

New England Fall Foliage

Stay at the Trapp Lodge,
& spend 2 nights in Maine!

Sep 28 - Oct 6, 2025



See the best of New England, including 2 nights in Maine! From the White Mountains of New Hampshire to the Green Mountains of Vermont, the scenic beauty will take your breath away. Explore unique New England institutions like a Maple Syrup Farm, see the lighthouses of Portland and stay at the Trapp Family Lodge. Plus, enjoy great dining experiences like a Lobster Bake and a Prime Rib cooked over a wood fire just like in colonial days. And since we fly rather than drive, you can see the best of New England in less time!

Sept 28, 2025: We're on our way!

Meet us at St. Louis Lambert Airport to board your included air flight round-trip to the gateway of New England, Boston, MA! We'll be back to visit this Colonial city, but today we head North to Maine! We'll make stops along the way as we head to our home for the next 2 nights, the **Anchorage Inn and Resort at York Beach, Maine**. Enjoy time to stroll about this magnificent property, enjoy the two indoor pools, or simply sit back, relax and count the waves as they crash into the rocky coastline.

Our welcome dinner is a New England tradition – a **Lobster Bake**! Served at one of the most popular restaurants in Maine, tie on your lobster bib and get ready to dig into clam chowdah', steamers and whole steamed lobstah'. If you're not a fan of lobster, you can enjoy a sirloin steak instead. (D)



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Sept 29, 2025: Kennebunkport sightseeing & Cape Neddick Nubble Lighthouse



After our full hot, plated breakfast at our seaside resort, we head to **Kennebunkport**. During our trolley tour, we'll learn about the town, its 300-year history, ranging from Native Americans and early settlers through the shipbuilding era, and learn about the most famous resident, former President George H. W. Bush. After the tour, enjoy time on Dock Square. Visit the charming shops and boutiques and

have lunch at your leisure.

After lunch, we stop in the city of Freeport, home to Maine's most famous outdoor gear company L.L. Bean. Not only do they have their massive store and outlet shop located here, but numerous other retailers have set up their own outlet shopping and it's a great place to get started on some early Christmas shopping – remember, you can check 2 bags for free on Southwest!

This afternoon we stop at the famous **Cape Neddick Nubble Lighthouse**. It is such an iconic lighthouse that it was included as part of the Voyager II spacecraft, which carries photographs of Earth's most prominent man-made structures and natural features to show any extraterrestrials which might find it a little about Earth. Other landmarks included Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal, so with company like that, it is a site you do not want to miss! There will be time to disembark the coach, walk around the lighthouse, take photos, visit the gift shop and breathe in the fresh salt air. Dinner tonight is at a local favorite, with a choice of Chicken Piccata or Lemon Baked Scrod. We then return to the hotel. **(B,D)**

Sept 30, 2025: – Green and White Mountain Leaf Peeping

After our full hot buffet breakfast, we bid farewell to our seaside resort, make our way down along the coastline and head west into **New Hampshire**, home to the smallest coastline in the United States. We will then make our way to the scenic drive along the **Kancamagus Highway**, known as one of the best fall foliage viewing areas in the country, some say the world. The Kancamagus Highway is designated an American Scenic Byway for its rich history, aesthetic beauty and culture. There will be time to stop for photo ops along the way. Make sure your phone is charged! We then arrive in Vermont and check in to our home for the next two nights, the **Killington Grand Resort Hotel**, located in the Green Mountains of Vermont.



Dinner tonight is at the **Little White Church**, a delicious home-cooked meal that is lovingly prepared and served by their membership as part of their fundraising. Started in 1997, this tradition has carried on for leaf peepers from near and far to experience life in rural Vermont. And we work with the only operator that books this unusual experience. The members LOVE having company and will share what life is like living year-round in Vermont. **(B,D)**

Oct 1, 2025: President Coolidge Site and French Cooking in Vermont

After breakfast in the hotel, we meet our local guide and head out to see the wonders of Vermont. Have you ever wondered when you receive **The Vermont Country Store** catalog if it is an actual store? Well on our next stop, you are about to find out. It's been called the voice of the mountains, the quintessential store in Vermont! You will find many items of yesteryear, one of a kind, and made in Vermont products!

