NEW ENGLAND & CAPE COD

September 25 - October 2, 2018

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy 1 2 3 4 5 Energetic

Historic Boston tour
Martha’s Vineyard
Plymouth, Sandwich & Hyannis tours
Ten Mile Drive in Newport, RI
Breakers Mansion
Vermont Country Store
Green Mountain Maple Sugar House
Ride on the Mount
Washington Cog Railway
Cruise across Lake Winnipesaukee
Kennebunkport tour
DAY 1  TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  BOSTON  (D)
Today we board our deluxe motorcoach bound for the airport for our flight to Boston, the cradle of American history. Upon arrival in Boston we will take the shuttle to our hotel where we will receive a warm welcome from our tour director. After settling into our rooms we will enjoy a wine and cheese reception followed by a delicious welcome dinner.

DAY 2  WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26  CAPE COD  (BD)
After breakfast at the hotel we will depart on a guided tour of the historic city known fondly as “Bean Town.” Our tour will take us along parts of the Freedom Trail to view sites such as the Old South Meeting House, Park Street Church, Old State House, Boston Common and much more. Free time will be available at Faneuil Hall Marketplace to browse the shops and enjoy lunch on our own. This afternoon we will motor south to the beautiful sandy shores of Cape Cod! Along the way we’ll tour through Plymouth to view the National Monument to the Forefathers and Plymouth Rock. We will then continue over the Cape Cod Canal and visit the charming village of Sandwich. Founded in 1637, it is the oldest town on Cape Cod. Next we will make our way to Hyannisport for a picture stop at the John F. Kennedy Memorial and the Korean War Memorial overlooking scenic Veterans Beach and Hyannis Harbor. Late in the afternoon we’ll arrive at our Cape Cod resort located directly on the beach overlooking Nantucket Sound. A festive welcome reception will begin our relaxing two-night stay, followed by time to relax and freshen up before dinner as a group.

DAY 3  THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  MARTHA’S VINEYARD  (BD)
Breakfast will be provided at our resort this morning before we depart on a ferry ride to the beautiful island of Martha’s Vineyard, a favorite vacation spot for presidents Clinton and Obama. The island is about 96 square miles of beauty, with 124 miles of coastline and acres of preserved land. Once an early refuge for coastal ship traffic, it blossomed into a whaling community in the 18th and 19th centuries and evolved into what is now a popular tourist destination. Our time on the island is yours to explore the diversity of the island towns or walk on the pristine shores. Consider joining a guided tour of Oak Bluffs, which is noted for its collection of small Carpenter Gothic cottages clustered in the Methodist Camp Meeting Grounds, and Edgartown, known for its stately Greek revival homes built by sea captains years ago. There are also many shops, boutiques, galleries and restaurants waiting to be discovered. We’ll then return to the mainland and enjoy another delicious dinner together this evening.

DAY 4  FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28  NEWPORT & BREAKERS MANSION  (BD)
Following breakfast we’ll say goodbye to Cape Cod as we make our way to Newport, RI, known as America’s first resort and the yachting capital of the world. As we drive past the mansions along the magnificent Ten Mile Drive we’ll be transported back in time to the opulent era when elite families such as the Vanderbilts and Astors built their “summer cottages” to retreat from the city life. After our driving tour we’ll then visit the grandest of all the mansions — the Breakers. This 70-room Italian Renaissance-style villa was built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II and serves as a symbol of the Vanderbilt family’s social and financial superiority at the turn of the century. This afternoon we will continue on to southern Vermont and our overnight accommodations. Dinner will be enjoyed together after settling into our rooms.

DAY 5  SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  TASTE OF VERMONT  (BD)
Another spectacular day of fall foliage touring awaits us after breakfast. We’ll begin with a visit to the charming village of Weston, home to the Vermont Country Store. Founded in 1946, this authentic country store is stocked with thousands of practical and hard-to-find goods and wares that will surely delight! From the cheery ring of the storekeeper’s bell to the friendly creak of the well-worn hardwood floors, we’ll be stepping back to a simpler time and place. Next we are off to one of Vermont’s sugar houses for a maple syrup demonstration and tasting. As we continue our touring we’ll visit Quechee Gorge, known as “Vermont’s Little Grand Canyon,” before moving on to the White Mountains of New Hampshire for a two-night stay. After freshening up we’ll enjoy dinner together.
This morning we travel through the Franconia Notch to view the location of the Old Man of the Mountain before its collapse in 2003. We’ll continue on to Mount Washington, the highest peak in New England, where we will board the Mount Washington Cog Railway for an unforgettable and exciting three-hour rail experience. In 1869 the Cog Railway was an engineering marvel, a technology of toothed cog gears, rack rails and tilted boilers. We’ll enjoy a rare glimpse of this world gone by while admiring the spectacular views as we travel some of the steepest railroad tracks in existence. Following our rail journey we will make our way to the Omni Mount Washington Hotel. A grand masterpiece of Spanish Renaissance architecture, the Mount Washington Hotel was a two-year labor of love for 250 master craftsmen. This National Historic Landmark was conceived by industrialist Joseph Stickney and immediately became a favorite summer haunt for poets, presidents and princes after it opened in 1902. We will enjoy a delicious luncheon in the grand dining room before taking a guided tour of the magnificent hotel. The remainder of the day is ours to explore and have dinner on our own.

Our day starts with breakfast at the hotel before we depart for the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. At Weir Beach we will set sail aboard the M/S Mount Washington for a scenic cruise across Lake Winnipesaukee to Wolfeboro, known as the oldest resort town in New Hampshire. After lunch on our own we’ll continue on to coastal Maine and the popular summer resort of Kennebunkport. The town is the summer haven for the upper class and one of the wealthiest communities in the state of Maine. As we enjoy a drive along the ocean to Walker’s Point we’ll pass by the home of former President George HW Bush before continuing our touring through the seaside village of Ogunquit. After checking-in to our hotel we’ll gather for a wonderful farewell dinner to reminisce about our time in New England!

Our journey through New England comes to an end today as we make our way back to Boston. Along the way we will tour through the village of York and stop at one of the most photographed lighthouses in the country – the Cape Neddick Light. Popularly known as “the Nubble,” this lighthouse was built in 1879 and is still in use today. We’ll then return to Boston’s Logan International Airport for our flight home.
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Not included in the price of this tour: meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea or coffee with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, and current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline.

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