

# New England's Autumn Splendor

October 3-11, 2025

In the fall, Maine transforms into a breathtaking tapestry of crimson, gold, and amber stretching from its rocky coastline to the wooded inland hills. Along the coast, lobster boats dot the sparkling Atlantic, hauling in the day's fresh catch as seabirds circle overhead. Inland, moose and deer roam beneath blazing maple canopies, and crisp air carries the scent of pine and salt. Quaint towns with white-steeped churches and historic inns invite visitors to slow down and savor cider, chowder, and warm blueberry pie. A vintage narrow gauge railroad excursion winds through fiery forest, offering a glimpse into Maine's storied past and timeless charm. This "off the beaten" path will keep you breathless with every twist in the road.

## Highlights:

- Trolley Tour of Kennebunkport
- First Families Museum at White Columns
- Len Libby Candies
- Seashore Trolley Museum & Trolley Ride
- Portland Observatory / Head Light
- Kombucha Tasting
- Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Freeport- LL Bean
- Maine Maritime Museum
- Bath Iron Works Tour & Cruise
- Damariscotta River Cruise
- Shaker museum
- Laugh & Learn Program
- Maine Balsam Fir
- Maine Wildlife Park
- Schooner Sunset Cruise
- Lobster Fishing Experience

## Map At A Glance



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**Friday, October 3rd** - Today we begin our journey to the East Coast! As we travel, we will watch fall colors dance along the roads and coat the leaves in their autumn glow. The crisp air, blue skies, and just-right temps (sweater weather!) make being outside so enjoyable—whether we're hiking, cruising, or just wandering through a small town, Fall is the BEST time to visit the East Coast. Our overnight accommodations will be near Erie, PA tonight. We will have a **dinner** tonight to get acquainted with our fellow travelers. Our tour director has a little something for everyone. Snacks, games, and a whole lot of laughing today as we join the group. (D)

**Saturday, October 4th** - Early morning we begin our day with breakfast before departing from our hotel for **MAINE!** Upon crossing into Maine, think small towns, old-fashioned general stores, and quiet harbors. Our overnight accommodations will be for the next two nights. (B,D)

**Sunday, October 5th** - This morning we enjoy a 90-minute **lobster fishing excursion**, where we will see lobster traps hauled from the sea and learn about the challenging life of a lobster fisherman. Along the route, we will see the rocky shoreline of Maine and more. Next is a **narrated sightseeing trolley tour of the Kennebunkport** area. Enjoy this unique form of transportation along the village streets and coast. The **First Families Kennebunkport Museum** in the heart of town offers us an inside look at some of their most famous summer residents, from sea captains to presidents. Wine tasting and a delicious lobster dinner ends our day before returning to our inn. The scenery can't get any better...but wait, it does. (B,D)

**Monday, October 6th** - Our first stop after breakfast is the **Seashore Trolley Museum**, where we will learn the history of the trolley and enjoy a **trolley ride** on an authentically restored streetcar through the Maine countryside. A stop at **Len Libby Candies**, to giggle a little and see a giant chocolate Moose! We venture through the hills before arriving at **Portland's Old Port Waterfront District** - full of history, specialty shops, boutiques, and restaurants. After a bite to eat, a tour of Portland includes the **headlight**. Enjoy stunning views of **Casco Bay**, from the Portland peninsula's east end. See the **Portland Observatory**, oldest standing maritime signal tower on the east coast, and a symbol of this waterfront city by the bay. A **Kombucha Tasting** (fermented sweet tea) prior to our included dinner. (B,D)

**Tuesday, October 7th** - Today's focus is on FUN! A **surprise stop** this morning before we experience a **narrow gauge railroad** on a selection of authentic historic passenger railway cars, new-build replicas, and even a 1903-built caboose! Next a little retail therapy at the **LL Bean Flagship store**. We'll be sure to stop at the chocolate store - **Wilbur's** of Maine. A visit to Bath's Maine Maritime Museum on the banks of the Kennebec River to learn of the seafaring history of the Percy & Small Shipyard, which built the world's largest wooden ship. With seven permanent exhibits as well as changing ones to tell the story of shipbuilding in Maine. Bath **Iron Works** is an immersive tour focusing on BIW: Building America's Navy where we will get a look at the people, processes, and ships. Board the trolley for a narrated ride past the yard and enjoy the one-hour cruise featuring a spectacular, close-up look at naval destroyers in the water. Tonight we cruise the Damariscotta River during our **Happy Hour Oyster and Cocktail Sunset Tour**. An ideal blend of relaxation and natural beauty. (B)

**Wednesday, October 8th** - A quick photo op in Augusta, ME at the Capital before we visit **Grey Goose Gourmet Jellies**. Learn about Maine apples, growing, and history of this family owned and operated farm. Our visit includes warm apple pie, and two programs. **"Laugh & Learn"** which is a 19<sup>th</sup> century schoolhouse program that will have you chuckling and minding your manners. **"The Busy Cradle"** will astound you at the political and business connections that the Washburn Family had in the late 1800's. A favorite stop is always at **Maine Balsam Fir** for this "factory tour" and opportunity to create your own memorable "take-home" treasure. The day keeps getting better with a **Moose Safari** after dinner. (B,L,D)





**Thursday, October 9th** - Today we start with a rare experience that is hard to find. Visit this **Shaker Museum**, the only active and functioning Shaker Community in the world. The museum was first organized in 1931 with the hope of educating the public about the "truths" of Shakerism. Six of the 18 existing structures at Sabbathday Lake are open to tour. Lunch and tasting at **Pineland Farms**, where we experience the best of Maine's countryside. A visit to **Maine Wildlife Park**: A state run wildlife park who cares for wildlife who get permanently injured, are human dependent, or had been raised in captivity; so they cannot be released back into the wild. This is a great way to see Maine's wildlife up close and personal. Back to the coast for a final "ocean evening" **Schooner sunset sail**. We overnight at Anchorage by the Sea in Ogunquit. Translating to "beautiful place by the sea" in Abenaki Native American, today Ogunquit is that and more, offering expansive sandy beaches, dramatic rocky cliffs and a charming harborside town. (B,D)

**Friday, October 10th** - Enjoy a little morning time in **Ogunquit** before we board the coach and head towards Erie, PA for our last overnight. A farewell dinner is planned along with other stops along the way. What a great way to travel leaving the driving to someone else, while we sit back and watch Mother Nature paint the leaves with colors of crimson, gold, and amber. (B,D)

**Saturday, October 11th** - As the sun dipped below the horizon on the final evening, painting the sky in hues of gold and rose, a bittersweet feeling settled in. This vacation—bursting with laughter, unforgettable adventures, and awe-inspiring sights—had been nothing short of magical. Each day was a celebration of discovery: wandering through vibrant streets, tasting mouthwatering local dishes that still lingered on the tongue, and forging connections with people who had started as strangers but now felt like lifelong friends. Though the suitcase was packed and the journey home loomed, the heart was full, carrying memories that would echo for years to come—a beautiful reminder that the world is wide, welcoming, and worth exploring. (B)

## Tour price:

\$3959 Per Person Double  
\$4950 Single Occupancy  
\$500 Per Person Deposit due with Reservation  
Final Payment Due August 1, 2025  
POM Protection: \$199

## Tour Inclusions:

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- Baggage Handling 1 Suitcase P/P\*
- Accommodations for 8 Nights
- All Attractions & Admissions Per Itinerary
- 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 7 Dinners
- Services of a Personalized Tour Director



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