Then get ready to check off another president's home when we visit the **President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site** in Plymouth, Vermont. It is the best-preserved presidential birthplace in the nation, virtually unchanged since the early 1900's. This rural village includes the homes of Calvin Coolidge's family and neighbors, general store, church, active cheese factory and the 1924 Summer White House Office. Calvin Coolidge was born here and was sworn in as our 30th President at the family homestead in 1923.

Lunch is on your own in one of the most charming towns in the state, **Woodstock, Vermont!** Stroll around and enjoy its idyllic covered bridges, historic homes, country stores, and breathtaking natural beauty. Woodstock is a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.



This afternoon we enjoy a taste of the simple life at **Mendon Mountain Orchard**, a small family-owned historic apple orchard in the heart of Vermont. Learn about their history and the challenges that they have had to overcome. There will be plenty of time to shop in the tiny farm store, perfect for souvenirs. They also have a bakery! But hopefully you have saved room for an amazing dinner at **Cafe Provence**, where we enjoy both a wonderful meal as well as a **live cooking demo** by the head chef, complete with French accent! The restaurant is

beautifully decorated, and the presentation of the food is a feast for the eyes as well! After the cooking demo they will provide you with your own copy of the recipe to try at home! **(B,D)**

Oct 2, 2025: Taste Vermont's Best Syrup & Ice Cream! Plus Trapp Family Lodge

This morning we take a walk through **Hope Cemetery**, renowned for its landscaping and funerary art. A prime example of the rural cemetery movement, it was inspired by romantic perceptions of nature and art, from the monuments and statues to the setting of fine trees and plantings set on 168 acres of rolling hillsides.

Our next stop is Montpelier, Vermont's capital city. Vermont is known for having the country's smallest **State House**. Built in 1859, it is one of the nation's oldest and best-preserved state capitols in use. During your guided tour, marvel at the fossil embedded marble floors, the original representative's desk still being used in the chambers today, a beautiful collection of artwork and original lighting fixtures. Lunch is included at the State House Café, where you just might find yourself dining next to the Governor!



Next, we travel to one of our favorite spots in Vermont - the **Morse Syrup Farm**. Burr



Morse is a fascinating man and a great example of a true Vermonter. See what “sugaring” involves, the different types of syrup, and what makes Vermont Syrup the best in the world. We tour the sugarhouse, sample freshly made maple syrup and visit the largest and most unique maple, crafts and mail order shop in the area. We even have the chance to enjoy a great syrup treat, We even have the chance to enjoy a great syrup treat called *Sugar on Snow*. You take maple syrup, swirl it on the crushed ice and make a molasses ball. There are dill pickles on the table to cut the sweetness!

Next, a stop at **Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Factory**, to hear the crazy story of how two guys climbed the ladder of success, our tour includes tasting of course!

The Sound of Music resonates at our home for the next two nights as we arrive at **Trapp Family Lodge**, a classic Austrian chalet. Learn why the von Trapp family settled in Stowe and developed their home into a renowned lodge. Dinner at the Lodge is included tonight. Enjoy the lovely surroundings of our hotel location and a room with a European feel. **(B,D)**

Oct 3, 2025: Exploring the Trapp Lodge and Mt Washington via Cog Rail!

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel, but before we leave we enjoy a **tour of the Trapp Lodge**. Learn about the real story behind the *Sound of Music* and the legacy of Maria as well as this amazing retreat in the woods.

We then head through the mountains until we reach the **Mt. Washington Cog Railway**, the easier way to ascend this peak. Part of the Appalachian Trail runs over this peak, which has some of the most challenging weather ever recorded, with wind gusts of over 200 miles per hour! We then head for a delicious dinner at a local favorite before arriving at our home for the next two nights, the **Omni Mount Washington Resort**. **(B,D)**



Oct 4, 2025: Recharging at the Omni Mount Washington Resort

Enjoy breakfast at leisure before our **tour of the historic Omni Mount Washington**



Resort this morning. The hotel was built in 1902 and is nestled into the surroundings perfectly. The resort offers numerous amenities such as a cinema, shops, hiking trails and gardens. Or just relax and read a good book by the fireplace – today is yours to enjoy! **(B)**

