



Oct 4-14

11 Days

\$1995– Double

\$2745 – Single

Deposit \$100

Tour Includes:

- 18 Meals
- Deluxe Motor Coach
- Professional Tour Manager
- All Included Sightseeing and Admission Fees
- Accommodations
- Luggage Handling

Plus:

- Oglebay Resort
- Mystic Seaport
- Nathan Hale Homestead
- Hale & Hearty Hearth Cooking Class
- Kennebunkport
- Nick's Chance
- York Village & Ogunquit
- Museum of Old York
- The Old Gaol
- Ft. Knox
- Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory
- Longfellow House
- Cog Railway
- Squam Lake Boat Cruise
- "On Golden Pond"
- Walter's Basin
- Porter Music Box Co & Museum
- Quechee Gorge
- Norman Rockwell Museum
- Robert Frost Home
- Niagara Falls
- Top of the Falls Restaurant
- A Special Farewell Dinner

AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND AND COASTAL MAINE

Day 1 – We begin our adventure as we travel across Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio to Wheeling, WV where our beautiful overnight accommodations await. **Oglebay Resort** is well known for its magnificent grounds. You may want to take a walk around the lake or just relax before dinner, which is included at the Resort. **(D)**

Day 2 – A hot breakfast at the hotel will get us ready for another day of travel. As we make our way along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, we will stop for lunch on our own. Tonight we arrive in Milford, CT where we unpack for two nights. **(B)**

Day 3 – After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for **Mystic Seaport, CT**. Dubbed the "**Museum of American and Sea**", the 70-year old Mystic Seaport complex encompasses an entire Waterford settlement, capturing the look and feel of a 19th-century seafaring village. You will have free time to visit the majestic **three-masted Charles W. Morgan**, the proudest possession of the Seaport fleet of over 500 craft. Fans of scrimshaw and ship, "**Models in Bottles**", should be sure to visit the **Stillman Building**, which contains fascinating exhibits of both. Take time for lunch on your own before returning to the hotel. Dinner will be included tonight. **(B D)**

Day 4 – Today we will visit the **Nathan Hale Homestead** in Coventry, CT. Constructed in 1776, the current house is the second dwelling built on the property. Nathan Hale was caught and hanged as a spy at age 21 by the British in September of 1776. He is famous for his alleged last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country". While here we will attend a **Hale & Hearty Hearth Cooking Class**. Learn how to cook on the open hearth, and then eat a hearty meal. From here, we head to South Portland, ME where we will stay for the next three nights. **(B L)**

Day 5 – Today we will drive to **Kennebunkport, ME** where we board **Nick's Chance**, an eighty-seven foot whale watching vessel, and cruise from Kennebunkport to the Summer feeding grounds of Finbacks, Humpbacks, Minke's, the rare Blue Whale, and the endangered Right Whale. There is a galley on board with light lunch fare, soda, and bottled water. "Captain Gary" and his four-legged "first mate", Morgan, will keep you entertained while offering the best opportunity to have a memorable and exciting whale watching adventure. Later we travel to **York Village and Ogunquit, ME**. The historic downtown area of York provides visitors with charming shops and cafes, and is home to the **Museum of Old York**. You may want to tour renowned historic buildings, relax on an old stone wall or visit several art galleries, or shop for gifts and antiques in one-of-a-kind shops (gravestone art, anyone?). Coventry Hall in York is the most notable surviving early Federal style residence in all of Southern Maine. **The Old Gaol (jail?)** has been sitting on the hill overlooking the Village since 1719 and is one of the oldest surviving British public buildings in the United States. We return to the hotel with some free time for dinner on your own nearby. **(B)**

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Day 6 – We have another treat in store today as we travel to **Ft. Knox** and the **Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory**. Ft. Knox was established in 1844 to protect the Penobscot River valley against a possible future British naval incursion, and is one of the nation's best preserved mid 19th century coastal forts. It was named for Major General Henry Knox, America's first Secretary of War. After spending some time seeing the Fort, be sure to visit the **Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory**. A one-minute ride on the high-speed elevator takes you to the tallest public bridge – observatory in the world. The bridge spans the **Penobscot River** and offers a 360-

degree panoramic view from 420 feet up. Lunch will be on your own today. We tour the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House, which was built by the Poet's grandfather and displays some of the family's original furniture. Tonight dinner will be provided near the hotel. **(B D)**

Day 7 – Today we leave the beautiful Maine coastal area and head west into **New Hampshire**. At **Bretton, NH**, we will board the **Cog Railway** for an exciting and scenic trip to the summit of **Mt. Washington**, the northeast's Highest Peak! While at the summit, take time for lunch on your own and visit the museum and gift shop or just sit on the deck and savor the natural beauty of the White Mountains. When we return to the station, we will depart for the **Squam Lake** area of New Hampshire for a **scenic boat cruise** on the Lake. We will have a narrated tour that encompasses the "**On Golden Pond**" area of the lake, including the cabin where part of the movie was filmed. After the cruise, we will have an included dinner at **Walter's Basin**. We return to the hotel for the night. **(B D)**

Day 8 – Our next stop will be in **Randolph, VT** at the **Porter Music Box Company and Museum**. A Porter Music Box is fashioned after the heirlooms of Victorian Europe and America. Porters are the largest disc style music boxes in manufacture today. Take time to visit the museum's gift shop. We will stop at **Quechee Gorge** for pictures and an **included lunch** before driving on to **Rutland, VT** for a tour of the **Norman Rockwell Museum**, which features a collection with copies of both rare and well-known published works including magazine covers, illustrations, advertisements, calendar artwork and book illustrations from all periods of Rockwell's career. We travel on to **Bennington, VT** where we will stay overnight. **(B L)**

Day 9 – This morning we will see some of the sights around Bennington, such as the **Old First Church** and **The Robert Frost Home**, before driving to **Niagara Falls, NY**. After we check in to the hotel for the night, we will have a wonderful dinner at the **Top of the Falls Restaurant**. While dining on the exquisite fare of the restaurant you will have one of the best views within **Niagara Falls State Park**. Located on **Goat Island** overlooking **Terrapin Point**, you can dine while looking out on **Horseshoe Falls** through the floor-to-ceiling windows or from one of the outdoor dining decks. **(B D)**

Day 10 – This morning we board our deluxe motorcoach and leave New York and the rest of New England behind and head to Covington, KY. Tonight dinner will be included on one of the **Riverboat Restaurants**, where you will have a view of the **Cincinnati Riverfront** as you enjoy a "**Farewell Dinner**". After dinner, we depart for the hotel and enjoy a much needed night of rest. **(B D)**

Day 11 – This morning we depart for home, as this exciting and scenic trip comes to a close. We hope you have seen some familiar as well as some new sights on this trip. You should have a lot of memories and maybe some pictures to share with family and friends when you return. **(B)**

HEY, DID YOU KNOW.....

BREAKFAST TREATS AND DRINKS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MOTORCOACH FOR EARLY MORNING DEPARTURES. WE HAVE BOTTLED WATER AVAILABLE ON THE MOTORCOACH ON ALL TOURS.