

BOSTON, MAINE, NEW ENGLAND, VERMONT LAKE PLACID AND NIAGARA FALLS 'Leaf Peeping Tour'



Departing Friday 29th September 2023 for 9 days / 8 nights

Join us as we travel through Boston and New England for the beautiful Fall Colors. Enjoy great cuisine including a lobster dinner. One of the greatest shows in the natural world occurs yearly in the forests and fields of the eastern United States as prolific flowers, turning leaves and colorful creatures paint the Autumn landscape. Nature's annual autumn color festival is certainly one of the greatest shows on earth. Each fall, millions of trees in the eastern deciduous forests respond to the shorter days and cooler nights by beginning preparations for their dormant winter period.

It is just business as usual for the trees, but for us, it is a spectacular display of the beauty and diversity of nature. Every fall, nature paints the East Coast landscape with brilliant red, orange and yellow colors. Temperatures determine how bright the Fall Season will be. Cool nights and sunny days cause chemical reactions within leaves. During summer months, a leaf is green thanks to an abundance of pigments in the chlorophyll.

These green pigments gather energy from the sun, using it to manufacture sugars necessary for the tree's growth. Photosynthesis consumes the leaf's supply of chlorophylls, which trees replenish at a steady rate through summer months. When days grow short and nights are cool, trees slow their chlorophyll pigment production. As demand outstrips supply, the green begins to fade. That allows other pigments to show through the fading green.

Itinerary:

Day 1 – Friday - Home Airport to Boston Logan Airport OR Providence Airport

Your journey today begins at Rapid City Regional Airport, please see your individual travel itinerary. After check-in pass through TSA security and then await boarding of your flight. For connecting flights to Boston Logan airport check the electronic departure information board for gate information as sometimes gates can and do change. On arrival in Boston, please go to the baggage reclaim area for your flight and look for Stuart who will be wearing a black cowboy hat. Once all bags have been accounted for, we will transfer to the hotel for overnight. The hotel will have a restaurant and bar for your pleasure.

Overnight Boston area – No meals included

Day 2 – Saturday - Boston – Hop on Hop off narrated all day trolley tour included.

Get to know the city of Boston and its top attractions in convenient and economical fashion on the entertaining and educational Boston hop-on hop-off trolley tour. Board one of the orange-and-green trolleys at any of the stops and enjoy the view with live commentary from an expert guide who knows the city inside and out. Learn about the history and happenings of Boston, a city known as the Cradle of Liberty, as the trolley rolls along from one location to the next. For one, or two consecutive days, hop off at any of the attractions for a closer look, then hop back on when it's convenient.

Overnight Boston area – Breakfast included.

Day 3 – Sunday - Boston to Kennebunkport, ME – 85 miles

At 8.30am we leave Boston behind meander the coast to Kennebunkport, Maine. We arrive in Kennebunkport in time to check in to our hotel before our 'Lobster Bake Supper tonight. Kennebunk's Lower Village & Kennebunkport's Dock Square are located along the ocean and Kennebunk River.

Overnight Kennebunkport, ME - Breakfast and Lobster Bake Supper included.

Day 4 – Monday - Kennebunkport, ME

A full day to explore this oceanside town which was settled in the 1600's... A a long time ship building mecca, the river banks saw five-masted ships and schooners making their way down the river on their way to the sea. Sea captains built fine mansions, many of which are preserved today as lovely inns with antique charm. Over 100 years ago, this part of the Maine Coast first became a resort destination - today it's "the place to be all year". Unique giftshops, fine dining and the summer home of President George H.W. Bush. Enjoy your day – Includes trolley tour.

Overnight Kennebunkport – Breakfast included



Day 5 – Tuesday – Kennebunkport, ME to Montpelier, VT via the White Mountains

Please have your bags ready in the hotel lobby to load at 8.00am for an 8.35am departure from the hotel. Our journey takes us in a north westerly direction to Conway, NH where we will take an early lunch break and have a little time to explore. After lunch we embark on our journey through the White Mountains via the Kancamagus Scenic Byway (Hwy 112) into Lincoln and then head north to Montpelier, VT.

The Kancamagus Highway... a 34.5 mile scenic drive along NH's Rt. 112 in Northern New Hampshire. It is well known as one of the best Fall Foliage viewing areas in the country. The Kancamagus Highway is now designated an American Scenic Byway for its rich history, aesthetic beauty and culture.