Oct 5, 2025: Heading out to Boston

Alas, it's time to depart Vermont and make our way back to Boston, but not before stopping at the **Salem Cross Inn** for a prime rib lunch. A farmhouse nestled on 600 acres dating back to the 1700s, the Salem Cross Inn is known as the home of the **fireplace prime rib**, prepared on a spit over a wooden fire, we will enjoy our lunch in this beautiful inn. If it sounds familiar to you, it may be because you saw them on the Cooking Channel's *Man, Fire, Food*. While waiting for our prime rib to finish we will enjoy learning about this historic structure and the family that runs it. The dad's dream of restoring a historic building is now run by his five daughters. As an added treat, our friends Nancy and Heather Salem will welcome us and share their personal stories of living in this historic area!

We then arrive in Boston suburbs at our Hampton Inn, near the city center. Enjoy strolling and the sites of the city. Rest up as tomorrow is our drive into the city, which should be calm being Sunday in a big city, and join our guide for a driving and walking city tour. **(B,L)**

Oct 6, 2025: Boston and Homeward Bound

After breakfast, we head for a **city tour of Boston**, cradle of the revolution. Enjoy a narrated city tour of Boston with our local guide and experience sections of the Freedom Trail as we wind our way through the city streets, stopping at Old North Church, famous for its role in the story of Paul Revere's ride. Our guide will walk us down the street of Paul Revere's home, and you will even go by the park that inspired "Make Way for Ducklings." We then head to the airport for our direct afternoon flight back home to St. Louis. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**



This Are We There Yet? Tour includes:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare on Southwest from STL (ask about other departure locations!)
- ✓ Luxury Motorcoach transportation
- ✓ Great hotels such as the Trapp Family Lodge in Vermont and a seaside resort in Maine!
- ✓ Omni Mt. Washington Hotel in New Hampshire
- ✓ Visit Morse Syrup Farm & experience Sugar on Snow
- ✓ French Cooking Demo
- ✓ Dinner at a local church
- ✓ City tours of Boston & Kennebunkport
- ✓ Cruises along the coast of Maine to see the lighthouses!
- ✓ Visit a historic Massachusetts Inn
- ✓ Mt. Washington Cog Railway
- ✓ Two Professional Tour Directors that start with you from St. Louis
- ✓ Admission to all attractions as listed
- ✓ 15 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and 6 Dinners, including a Lobster Bake and Prime Rib!
- ✓ Professional Tour Directors
- ✓ All gratuities to step-on guides, at included meals, driver and director – YES ALL TIPS!!!!

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Airfare is based on current tax rate and fuel surcharges. If there is an increase in either or you book after the deadline, a supplement will be assessed. Call us if you want to fly from another location! -You may ALWAYS book your own air. Just be sure to arrive before the group. Ask for adjustment in pricing.

A **deposit of \$2,000** per person is due when signing up for this tour. Final Payment is due April 24, 2025. Multiple payments and types of payment are accepted towards the tour.

There will not be any discount on portions paid by credit card.

There will be 1.8% discount with ACH from your bank.

The 4% discount is only for checks and payment apps like Cash App, Zelle or PayPal

We have over 30 people requesting this tour. If you want to go, please call our office and you can also email you want to go. We will allow 7 days for your check to arrive or you can pay with credit card at the first listed above rate.

We are working in a new system called Group Collect. You may pay online with credit card too but receive no discount. If you enter your own bank account info and pay it then receive a 1.8% discount off the price.

We encourage trip interruption and cancellation insurance. You will want to send that with your deposit so as to cover pre-existing conditions. We are also offering coverage through TripMate in conjunction with Group Collect and can begin offering it on tours not previously booked. The pricing on group insurance is NOT based on age, just the price of the tour.

The individual trip insurance policy is based on both age and price of tour. We can check for best fit. We also offer Cancel Any Time policies but they are often much more expensive and you receive either 75% or 80%, based on which insurance company, of what you paid for the tour if reason is not a covered reason. If it is covered, you will receive the full amount once the claim information has been filed and approved by the insurance company. It takes 8-12 weeks typically. Ask Maggie when you sign up.

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