

COLORS OF NEW ENGLAND

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 - SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

*SPJST Member price per person; Double \$2,492, Single \$3,079
Meals included: 6 continental breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 5 dinners
Airfare TBA*

Day 1. Flight to Albany * Burlington, Vermont * Dinner

Today, we are transported to the airport for our flight to Albany, New York. We travel into the heart of fall foliage for the next two nights in Vermont. Dinner will be included tonight.

Day 2. Cold Hollow Cider Mill * Shelburne Museum * Spirit of Ethan Allen Dinner Cruise

After breakfast, we begin the day by visiting Cold Hollow Cider Mill, which features a large cider press, a cider jelly making room, natural ingredient bakery, and impressive retail store. This afternoon, we visit Shelburne Museum, a remarkable 45-acre reconstruction of three centuries of early American life. We climb aboard the Spirit of Ethan Allen and enjoy a relaxing sail across Lake Champlain while feasting on a grand dinner. Lake Champlain is a beautiful, fresh water, inland sea squeezed between New York, Vermont, and Canada. We cruise this deep-water lake and view the beauty of the Adirondack Mountains to the west and Vermont's Green Mountains to the east.

Day 3. Morse Maple Sugar Works * Loon Mountain Gondola Ride * Cafe Lafayette Dinner Train

Today's sightseeing begins at the Morse Maple Farm for a sugar house tour and tasting. We then travel to Lincoln, New Hampshire, to check into our hotel and ride the Loon Mountain Gondola. Take New Hampshire's largest scenic Gondola Skyride to the summit of Loon Peak, where breathtaking views and high-altitude adventure await. Early evening, we board the Cafe Lafayette Dinner Train for an experience you will long remember. Riding in vintage-restored cars, we enjoy an elegant five-course feast as we travel through the lush New England forest and magnificent mountain vistas.

Day 4. Franconia Notch State Park * Cannon Mountain Tram * Kancamagus Scenic Byway * Portland Head Lighthouse * Dinner

This morning, we travel through Franconia Notch State Park on the way to the Cannon Mountain Tram. We'll ride the enclosed 80-passenger tramway rising 2,022 feet over one mile to Cannon Mountain Summit, where the view is magnificent. The Kancamagus Scenic Byway takes us through the White Mountain National Forest with breath-taking fall foliage view of the White Mountains, the Swift River, Sabbaday Falls, Lower Falls, and the Rocky Gorge on the way to North Conway. After some free time to explore, we travel to Portland, Maine where we admire the beauty of Maine's rugged coastline. Cape Elizabeth is home to one of the most photographed lighthouses in the world, the Portland Head lighthouse. Dinner is included tonight.

Day 5. Maine Ocean Drive * Lunch * Gloucester Tour

Our drive along Ocean Drive features stunning views of the Maine coastline and the homes of Kennebunkport's rich and famous, including a slow drive by the summer retreat of the late President George H.W. Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush. We make our way to Gloucester for lunch. We enjoy a delicious lunch including fresh, locally caught seafood. Next, we explore America's oldest seaport on Cape Ann during our sightseeing tour. We'll make a photo stop on Gloucester's Stacey Boulevard to see the statues that tell the stories of this working fishing village.

Day 6. Tour of Salem * Boston City Tour * Dinner

Today, we travel to Salem, Massachusetts, known for the Salem Witch Trials and home to 18th century master builder Samuel McIntyre and author Nathaniel Hawthorne. Next, we stop in Boston Faneuil Hall and have time for shopping and lunch at Quincy's Marketplace before meeting our step-on guide for an informative city tour. Sites include the Old North Church, Boston Common, Beacon Hill, and dozens of other Boston "must-sees." Dinner is included tonight before checking into our hotel.

Day 7. Newport, Rhode Island * Ten Mile Drive * Flight Home

Before our flight home, we travel to Newport, Rhode Island, and the acclaimed "Ten Mile Drive." As our coach slowly winds through the many homes and exquisite estates of the "400," we'll marvel at the beauty of these buildings and grounds. This afternoon, we arrive at the Providence airport for our flight home.