

Fall Colors, Scenic Trains & Martha's Vineyard

10 days from \$2,999

Highlights

- Three scenic rail excursions, including the *Conway Scenic Railroad*
- Tour the historic city of Boston, including the Freedom Trail
- Discover charming Martha's Vineyard, including the quaint village of Edgartown
- Uncover maritime history at the Mystic Seaport Museum
- Cruise through fall colors on the *Becky Thatcher* Riverboat
- Step back in time at Old Sturbridge Village
- Cruise Lake Winnepesaukee to the delightful town of Wolfeboro
- Admire brilliant fall colors on a drive along the Kancamagus Highway, America's top fall foliage drive
- Visit the Maine Maritime Museum and take a Kennebec River cruise

Trains

- *Conway Scenic Railroad*
- *Cape Cod Central Railroad*
- *Essex Steam Train*

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Double: \$2,999

Single: \$3,849

Prices are land-only, per person

Hotels

- Boston Park Plaza, Boston, MA
- Hyatt Place Portland – Old Port, Portland, ME
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Plymouth, Plymouth, NH
- Hilton, Mystic, CT
- Comfort Inn & Suites, Sturbridge, MA
- Fairfield Inn & Suite – Cape Cod, Hyannis, MA

Inclusions

- Hotel accommodations for 9 nights
- 13 meals, including a lobster dinner
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Services of a professional Tour Manager
- Baggage handling



Kancamagus Highway

Whether you seek the sites of yesteryear, fall scenery, or iconic towns, there is plenty to see on this New England rail tour. Your roundtrip expedition begins in Boston, where you have time to see the sites both on your own and with a scheduled sightseeing tour. Moving into Maine, Portland and Bath await, highlighted by a scenic cruise on the Kennebec River. Some of the best fall foliage in the United States is visible from the *Conway Scenic Railroad*. A scenic cruise along Lake Winnepesaukee allows us to take in even more of the red, yellow, and orange brilliance before we move onto Sturbridge, MA, where a great dose of history await in Old Sturbridge Village and on a ride aboard the *Essex Steam Train*. Cruising down the Connecticut River on a restored riverboat, gazing out upon the rocky shoreline and the colorful trees, is an experience to treasure. In Hyannis, even more adventure lies

ahead with an unforgettable ride aboard the *Cape Cod Central Railroad's* elegant dinner train and sightseeing throughout the famed destination of Martha's Vineyard. Traveling along the East Coast has never been more memorable.

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION

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Martha's Vineyard



Day 1 - Boston

Arrive in Boston, check in to your hotel and take the remainder of the day to explore the city on your own. Meet your tour manager at the hotel for a brief meeting before heading out to dinner at your choice of local restaurants. Overnight Boston, MA.

Day 2 - Boston Sightseeing/Portland, Maine

This morning, learn about Boston's rich history on a guided city tour, including the Freedom Trail. Your sightseeing ends at Quincy Market, where there is time for lunch on your own. This afternoon, board your motorcoach for the journey north to Portland, Maine. Overnight Portland, ME. (B)

Day 3 - Bath, ME/Maine Maritime Museum/Kennebec River Cruise

Quaint seaside villages dot the coastline as we make our way from Portland to Bath. Our sightseeing begins at the Maine Maritime Museum, featuring over 21,000 artifacts and crafts.

From the museum, we step aboard a river cruiser for an up-close look at the Kennebec River and the sites along it. The first landmark we pass is the Bath Iron Works, where impressive vessels have been built for more than 400 years and where modern Navy ships are still built today. A retired Bath Iron Works employee joins us on board to discuss his experience as a ship builder. As we continue, we

pass the 1898 Doubling Point Lighthouse and the Kennebec River Range Light Station before returning to the museum. We return to Portland with the afternoon free to enjoy in the Old Wharf District. This evening is highlighted by a lobster dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Portland, ME. (B, D)

Day 4 - Conway Scenic Railroad

Today, we drive to North Conway, where we board the *Conway Scenic Railroad* for a breathtaking journey through New Hampshire's fall foliage. Keep an eye out for spectacular views of Crawford Notch and Mount Washington. There is also time to explore the train depot, now a National Historic Landmark, museum, and roundhouse. Later, board the motorcoach for the scenic drive to Franconia Notch State Park, located in the heart of the White Mountains via the Kancamagus Scenic Highway, known as one of the best fall foliage viewing areas in America. Overnight Plymouth, NH. (B)

Day 5 - Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise

We travel to Weirs Beach to board the *MS Mount Washington* for a cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee. Step off the vessel at the charming village of Wolfeboro, NH, for lunch on your own and to browse the quaint shops. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Overnight Plymouth, NH. (B)

Day 6 - Scenic Drive to Sturbridge

Today we drive through New England's idyllic fall foliage scenery to Sturbridge,

Massachusetts. This evening, we enjoy a traditional New England dinner. Overnight Sturbridge, MA. (B, D)

Day 7 - Old Sturbridge Village/Essex Steam Train & Becky Thatcher Riverboat

Step back in time this morning with a trip to Old Sturbridge Village. This attraction provides an in-depth look at rural life in the 1800s. See more than 50,000 period artifacts that were made or used by New Englanders; the onsite demonstrations, presentations, and employees in full colonial dress make for a fully immersive experience.

We enjoy lunch at an historic inn before traveling by motorcoach to the Essex Train Station, a historic building that dates back to 1892. Here, our steam train awaits, and we set off through the scenic Connecticut River Valley. The route is fully narrated and provides a majestic look at the changing trees. The train takes us to Deep River Landing, where we set off on the next phase of our adventure aboard the *Becky Thatcher Riverboat* to see the area's most beautiful features from the water. Overnight Mystic, CT. (B, L)

Day 8 - Mystic Seaport Museum/Cape Cod Central Railroad

Our day begins with a visit to Mystic Seaport, a maritime museum founded in 1929 featuring tall ships, a recreation of a 19th-century coastal village, and a preservation shipyard. Continue to Hyannis, where we embark on an evening rail excursion through cranberry bogs and lush marshes aboard the *Cape Cod Central Railroad's* Dinner Train. Enjoy your meal as the train crosses the famous Cape Cod Canal railroad bridge into the historic village of Buzzard's Bay. Overnight Hyannis, MA. (B, D)

Day 9 - Martha's Vineyard

Today's excursion takes us aboard the *M/V Island Home*, your passenger and vehicle ferry which crosses from the mainland of Cape Cod to the island retreat community of Martha's Vineyard. Once on the island, we enjoy tales of its fishing and whaling past, shopping and eating opportunities in the charming town of Edgartown and a visit to the colorful Victorian gingerbread cottages of Oak Bluffs. Later, we return by ferry to Woods Hole, MA, and on to Hyannis. Overnight Hyannis, MA. (B)

Day 10 - Tour Conclusion

Your fall foliage tour concludes this morning when you transfer to Boston's South Station or Logan Airport for your travel home. Transfers will accommodate trains and planes departing after 1:00 p.m.