## **Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary**

## TRAINS OF NEW ENGLAND EXPANDED TOUR FRI-FRI OCT 11 - 18, 2024

Departures, as applic: Elyria, Parma/Cleve. West, Middleburg Hts, Independence, Beachwood/Orange, Mayfield, Ashtabula.

FRIDAY – 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 virtually sold out every year since we introduced this tour eight years ago. This year we have again upgraded this tour even more, moving it later into October to "land" in New England with the anticipation of enjoying even more colorful foliage as we travel aboard the various railroads. Along the way we will be enjoying a cruise aboard a steamboat as we travel eastward through New York State, before checking into the Burrstone Inn in New Hartford this evening where dinner awaits us.

**SATURDAY**– After breakfast, we travel into Boston to meet our Guide at Quincy Market to see highlights of this vibrant city, learning about its districts including the Back Bay with beautiful brownstones, each with its own unique architectural design. We generally see Beacon Hill, the gold-domed Old Statehouse, once headquarters for English governors, Boston Common, Old North Church and the site where the Declaration of Independence was read to the waiting citizens of Boston. At Quincy Market, feel the cobblestones beneath our feet at a marketplace that has played an integral role in the life of Boston's residents. Enjoy

roaming performers and ethnic foods available in a hundred shops, carts and artisans offering treasures. Afterwards, we will be checking into the DoubleTree Inn in Andover, Massachusetts.



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**SUNDAY** – Following breakfast at the hotel, we will be boarding the *Amtrak Downeaster* to travel to Maine; this train even 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 George Bush's estate at Walker's Point. A stop will be

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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

**MONDAY** – 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.

This afternoon, we will be touring through the White Mountains with time on your own to shop, stroll in Littleton, New Hampshire. We will be passengers on the *Cannon Mountain Tramway* where there will be "spectacular rugged mountain scenery with a short loop trail around the summit showing off the towering peaks of the Franconia and Kinsman mountain





**WEDNESDAY** – After breakfast we will travel through Vermont to the Berkshires. We arrive in Bennington for our Noon lunch at the Publyk House Restaurant, possibly with a

ranges, with views of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Canada." Our rooms will be at the Mountain Club on Loon in the foothills of the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

TUESDAY - 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 This hotel has hosted construction. countless celebrities, including Thomas Edison, Babe Ruth and three U.S. Presidents. 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.





visit to Hemmings Auto Museum, if it does re-open by then. Upon our arrival in the Berkshires, we will check into our hotel in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Dinner is included.

**THURSDAY** – Following breakfast we will embark on a drive through Stockbridge. The Berkshire Hills are alive with color . . . bright reds, oranges and yellows 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 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.

**FRIDAY** – 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.



## TRAINS OF NEW ENGLAND EIGHT-DAY FALL FOLIAGE TOUR - OCTOBER 2024

Package includes 17 meals in this expanded tour

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