

New England Fall Foliage

TOUR #8298



September 26 - October 10, 2024
15 Days


The heart of New England during autumn is aglow with color as the leaves transform into their beautiful, fall colors. Join Personalized Tours as we make our way through the popular spots for fulltime fun. New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine show us their splendor. We will have time to experience other cultural attractions and learn about these areas. If you have not seen New England during peak color, it is something you must add to your list, as it is an experience like no other.

Highlights:

- 1000 Islands Antique Boat Museum
- Boldt Castle Touring
- St. Lawrence River Luncheon Cruise
- Great Camp Sagamore
- Adirondack Experience Museum
- Guided Tour of Lake Placid
- Local Cider Mill & Winery
- Morgan Horse Farm Tour
- Rock of Ages Granite Mine
- King Arthur Baking Company
- Mount Washington Cog Railway
- Kancamagus Highway
- Sabbaday Falls
- Boothbay Harbor
- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens
- Lobster Fishing Experience

Map At A Glance






Thursday, September 26th - Today we begin our journey to New England! As we travel east, we will watch fall colors dance along the roads and coat the leaves in their autumn glow. Our overnight accommodations will be near Cleveland, OH tonight. We will have a dinner tonight to get acquainted with our fellow travelers. **(D)**


Friday, September 27th - Early morning we begin our day with breakfast before departing from our hotel for New York! Upon crossing into New York, we arrive at our first fall attraction. We will visit a working farm. It's a totally hands on experience, so feed the cows, pet the goats, and take an "ag-mazing" hay ride. Don't forget to make a stop at the **Reindeer Christmas Village** or stroll through the pumpkin patch. Our final stop tonight is at **Sacket's Harbor**. While touring the area (including the battlefield), we will learn about the history and local stories. **(B,D)**

Saturday, September 28th - We move onto our next destination - **the 1000 Islands** area of New York. Known for its many islands and beautiful waters. The sun's rays warm the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario all summer, leading to warmer-than-you-expect fall temperatures while still showcasing fabulous colors. We will see the **Antique Boat Museum**, where they collect and preserve antique boats and related items to teach others the cultural importance and history of United States waterways. Next on our agenda is the **Thousand Island Arts Center**, which is also home of the **Handweaving Museum**. We will enjoy a demonstration from a local artisan before our luncheon cruise. Boarding our vessel, we set sail on the **St. Lawrence River**. Along our route, we will have time to visit the **Boldt Castle**. Construction began on this castle in 1900 at the bidding of a millionaire hotel magnate, George C. Boldt, as a tribute to his beloved wife Louise. The castle, modeled after castle architectures in Europe, was meant to be the pairs summer home. However, it was not meant to be, as Mr. Boldt passed away shortly after construction finished. The beautiful castle has since sat empty for over 70 years. Dinner tonight will showcase the 1000 Islands regional favorites - you can be sure that 1000 Island dressing will be served, along with locally caught fish served up by fishermen. **(B,D)**

Sunday, September 29th - Our first stop after lunch is located in the **Adirondack Mountains**. We venture through the hills before arriving at **Great Camp Sagamore**. This historic landmark is where America's most influential people came to take a break from the clamor of their "modern" life. The 27-building Great Camp stands alone on a remote lakeside. Owned for a while by the Vanderbilt family, it was donated back to the State of New York after Alfred Vanderbilt died on the Lusitania in 1915. After our time at Camp Sagamore, we arrive at the **Adirondack Experience**. This museum and educational exhibit preserved and interprets the diverse stories of Adirondack history, culture, and people to spark thoughtful dialogue and help shape the future of this beautiful landscape. This museum embodies the transformation of the Adirondacks from mineral mines and lumber mills into a resort and recreational getaway, while also paying tribute and respect to the indigenous communities who call this area home. Dinner tonight will be in **Lake Placid** along with our hotel for the next two nights. **(B,D)**

Monday, September 30th - Today is focused on the interesting history of Lake Placid and the 1980 Winter Olympics. Our morning begins with a guided tour of the city with a local guide. We will drive by historic **Mirror Lake Inn** and the **Lake Placid Club**, as well as the lakes themselves. There will be time to explore some of the Olympic sites as well. The largest ice arena complex in the world is located in Lake Placid. It features four indoor ice rinks at the Olympic Center. We will see the 1932 Olympic Arena as well as the 1980 Arena, the site of the US Ice Hockey Team's historic victory over the Soviet Union. Perhaps you will even catch a ride on the **Sky Flyer Zipline** or the **SkyRide Gondola at the Olympic Jumping Complex**. After our guided tour, the rest of the day is yours to further explore the area. Dinner tonight is on your own at one of the many fabulous restaurants along Main Street. **(B)**





Tuesday, October 1st - Today we depart New York and cross into the state of **Vermont**. As we cross the **Lake Champlain Bridge**, we take in the sights of Vermont during fall color. Our first stop will be at a local **Cider Mill and Winery**, known for their homemade cider donuts fresh from the donut maker. A Vermont legend since 1974, the Mill is now New England's largest producer of apple cider. After drinking and eating our fill of cider and donuts, we move along to the **Shelburne Museum**. Commonly referred to as the "**New England Smithsonian**", this museum is an unparalleled and unique experience of American history, art, and design. The museum includes 39 distinct structures over 45 acres, each filled with beautiful and whimsical objects. Think everything maple, as we have dinner at a local **Sugarhouse**. A true maple dinner is served to include maple salad dressing, maple ham and a maple dessert. **(B,D)**

