



# New England: Vermont, Maine Coast & Massachusetts

8 days | 10 days with Boston, Massachusetts extension

Discover New England's scenic landscapes, quaint towns, and iconic cities as you make your way from the mountains to the coast. Taste iconic treats in Vermont, like Ben & Jerry's ice cream before riding to the top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire's White Mountains. Then, cross in to Maine to explore its beautiful coastline. Your journey wraps up in Massachusetts, home to some of the most historic cities in the country.



## Your tour package includes

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

## Included highlights

- Trapp Family Lodge
- Burlington harbor cruise
- Ben & Jerry's factory tour
- Lake Champlain cruise
- Mount Washington Cog Railway
- Kennebunkport
- Salem
- Boston's Freedom Trail

## Tour pace

You will walk for about 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

## Group size

15-24

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## Burlington, Vermont → 2 nights

### Day 1: Arrival in Burlington

Welcome to Vermont! Make your way to your hotel to get settled in.

### Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Vermont

*Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner*

An all-day 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
- Walk the streets of charming downtown Stowe
- Enjoy a walk led by your Tour Director through the quaint town of Burlington before setting off on a cruise of Lake Champlain

Join your group for a welcome dinner this evening.

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## White Mountains Region, New Hampshire → 1 night

### Day 3: Transfer to the White Mountains Region

*Included meals: breakfast, tasting*

Travel east to New Hampshire, taking in breathtaking scenery as you go.

- Before leaving Vermont, tour the Ben & Jerry's Factory and enjoy samples of ice cream in Waterbury
- Pass through the White Mountains, stopping at the Franconia Notch and scenic viewpoints along the way
- Drive through the landscapes of the state's most famous scenic byway, the Kancamagus Highway

Then, continue to your hotel in the White Mountains Region and get settled in.

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## Portland, Maine → 2 nights

### Day 4: Portland via Mt. Washington

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to Mount Washington, located in the scenic White Mountains.

- Board the Mount Washington Cog Railway for a beautiful ride to the region's highest summit
- Take in the incredible vistas that the region is known for, like Owl's Head, Bretton Woods, and the historic "notches"

Then, cross the border into Maine and travel by way of the state's picturesque Lakes District to the coastal city of Portland, where your Tour Director will show you around.

- Pass the Portland Observatory and Fort Allen Park
- Visit the Old Port neighborhood, filled with independent bookshops and quaint local boutiques

### Day 5: Kennebunkport & free afternoon

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel down along the coast of Maine to the quaint fishing town of Kennebunkport.

- Pass the Wedding Cake House, an ornately trimmed house which dates back to the early 1800s
- Cross over waterways as you enter Dock's Square, the town's center where you'll find boutique shops, fresh seafood stands and restaurants, and charming colonial style homes
- After free time continue along the coast to St. Ann's Church and Walker's Point Estate, the Bush family's summer home

Return to Portland and enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ Casco Bay Oyster Cruise

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## 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

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## 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.

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## + 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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## Boston, Massachusetts → 2 nights

### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Plymouth

*Included meals: breakfast*

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

- Enter historic Plimoth 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

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**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/ACS](https://goaheadtours.com/ACS) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 5: Casco Bay Oyster Cruise

\$189/\$199\* (2.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Spanning the gap between Cape Elizabeth and Cape Small, Casco Bay's charming islands and busy boating industry enhance its natural beauty. Begin in Downtown Portland and board an old Navy launch boat for a cruise through the bay's calm waters. As you sail past lighthouses, military forts, and more, you'll have a chance to enjoy world-class seafood and indulge in locally made beer, cider, kombucha, and other craft beverages. All the while, take in commentary from your onboard guide, and top it all off with an oyster shucking demonstration and tasting. Disembark, full of delicious food and drink, before heading back to your hotel—or onto Portland's streets for some self-guided exploration.

## 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.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)