

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

TRAINS OF NEW ENGLAND 8-DAY

SUN-SUN OCT 10– 17, 2021

Departures, as applicable, from Westlake, Elyria, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood, Willoughby, Ashtabula.

SUNDAY – Welcome to one of our most popular fall foliage tours, a full eight days in length, and also one of the more inclusive. We've been close to being sold out almost every year since we introduced this tour five years ago. Along the way we will be visiting Herkimer, New York, named after the German immigrants who settled in this area in 1722. At Gems Along the Mohawk we'll board the Lil' Diamond for a 1-1/2 hour cruise, traveling through one of the area's locks and then returning to the dock for a chef-prepared dinner before we check into the Burrstone Inn in New Hartford this evening. **(D)**



MONDAY – After breakfast, we will be traveling into Boston where we will be meeting our Guide at Quincy Market and seeing highlights of this vibrant city, learning about the districts of the city including the Back Bay where you will find so many beautiful brownstones, each with its own unique architectural design. Our groups generally see Beacon Hill, the gold-domed Old Statehouse, once headquarters for English governors, Boston Common, Old North Church and, later, the site where the Declaration of Independence was read to the waiting citizens of Boston. We'll be making a stop at Quincy Market, feeling the cobblestones beneath your feet at a marketplace that has played an integral role in the life of Boston's residents. You can enjoy the roaming performers and the wonderfully diverse ethnic foods available to you. There are a hundred shops, carts and artisans offering treasures that you can take home with you. Afterwards, we will be checking into the DoubleTree Inn in Andover, Massachusetts. **(B)**



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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.



TUESDAY – Following breakfast at the hotel, we will be boarding the **Amtrak Downeaster** to travel to Maine; this train has a snack bar on board. We will be enjoying a narrated coach tour of the coastal villages of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. We will be passing the sandy beaches and rocky coastline, seeing the George Bush Estate at Walker's Point. A stop will be made for lunch at Dock Square. This afternoon we will be traveling to Ogunquit, which translates into "*beautiful place by the sea*". Along the way there will be about an hour for shopping in Perkins Cove, the start of the Marginal Way shoreline with a pretty drawbridge, boutiques and bobbing lobster boats.



This evening we will be staying at the Meadowmere Resort in Ogunquit, Maine, being greeted with a wine & cheese reception.

Please note that some of the rooms, with an even better view, are on the second floor of the Resort, which has stairs in lieu of an elevator. Please advise if you need a lower-level room when signing up.

What better way is there to begin this part of your vacation than a lobster bake dinner with sing-along entertainment at the highly-rated Foster's Downeast Clambake? You will be served your pre-selected entrée:



- **Whole Maine Lobster**
- **BBQ Chicken**
- **Vegetarian Polenta with Roasted Vegetables and Marinara**

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WEDNESDAY – After breakfast we will arrive at the **Conway Scenic Railway** to board the **Notch Train**, traveling over what was once the Maine Central Railroad's famed Mountain Division line, dating back to the 1870s. Enjoy some of the most dramatic natural scenery in the East as you travel through spectacular Crawford Notch – past sheer bluffs, steep ravines, cascading brooks and streams, panoramic mountain vistas, across Frankenstein Trestle and Willey Brook Bridge – enroute to Crawford station.

As you travel through this rugged terrain, you can begin to appreciate what a remarkable engineering achievement constructing this railroad was over 140 years ago. Live commentary onboard includes history and folklore of the railroad and area, as well as points of interest that you will be viewing, including the cascading brooks & streams, panoramic mountain vistas and Willey Brook Bridge. We've even included a box lunch aboard the train today.



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This afternoon, we will be touring the Rocks Estate, a 1,400-acre property, best known as a New Hampshire Christmas tree farm, a company that harvests over 5,000 trees each year. We will be discovering the sweet process of creating maple syrup with a special recipe that dates back to the early times of the Native Americans. They also manufacture the “*Infamous Pickles*” and hand-picked Christmas trees that are shipped to folks who buy them online. Our rooms will be at the Mountain Club on Loon in the foothills of the White Mountains of New Hampshire. **(B, L, D)**

THURSDAY – We will be enjoying breakfast and then heading out along the Kancamagus Highway, a scenic route through the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Along the way we will be touring the Mount Washington Resort Luxury Hotel, completed in 1902. Two hundred and fifty Italian craftsmen, skilled in masonry and woodworking, were brought to Bretton Woods and housed on the grounds during the construction. This hotel has hosted countless celebrities, including Thomas Edison, Babe Ruth and three U.S. Presidents. A soup and sandwich buffet

lunch is included today before we board the **Cog Railway**, the world’s first mountain-climbing cog train. Powered by steam or diesel, these trains climb to the summit of Mount Washington to view the scenery from the summit during this three-hour excursion. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, L, D)**

FRIDAY – After breakfast we will travel through Vermont to the Berkshires. We arrive in Bennington for our Noon lunch at the Publyk House Restaurant, saving our “dessert appetite” for a mid-afternoon stop . . . after our visit to **Hemmings Automobilia**, a former Sunoco filling station with memorabilia and automotive memories, including 25 vintage collector vehicles, unique reproduction porcelain signs, die-cast models, pedal cars and artwork. We’ll be served our dessert today at the Bennington Apple Barn, a 300-acre orchard with some of the most spectacular scenery in Southern Vermont. Upon our arrival



in the Berkshires, we will check into our hotel in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Dinner is included. **(B, L, D)**

SATURDAY – Following breakfast we will embark on a Fall Foliage Leaf-Peeper Tour with a drive through Stockbridge. Fall foliage in New England is one of nature’s most extraordinary spectacles, especially as we travel the scenic backroads with our Guide. The Berkshire Hills are alive with color . . . **bright reds, oranges** and **yellow**s and provide a magnificent backdrop for this tour. We will also be touring Stockbridge, the picture postcard town where Norman Rockwell lived and worked. Admissions are also included for the Norman Rockwell Museum.

Midday we will depart and travel westward to Verona, New York, where a buffet dinner is included at the Turning Stone Casino this evening and, for those interested, you will be receiving vouchers that entitle you to slot dollars for a “little bit of gaming”, if you are inclined, before we travel over to check into our rooms. **(B, D)**

SUNDAY – Breakfast is included today, as we depart for the final day of our trip homeward. Midday, however, your Driver and Tour Director will be taking you to a luncheon at a most-popular restaurant. **(B, L)**



TRAINS OF NEW ENGLAND EIGHT-DAY FALL FOLIAGE TOUR – OCTOBER 2021

Package includes 17 meals in this expanded tour

\$1748 per person in a double
\$1708 per person in a triple
\$1668 per person in a quad
\$2273 per person in a single

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