



# Fall Foliage Tour: Vermont to Massachusetts

#### 8 days | 10 days with Boston, Massachusetts extension

Each Autumn in the American Northeast, Mother Nature puts on a seasonal spectacular, tinging green forests with bursts of red, orange, and yellow. What better time, then, to set out on this special version of our New England: Vermont, Maine Coast & Massachusetts tour? From Vermont's rustic allure to Massachusetts' colonial roots, take in the region's history and charm, all under a vibrant canopy of color. And for an extra hit of history, extend your trip to Boston—the "City on a Hill" that nurtured the American Revolution.



#### Your tour package includes

7 nights in handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
2 dinners with beer or wine
2 food tastings
6 guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

#### Included highlights

Trapp Family Lodge
Ben & Jerry's factory tour
Cider Mill visit & tasting
Mount Washington Cog Railway
Kennebunkport
Salem
Boston's Freedom Trail

#### Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

#### Group size

15-35

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#### **Burlington, Vermont** $\rightarrow$ 2 nights

#### Day 1: Arrival in Burlington

Welcome to Vermont! After arriving in Burlington, make your way to your hotel to get settled in.

#### Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Vermont

Included meals: breakfast, tasting, welcome dinner

An all-day foliage tour introduces you to Vermont's delicious local fare and small towns.

- Stop in Stowe to enjoy a guided tour of the Trapp Family Lodge with a member of the Von Trapp family.
- See how apple cider is produced during a visit to a cider mill and enjoy a tasting of the refreshing drink.
- Tour the Ben & Jerry's Factory and enjoy samples of ice cream in Waterbury.
- Enjoy a walk led by your Tour Director through the quaint town of Burlington followed by free time to explore at your leisure.

Join your group for a welcome dinner this evening.

# North Conway, New Hampshire $\rightarrow 2$ nights

# Day 3: North Conway via the White Mountains

Included meals: breakfast, tasting
Travel east to New Hampshire today, taking in breathtaking scenery as you go.

- Before leaving Vermont, pay a visit to a sugarbush to learn about Vermont maple syrup production.
- Stop at a local family-owned sugar shack stand for sugaring presentation.
- Enjoy free time to explore the sugar shack's grounds and for a chance to shop for locally made maple and sugar products.
- Pass through the White Mountains, stopping at the Franconia Notch along the way.
- Drive through the landscapes of the state's most famous scenic byway, the Kancamagus Highway.

Then, continue on to North Conway and enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ Omni Mount Washington Resort Dinner & Tour

#### Day 4: Mount Washington & foliage tour

Included meals: breakfast

Make your way to Mount Washington, located in the beautiful White Mountains. Board the Mount Washington Cog Railway for a scenic train ride to the region's highest summit. Then, take in the beautiful foliage and incredible vistas that the region is known for, like Owl's Head, Bretton Woods, and the historic "notches".

#### Maine Coast → 1 night

# Day 5: Maine Coast via Portland & Kennebunkport

Included meals: breakfast

Transfer to the coast of Maine by way of the state's picturesque Lakes District.

- Stop in Portland and join your Tour Director on a tour of the city.
- Pass the Portland Observatory and Fort Allen Park.
- Visit the Old Port neighborhood, filled with independent bookshops and quaint local boutiques.
- Travel to Kennebunkport and pass by Walker's Point Estate, the Bush family's summer home.

Continue on to the Maine Coast and enjoy a free evening.

Please note: On some departures, the sightseeing tour of Portland may take place after the stop in Kennebunkport depending on hotel location.

#### **Boston, Massachusetts** → 2 nights

#### Day 6: Boston via Salem

Included meals: breakfast

Stop in Salem, the Witch City, to visit the famed House of Seven Gables.

Continue on to Boston and enjoy free time for the rest of the day.

#### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Boston

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Spend the morning getting to know Boston, one of the oldest cities in America, on a guided tour.

- Sweep through 250 years of American history on the Freedom Trail.
- Visit the Bunker Hill Monument and view the USS Constitution located in Charlestown Navy Yard.
- View Faneuil Hall, the Old State House, and King's Chapel.
- Pass by Boston Common, Paul Revere's House and the Old North Church.
- End your tour in the North End, where you'll have free time to explore the charming Italian neighborhood.

Enjoy a free afternoon in Boston or add an excursion.

Later this evening, celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner with your group.

+ Revolutionary New England: Lexington & Concord

#### **Flight Home**

#### Day 8: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Boston.

#### + Boston, Massachusetts extension

Continue exploring Boston, and lean on your Tour Director to point you toward the city's best sights. Then, get a look at life in colonial New England with a tour of Plimoth Plantation.

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#### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Plymouth

Included meals: breakfast

Head to Plymouth and spend the morning getting to know the coastal town.

- Enter historic Plimouth Patuxet Museum to learn about both the native Wampanoag people and the colonial English settlers.
- Stop in Pilgrim Memorial National Park to take a picture with Plymouth Rock.

Enjoy free time for lunch before returning to Boston.

#### Day 9: Free day in Boston

Included meals: breakfast
Spend a free day in Boston or add an excursion.
This evening, sip a farewell drink as you
celebrate your trip with your fellow group
members.

+ Wang Theatre & Boston Common Walking Tour

#### **Flight Home**

#### Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

### Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/ACN | 1-800-597-0350** 

### Day 3: Omni Mount Washington Resort Dinner & Tour

145/155\* (3, departs in the evening, dinner included )

Travel into the White Mountains to enjoy a relaxing evening at the Omni Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods. Everyone from former presidents to poets to celebrities have used this National Historic Landmark as a retreat, and you'll stroll through the grounds on a leisurely, self-guided tour. After you've explored everything from the Great Hall to the Jewell Terrace, which was designed with indigenous plants from the White Mountains, you'll gather for a private, three-course dinner. Enjoy free time after dinner to relax or explore more of the property before returning to your hotel.

### Day 7: Revolutionary New England: Lexington & Concord

\$95/\$105\* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Gain insight into early American history during your time in Lexington and Concord, hubs of the American Revolution. In Lexington, the site of the first shot of the Revolution, you'll visit battlefields, war monuments and colonial buildings. In Concord, drive by the homes of famous early American authors, such as Nathaniel Hawthorne and Louisa May Alcott, as you take in the historic backdrop of this quaint New England town.

#### **Extension excursion options**

## Day 9: Wang Theatre & Boston Common Walking Tour

\$55/\$65\* (TBD, departs in the morning) Home to historic venues and nightly renditions of touring Broadway shows, Boston's energetic Theater District helps set the city's tempo in the heart of Downtown. Begin your morning with a visit to the Wang Theatre: First opened in 1925 and now inscribed in the National Register of Historic Places, it remains New England's largest theater. Embark on an in-depth guided tour, discovering its impressive history; tour its dressing rooms; marvel at its ornate architecture; and stand on the same stage that's hosted the likes of Queen, Elton John, Liza Minelli, and more. Afterward, continue on for a guided walk through Boston Common and the Public Garden—oasis-like greenspaces that stand as the oldest public park and botanical garden in the United States.