Wednesday, October 2nd - Another day in Vermont awaits us! This morning, we tour a **Morgan Horse Farm**. There is nothing more majestic than watching the Morgan horse in its glory. A visit to this unique farm is a special experience: At the horse farm, the staff is dedicated to maintaining and training Vermont's state animal. You will learn about its history and see the beautiful Morgans up close and personal. After departing the farm, we will make a stop in Middlebury for lunch. Afterwards, get ready for the **Rock of Ages!** This is the largest deep-hole dimensions granite quarry in the world. We will head up to their largest, most spectacular quarry for a narrated tour. Not far from the quarry is **Hope Cemetery**. Our local guide will show us the ornate grave-stones. Established in 1895, this cemetery is known as the "**Granite Capital of the World.**" This place not only serves as a place to remember the loved ones buried there, but also as a tribute to the stone cutters and artisans interred amongst the sculptures they created during their lives. During the early years of granite mining in the area, there was an unusually high death rate. We now know this was due to Silicosis, a respiratory disease caused by inhalation of granite dust. The area was heavily inhabited by sculptors from around the world, many of which knew they were ill with Silicosis. With the knowledge that their death was imminent, they carved their own headstones which are displayed in the cemetery. This tradition has carried on ever since, and about 75% of the stones here were carved by the sites occupants. Dinner is included tonight along with some magical entertainment. **(B,D)**

Thursday, October 3rd - Our journey today takes us into **New Hampshire**. We arrive into Hanover, New Hampshire - home of Dartmouth College. Choose from a few options on how to spend your morning. Perhaps you will visit the **King Arthur Baking Company** (aka King Arthur Flour), or maybe you will venture through the **Dartmouth Orchid Greenhouse**. We will cross back over the border into Vermont for a stop at **Billings Farm and Museum** to learn about the rural heritage of New England. There will also be time today to stop at the **Quechee Gorge, Vermont's "little Grand Canyon"**. **(B)**

Friday, October 4th - We bid a final farewell to the Green Mountain State of Vermont and head towards **New Hampshire**. The beauty of the mountains and the thrill of ascending the Northwest's highest peak are just as enchanting today as they were in 1869, when Sylvester March opened the world's first mountain-climbing railroad on New Hampshire's Mount Washington. Nearly 150 years later, the **Mount Washington Cog Railway** continues to provide a sense of adventure and history to all those aboard. As we ride aboard this cog railway, we will see beautiful vistas and photo ops. Our arrival to the stop is breathtaking, as we look over the spanning mountains and valleys of New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont, north into Canada, and east to the Atlantic Ocean. After our rail adventure, we travel by motorcoach along the **Kancamagus Highway** for a beautiful scenic fall drive before arriving at our hotel for the evening. **(B,D)**



Saturday, October 5th - Today is filled with scenic drives as we continue our route into **Maine**. We will arrive in Boothbay Harbor this afternoon and have time to poke around the town. Dinner will be together at a local favorite before heading to our hotel for the evening. **(B,D)**

Sunday, October 6th - This day is dedicated to **Boothbay Harbor** and its unique history as a fishing outpost and maritime heritage. Start the morning with a 'photograph worthy' **boat ride**. This two-hour narrated cruise (weather permitting) includes views of lighthouses, playful seals, snug coves, old fishing villages, bustling boat yards, and more. After lunch, we experience the beautiful **Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens**. The garden is 270 acres with more than a mile of waterfront. We take in this waterside spot with manicured gardens, natural landscapes, and trails. After a busy morning and afternoon, the rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish. **(B)**

Monday, October 7th - Our last full day in Maine! we travel along the coast to **Portland**, Maine where we will meet our local guide. They will take us around the town to learn of the region's history. There will be a stop at the **Portland Head Light**, which was commissioned by George Washington. Our tour will also include **Victoria Mansion**, the **Longfellow House**, **Portland Observatory**, and breathtaking views of **Casco Bay**. Finally, it's the "Maine" attraction! Venture out on a **lobster fishing excursion** with local fishermen. Not only will we see lobster traps hauled from sea, but we will learn about the challenging life of a lobster fisherman. Our time in Maine will end with a lobster dinner (there will be alternate options for those who do not enjoy seafood). **(B,D)**

Tuesday, October 8th - We begin our journey westward early this morning. We will meander along scenic drives and highways until arriving in **West Point**, New York in the afternoon. We will make a visit to the **West Point Academy** and learn about this prestigious military institution. We will make our way into Pennsylvania this evening where we will check into our hotel. **(B)**

Wednesday, October 9th - As we continue towards home, we share photos of stunning fall color and recount our tales from the journey. **(B)**

Thursday, October 10th - Our journey has come to an end. What a great way to spend time in the fall and it was all Planned With You In Mind. **(B)**



Tour Price:

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\$500 Per Person Deposit due with Reservation
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