you depart and take advantage of sale prices on fabulous holiday baskets. Depart at 2:45 p.m. to return to the hotel.

### Woodcliff Hotel and Spa

3–4 p.m.

Return to the hotel and refresh. Depart at 4 p.m. for The Strong National Museum of Play.

### The Strong National Museum of Play

4:30–5:45 p.m.

Holidays come alive when you enter **The Strong National Museum of Play**—the nation’s museum of play and home to the world’s largest collection of toys, dolls, board games, and electronic games. Relive your childhood as you discover vibrant, interactive exhibit spaces and extensive artifact displays that invite guests to explore the many ways play encourages learning, creativity, and discovery. Among the many treasures on view during the holiday season are a four-story illuminated doll house, Miller Manor, decorated floor to ceiling for the holidays; Thomas Nast’s original 1847 painting of The Jolly Good Fellow that is based on Clement Moore’s 1823 poem “A Visit From St. Nicholas”; and the toys beloved by generations of Americans on display in The Strong’s National Toy Hall of Fame. Feel like Santa as you load up on wonderful and unique toys and more in the museum’s Everything for Play! shop. Depart at 5:45 p.m. for dinner at the West Edge Restaurant.
### West Edge Restaurant

**6–7 p.m.**

A wonderful dining experience awaits at the **West Edge Restaurant**. Proprietor Carrie Beagle and her team create and serve delicious meals while guests enjoy amazing views of the City of Rochester skyline and the historic Genesee River. Depart at 7 p.m. for Geva Theatre Center.

### Geva Theatre Center

**7:15–9:30 p.m.**

Spend an enjoyable two hours (including intermission) of live entertainment at Rochester’s equity theater, **Geva Theatre Center**. Choose a performance of *A Christmas Carol* or *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, both on stage during the month of December. *A Christmas Carol*, the Charles Dickens classic tale of redemption, is adapted and directed to critical acclaim by Geva’s artistic director Mark Cuddy, with music and lyrics by Gregg Coffin. It is the heartwarming story of how Ebenezer Scrooge, the most despised man in London, learns the true meaning of the Christmas season. *The Marvelous Wonderettes* is based on the book by Roger Bean and is directed by Melissa Rain Anderson. It transports guests to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy and Suzy are the “Springfield Songleaders”—four girls with big voices, big skirts, and big dreams. Then fast forward to their 10-year high school reunion where the girls take the stage performing more than 30 classic hits from the 1950s and 1960s. Depart for the hotel at 9:30 p.m.

### Day 3—Sunday or Monday

**Breakfast**

**8 a.m.**

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, check out of the hotel, and depart for home.