



Autumn in New England

Experience the Region's Harvest Bounty and Natural Beauty while Rediscovering Our Nation's Beginnings

Explore the classic New England of storybooks and history—the rugged seafaring towns and the revolutionary spirits, the granite character and mountain splendor. You'll be transported back to the 18th century in the authentically recreated Old Sturbridge Village, dine at the Salem Cross Inn, stand in the footsteps of the famed Minutemen of Lexington & Concord, then head into old Boston to visit landmarks from America's founding.

Navigating the scenic north shore, you'll stop for a traditional lobster bake in the salty mariners' town of Gloucester, then hug the rocky Atlantic coast up towards Maine's charming Ogunquit. Head inland for a scenic back-roads journey we've charted to maximize fall's colors! Have your cameras at the ready for our passage through the mountainscapes of New Hampshire, and thrill as we cross the 2,860-foot Kancamagus Pass. Marvel as you walk along the Flume Gorge on wooden walkways, past waterfalls and 90-foot-high rock walls, or over the fiery gold treetops.

8 Days • 7 Nights • 14 Meals

Depart/Return: Hartford, CT

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Day 1—Hartford We'll begin our tour near Hartford in Windsor Locks with a welcome reception. *Accommodations:* Sheraton Bradley International, Windsor Locks. Welcome Reception.

Day 2—Sturbridge/Concord Our first stop is a trip back to the 1830s at Old Sturbridge Village. Walk through original 18th and 19th century homes, craft shops, meeting houses and a mill, all preserved to recreate an authentic colonial town. Lunch is a special meal with fascinating history at Salem Cross Inn. Furnished throughout with American antiques and huge hearths, the inn alone is worth the visit—but we know you'll find the food outstanding, too! This afternoon, we'll stand where the famed Minutemen stood at Lexington and Concord. The birthplace of liberty will inspire awe as you hear of the action that caused the "shot heard 'round the world." Tonight we'll stay in Waltham. *Accommodations:* Embassy Suites, Waltham. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 3—Boston/Ogunquit From the Old North Church and the home of Paul Revere to Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall and the Old State House, we'll enjoy the morning by learning more of Boston's history and seeing the famous sites you've heard about. For lunch we'll head to Gloucester for a mouthwatering lobster bake! Keep your bib on—it's messy but delicious! We'll continue up the coast and into Maine for our enchanting overnight in Ogunquit, located near the sea. *Accommodations:* Ogunquit River Inn & Suites, Ogunquit. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 4—North Conway Beauty abounds as we travel to North Conway, New Hampshire. At Red Jacket Mountain View Inn we'll enjoy incredible views as we savor a delicious lunch. Lush trees loaded with color create a panorama beyond compare. Tonight we'll stay in North Conway, where you can savor the

beauty that surrounds you. *Accommodations:* Fox Ridge Resort, North Conway. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 5—Franconia Notch/Mt. Washington Valley Get your camera ready! This afternoon we'll get a close-up view of New Hampshire's White Mountains on the Kancamagus Highway, one of the region's most pristine scenic drives. We'll make stops along the way to witness the beauty of fall as we

cross the 2,860-foot Kancamagus Pass before dropping into a stunning, deep valley. Then travel through one of New Hampshire's most scenic mountain passes—Franconia Notch—with its slopes and valleys draped in fall color. Marvel as you walk along the Flume Gorge on wooden walkways, past waterfalls and 90-foot-high rock walls. Our next stop is the gorgeous and grand Mt. Washington Hotel. We'll explore this elegant hotel, then enjoy a delicious lunch in the hotel's dining room. Later, we'll cross the border into Vermont, where we'll spend the night. *Accommodations:* Best Western, Waterbury. *Meals:* B, L, D.

Day 6—Montpelier/Barre Today begins with a "sweet" visit to Cold Hollow Cider Mill, where apple cider is still made with a 1920s rack and cloth

press. We'll sip some cider—and sample legendary Cider Donuts! Maple syrup is "on tap" when we visit the Morse Farm to learn about their 200-year-old maple sugar tradition. Enjoy the hospitality of this friendly family and lick your lips over a maple-flavored treat they've prepared for us. Next we're off to historic Barre. After a delectable lunch we'll visit The Rock of Ages. At 600 feet deep, it's the world's largest granite quarry! You'll see the mining operation and hear some fascinating details from your guide. Later we'll travel along the scenic Connecticut River to Brattleboro, Vermont, our stop for the night. *Accommodations:* Holiday Inn Express, Brattleboro. *Meals:* B, L.

Day 7—South Deerfield/Stockbridge Back in Massachusetts, enjoy the delectable fragrances at the renowned Yankee Candle Company. In Norman Rockwell's hometown of Stockbridge, we'll have time to browse the shops before our visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum. A walk through the museum will bring a smile to your face as you view the works of this beloved American artist. We'll travel to Hartford for the night. *Accommodations:* Sheraton Bradley International, Windsor Locks. *Meals:* B, D.

Day 8—Hartford After breakfast you'll head home with New England color dancing in your head! *Meals:* B.



Traveler Talk

This trip far exceeded my expectations! The variety of activities, the accommodations, and the leader were all excellent. I travel internationally a great deal. This trip was such a pleasant surprise.

- C.D., Wisconsin