

# ITINERARY

New England is scenic year-round, however the best time for viewing fall foliage is late September through October. Fall colors vary as they are affected by weather, elevation and climate, and therefore may differ by location.

## **DAY 1: Arrive in Boston**

Welcome to Boston, a city infused with its own unique culture and remarkable history. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Drink with your fellow travelers during the briefing by your Tour Manager on the journey through New England that lies ahead. The rest of the evening is at leisure to discover Boston's restaurants and nightlife on your own. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 7 PM on the day of arrival. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 5 PM on Day 1 of the itinerary or earlier, if possible.

## **DAY 2: Boston City Tour**

This morning, begin with a tour of historic Boston. Stop at the Old North Church (Christ Church) built in 1723, the city's oldest church building and an active Episcopal Church. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow memorialized Old North's role at the start of the Revolutionary War in his poem, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere". The church, a beautiful example of Georgian architecture, houses America's oldest maiden peal of bells and the first bust of George Washington. Drive by numerous government and historical buildings, including the Massachusetts State House and State Capitol near the top of Beacon Hill. On to Boston Commons, the starting point of the Freedom Trail, and the oldest park in the country. The "Common" has been used for many different purposes throughout its long history - from cattle grazing to public hangings and as a campsite for British troops prior to the Revolution. Free time for lunch in Faneuil Hall, a site that has been used as a marketplace and meeting hall since 1742. Then, drive to Plymouth Rock at Pilgrim Memorial State Park, the traditional site of disembarkation of the Mayflower Pilgrims who founded Plymouth Colony in 1620 - symbolic in American history. Afterwards, a scenic drive to Cape Cod and the seaside town of Hyannis for overnight. Tonight, a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers celebrates your arrival to New England.

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## **DAY 3: Full Day in Hyannis, Cape Cod**

After breakfast, a day at leisure in Hyannis. Considered by New Englanders to be the hub and heart of Cape Cod, Hyannis is known internationally as the all-American town. Here in the Mid Cape area you'll find the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, delectable fish shacks, award-winning restaurants, world-class beaches, island ferries, countless outdoor activities and Cape Cod's unique shopping. The Hyannis area is indeed surrounded by beauty and filled with fun! Don't miss the full day *optional* tour to Martha's Vineyard, the picturesque old whaling village steeped in history, now one of the most elegant and charming seaside resorts in the Northeast.

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## **DAY 4: Cranberry Farm, Travel to the Berkshires**

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From Cape Cod travel to the Berkshires, a crossroads of culture, renowned for its beautiful landscapes and the finest recreational attractions in the area. Stop at a working cranberry farm, the number one crop in Massachusetts. Taste the fresh goodness and watch the harvest operation up-close (seasonal). Lunch at leisure before arriving at the Norman Rockwell Museum, home to the world's largest and most significant collection of Rockwell's works and where he lived for the last 25 years of his life. Spend some time visiting the museum and his original studio before departing for Pittsfield, designated one of the Cultural Districts in Massachusetts, Pittsfield's downtown, known as the Upstreet Cultural District, boasts a lively arts theme. The rest of the evening is at leisure to explore wide choice of restaurants and downtown shops.

## **DAY 5: Travel to Stowe**

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A scenic drive this morning to rural Vermont. On to Rockingham to visit the Vermont Country Store, stocked to the rafters with award-winning Vermont cheeses, rows of penny candy, gadgets and thousands of hard to find items from the past. Stroll through the Kissing Bridge or visit the Grist Mill Museum, if time allows. Then, stop at Quechee Gorge for breathtaking views of Vermont's deepest gorge, formed by glacial activity over 13,000 years ago. Arrive in Woodstock, one of the prettiest towns in America, famous for the architecture of many of its houses and churches. This is the only town in America with four Paul Revere church bells. See the Middle-Covered Bridge built over the Ottauquechee River, which flows through the center of the village. Stroll along the lovely Village Green, with leisure time for lunch. Continue to Stowe, a wonderfully eclectic village, home to a thriving arts community and many cultural events. Reaching a height of 4,395 feet, Mt. Mansfield forms the centerpiece of a region that is world famous for its outdoor activities.

## **DAY 6: Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Ben & Jerry's Factory Tour**

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Begin the day at the Cold Hollow Cider Mill, one of the top producers of fresh apple cider in all of New England. You'll see how the cider is made the old-fashioned way, as it was done in the 1920s. Then, on to the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory in Waterbury. What a treat! The guided factory tour offers guests the opportunity to learn about the production process and hear how the company was started by two childhood friends. Go from the Cow over the Moon Theater to a glassed-in mezzanine to see the production room, then on to the FlavoRoom to indulge in the sample flavor of the day. Continue through Montpelier, the nation's smallest capital city, to Littleton, New Hampshire, a vibrant community located in the White Mountains on the Vermont border. Lunch on your own and leisure time in Littleton before driving on the scenic 34-mile Kancamagus Highway to North Conway. With a backdrop of over 700,000 acres of protected White Mountain National Forest, this area boasts the tallest peak in the East, Mount Washington. Tonight, is at leisure to discover the delights of North Conway on your own.

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## **DAY 7: Full Day in North Conway**

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Today is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful scenery that surrounds North Conway. The area is known for its numerous outdoor sights and activities. Perhaps head to the center of town where you'll find many shops and restaurants to fill the day, or, choose to take part in the *optional* Mount Washington Cog Railway and Maple Farm visit. Ride the World's First Mountain Climbing Train to the Top of Mount Washington, the highest peak in New England! Continue to a local estate to learn the history of maple sugaring, from the times of Native Americans to present day.

## **DAY 8: Ogunquit**

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Depart the White Mountains for coastal Ogunquit. Enjoy free time and lunch at leisure upon arrival. After, visit the Seashore Trolley Museum, the world's oldest and largest museum of mass transit vehicles. See a large collection of trolley trams and trains from different cities in the United States. Enjoy a scenic drive through Kennebunkport before arriving at the hotel. This evening, a Farewell Dinner New England-style with your newfound friends.

## **DAY 9: Boston**

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Depart Ogunquit and return to Boston for a day at leisure. Perhaps, take a stroll along famous Newbury street, lined with high-end boutiques, cafes and restaurants or, visit the skywalk observatory, located on the top of the Prudential building, for panoramic views of the city. Tonight, for dinner, head to the North End, Boston's oldest neighborhood, famous for its Italian food.

## **DAY 10: Return Home**

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Depart Boston to return home

### **MEALS:**

**B** = Breakfast

**L** = Lunch

**D** = Dinner

**WD** = Welcome Dinner

**FD** = Farewell Dinner