

# Classic New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

October 11 - 22, 2021

**Day 1:** Our journey begins through the charming and vibrant New England States and the rugged, pristine beauty of the Atlantic Coast. Destination New York. **Day 2:** We drive to Canandaigua, NY where we visit Sonnenberg Gardens and tour the beautiful 1887 Queen Anne style mansion and enjoy the elegant manicured gardens with fountains, streams, statues and greenhouses. After a short drive, we board a boat and experience the mystery of the fabled 1000 Islands as we take a sightseeing



cruise on the Saint Lawrence River and see the old stone mansions and humble cottages that dot the islands. **Day 3: Lake Placid:** Enjoy the spectacular views of the Adirondack Mountains and the beautiful resort town of Lake Placid, the home to the 1980 Winter Olympics. We will have a local guide to help us experience this unique place and see some of the Olympic sights and Mirror Lake.

**Day 4: Ft. Ticonderoga, NY-Vermont:** The fort has been restored to its original appearance of the 1750's. The museum contains a collection of weapons, artifacts and paintings from Colonial and Revolutionary history. We will enjoy exploring and learning about this part of our history. Then off to Vermont and the Green Mountains. Explore and discover art, history, and the natural beauty of Vermont at Shelburne Museum, an unconventional and utterly delightful destination in the Champlain

Valley. Folk art, impressionist paintings, circus collections, and even a steamboat—it's all here on the beautifully landscaped campus of historic buildings and galleries, each one filled with fascinating collections. **Day 5: Vermont: Big Day in a small state. Today is a day of tasting:** Watch apples transform into cider the old fashion way—using a rack and cloth press—during our stop at the **Cold Hollow Cider Mill.** Yes, sample the juice and all the other jams, jellies and goodies. We will drive by the Gold Dome Capitol in Montpelier on our way to visit the

**Morse Farm** to learn about their 200 year old maple sugar tradition. Enjoy the hospitality of this friendly family as we lick our lips over a maple flavored treat they have prepared for us. Then we're off to historic Barre and **Rock of Ages Granite Quarry.** It's the world's largest granite quarry, and we'll be amazed as we look into the 600 feet deep pit and hear some fascinating details from a local guide. See the artisans creating monuments, and marvel at **Hope Cemetery**, a Museum of Sculptured Headstones. Other stops for shopping and samples as time permits. Ben and Jerry's, Vermont cheese. **Day 6: New Hampshire, White Mts., Kancamagus Highway:** Today we can soak in the lovely New England countryside as we travel through some of New Hampshire's most scenic mountains. Marvel at the fall color, rock walls and



waterfalls. We get a close up view of New Hampshire and the White Mountains on the **Kancamagus Highway**, one of the region's most pristine scenic drives. It crosses the 2,860 foot Kancamagus Pass, and then drops into a beautiful, deep valley. Spectacular views and scenic mountain passes draped in fall color. **Day 7: Bangor/Bar Harbor:** Today we visit **Acadia National Park.** No where on the Atlantic seaboard is the rock-bound coast as picturesque as in the park. We drive the scenic park road and enjoy the spectacular panoramic views from the top of Cadillac Mountain, the first place in the continental U.S. to see the sunrise. Witness the amazing Thunder Hole. We will also have some time to explore the village of Bar Harbor. Lobster Bake anyone? **Day 8: Ft. Knox, Penobscot Bridge, Freeport, Portland:** Another beautiful day of scenery is in store for us as we head south and visit Ft. Knox, one of the best preserved fortifications on the New England Coast.



We cross the beautiful Penobscot Narrows Bridge which has the only bridge observatory in the U.S. You will enjoy a awesome view from the top of the observatory. We stop in Freeport, the home of L.L. Bean, known for quality outdoor gear, apparel and footwear. Special lunch we'll really enjoy at the Harraseeket Inn. Then off to visit the Portland Head Light House in Cape Elizabeth and admire the beauty of the rugged coast before checking

into our hotel. **Day 9: Portland, Kennebunkport, Newport RI.** This morning we see the small resort town of Kennebunkport and drive by President George and first lady Bush's summer retreat home. This afternoon we will experience and explore The CITY-BY-The Sea. Our drive will drive by the world famous Newport Harbor and explore the famous Bowen's Wharf. We'll see the "Gilded Age" Mansions on the acclaimed Ten Mile Drive. We'll marvel at the beauty of these mansions and grounds as we slowly drive through the many homes and exquisite estates of the "400". Explore the famous Bowen's Wharf and tour **The Breakers Mansion**, one of the grandest of the "summer cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in America. We will tour this 70 room Italian Renaissance-style palazzo inspired by the 16th century palaces of Genoa. **Day 10: Mystic, CT:** Visit the Seaport Museum, the nations largest maritime museum which portrays life as it was on the New England coast 200 years ago. This recreated seaport village allows you to actually walk through the homes and visit the **Charles W Morgan**, the only surviving wooden whaling ship in the world. **Day 11: Longwood Gardens:** Today take a walk through one of the worlds largest indoor conservatories at the beautiful Longwood Gardens! Sometimes referred to as the DuPont Gardens and created by industrialist Pierre S. du Pont. The entire estate offers 1050 acres of gardens, woodlands and meadows: 20 outdoor gardens: 20 indoor gardens within 4 acres of heated greenhouses: 11,000 different type of plants and spectacular fountains. **Day 12: Homeward Bound!** This is the final day of our fantastic journey so set back and relax while reminiscing about what a wonderful experience it has been.



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**Tour cost:** \$2495 Includes: Lodging, Motor-coach Transportation, admission to all attractions listed, 8 group meals, breakfast as provided by hotels and those little Koinonia extras.