Before arriving in Montpelier we make a stop at the Bragg Family Maple Syrup farm which has been producing Vermont Maple Syrup for 8 generations. Their pure maple syrup is made the traditional way, using buckets and a wood-fired evaporator... yummy!

Overnight Montpelier area – Breakfast included

Day 6 – Wednesday – Montpelier, VT to Lake Placid, NY via Charlotte, VT

Please have your bags ready in the hotel lobby to load at 6.45am for a 7.00am departure from the hotel.

Today we travel from Montpelier, VT to Lake Placid, NY via Charlotte, VT. The journey today includes a picturesque 25 minute ferry crossing to Essex, NY. We continue our journey into the Adirondack to arrive in Lake Placid mid-afternoon and you are then free to explore at your leisure. Our hotel is in the heart of downtown where you have many shops and restaurants to choose from.

Overnight Lake Placid area – Breakfast included

Day 7 – Thursday – Lake Placid to Niagara Falls

This morning we leave the hotel at 8am to commence our journey to Niagara Falls... and what a sight to see. A group of three waterfalls at the southern end of Niagara Gorge, spanning the border between the province of Ontario in Canada and the state of New York in the United States. The largest of the three is Horseshoe Falls, also known as Canadian Falls, which straddles the international border of the two countries. The smaller American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls lie within the United States.

We arrive at our destination mid-afternoon leaving time to check-in, and then explore a little.

Overnight Niagara Falls area – Breakfast included.

Day 8 – Friday – Exploring Niagara Falls region / Maid of the Mist

Today we leave the hotel at 8.45am we depart the hotel for a trip aboard The Maid of the Mist.... you may get wet but it's well worth the experience! Later we'll visit the Floral Clock, visit a winery and of course a surprise awaits you today. As for evening dinner arrangements, we have something special in mind... please meet in the hotel lobby (ground floor) at 5.45pm for our departure from the hotel. Dress is casual as always and a short walk is involved. After supper, we return back to the hotel for overnight.

Overnight Niagara Falls area – Breakfast and Farewell Supper included.

Day 9 – Saturday - Niagara Falls to Home airport.

Today it's time to head home so please have your bags in the lobby at 7.30am for our journey to the airport and return flight home.

Breakfast Included

Itinerary at a glance

Price: \$4,495 (pp based on double occupancy)

Single: add \$1,395

Starts: Friday September 29th 2023

Ends: Saturday October 7th 2023

What's included?

- Round trip air from Rapid City, SD – (Other airports available – please call)
- Excellent accommodations - All sightseeing as listed.
- 7 Breakfasts and 2 Suppers (including a superb Lobster Bake)
- Visits to: Boston, MA, Kennebunkport, Maine, Montpelier, VT, Lake Champlain, Lake Placid & the Adirondack Mountains plus the amazing Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada

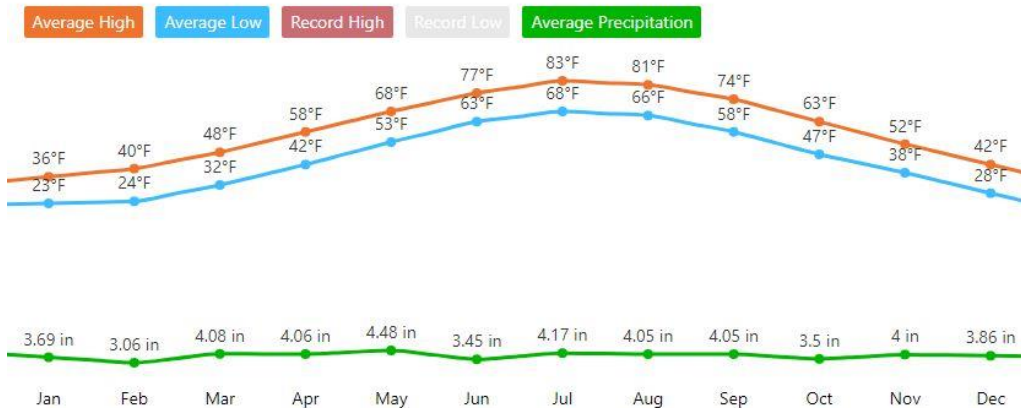
How to book

- Deposit due of \$1,000 per person
- Further deposit of \$750 by May 20th 2023
- Balance due by July 24th 2023

What you'll need

- Passports are required for this tour

Weather



July is on average the **WARMEST** month.

January is on average the **COOLEST** month.



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