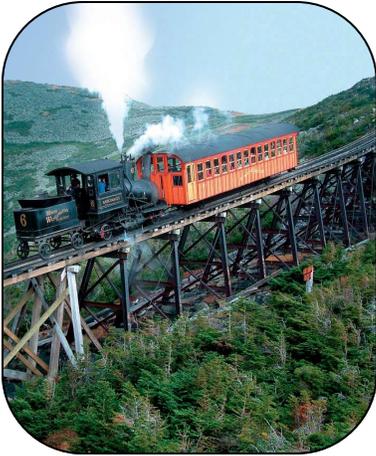


NEW ENGLAND

May 31, 2018 - 17 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$6330 double/twin

\$7795 single

\$5920 triple

> Tour is exempt from GST

> **Early Bookers:** \$300 discount on first 15 seats; \$150 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 153 points from this tour.

Redeem **153 points** if you book by **March 13.**



Includes

- Transportation to/from Seattle Airport
- 16 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Flight from Seattle to Boston and return
- Current air taxes, fees and fuel surcharges
- New England coach transportation for 15 days
- Locally-guided tour of Boston with Freedom Trail
- Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum
- Amtrak train from Boston to Portland, Maine
- Locally-guided tour of Portland
- Lighthouse Lovers cruise in Portland harbour
- Maine Lighthouse Museum
- Afternoon tea at Looking Glass
- Locally-guided tour of Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park
- Bar Harbor cruise with lobster bake
- Great Maine Lumberjack show
- Café Lafayette Dinner Train
- Mount Washington Cog Railway
- Mount Washington Hotel historic tour
- Rock of Ages granite quarry
- Trapp Family Lodge tour
- Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory tour
- Old Sturbridge Village
- Tour of The Breakers mansion
- Schooner *Aquidneck* Newport harbour cruise
- Dune buggy tour at Cape Cod Seashore
- Fast ferry to/from Martha's Vineyard
- Locally-guided tour of Martha's Vineyard
- Edgartown Lighthouse
- Plymouth Rock
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Gratuities to New England guides, drivers, boat crew and train staff
- Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director
- **23 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners

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HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW ENGLAND

- BOSTON
- FREEDOM TRAIL
- AMTRAK TRAIN BOSTON TO PORTLAND
- PORTLAND LIGHTHOUSE LOVERS CRUISE
- BAR HARBOR
- ACADIA NATIONAL PARK
- BAR HARBOR CRUISE & LOBSTER BAKE
- GREAT MAINE LUMBERJACK SHOW
- CAFÉ LAFAYETTE DINNER TRAIN
- MOUNT WASHINGTON COG RAILWAY
- ROCK OF AGES GRANITE QUARRY
- TRAPP FAMILY LODGE
- BEN & JERRY'S ICE CREAM FACTORY
- OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE
- BREAKERS MANSION
- NEWPORT HARBOUR SAILBOAT CRUISE
- CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE
- DUNE BUGGY RIDE
- MARTHA'S VINEYARD
- PLYMOUTH ROCK

Itinerary

Thursday, May 31:

Transportation is provided to Seattle. We stay overnight at the Quality Inn in Renton near the Seattle airport.

Friday, June 1: Meals: B

Our morning flight is non-stop on Delta Airlines to Boston. We stay two nights at the Doubletree Hotel, located downtown in the theatre district.

Saturday, June 2:

One of the oldest cities in the USA, **Boston** was founded in 1630 by Puritan colonists from England. It was the scene of several key events of the American Revolution, such as the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the Siege of Boston. First, there is a driving tour with a local guide including Beacon Hill, Boston Common, and Massachusetts State House. Next is a leisurely walk along a short section of the **Freedom Trail** to see Granary Burying Ground, Old South Meeting House, King's Chapel, and Old State House. The walk ends at **Faneuil Hall** with lunch on your own in the bustling Quincy Market area and some free time for exploring. Afterwards, we go to the **Boston Tea Party Ships** where exhibits explain the famous event in American history in 1773 when cartons of tea were thrown overboard into the harbour to protest a tax on tea.

Sunday, June 3:

The morning is leisure time. At noon, we board an Amtrak train for a 2½ hour journey north to Portland. **Welcome to Maine!** Our coach meets us at the station and we stay two nights at the Hilton Garden Inn, located right in the historic Old Port district, across the street from the waterfront piers.

Monday, June 4:

Meals: B,D

Portland is the largest city in Maine, but only boasts a population of about 66,000. The peninsula was first permanently settled in 1633 as a fishing and trading village named Casco. Through the last half of the 19th century, Portland was the primary ice-free winter seaport for Canadian exports. This morning, a local guide conducts a city tour with a stop at Portland Head Light. In the afternoon, we take a 1½-hour narrated "Lighthouse Lovers" cruise through busy **Casco Bay** and its innermost islands to see four lighthouses, forts, lobster boats, seals, and seabirds.

Tuesday, June 5:

Meals: B, tea

This morning, we drive the slow and scenic Highway #1 along the Maine coast with stops at the Lighthouse Museum in Rockland and lunch in Camden Village. **Bar Harbor** is a quaint town on Mount Desert Island which is connected by causeway to the mainland. We stop for afternoon tea at the Looking Glass on the waterfront. Our accommodation for two nights is at Bluenose Inn.

Wednesday, June 6:

Meals: B,D

This morning, there is a sightseeing drive around Mount Desert Island and **Acadia National Park**, highlighted by a superb view from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. This afternoon, we enjoy a cruise of Bar Harbor's waterfront while learning how a lobster gets from a trap to your plate and the 400-year old history of lobster fishing on this coast. Back at the dock, savour a traditional lobster bake. Tonight, we attend the **Great Maine Lumberjack Show** — 12 exciting events packed into 1¼ hours including axe throwing, log rolling, power hot sawing, and pole climbing.

Thursday, June 7:*Meals: B,D*

Leaving the coast, we drive west across Maine into **New Hampshire** and arrive in North Conway at the Grand Hotel. In late afternoon, we follow the scenic **Kancamagus Highway**, offering some of the most beautiful highway vistas in the eastern states. We make stops at the Albany Covered Bridge and Rocky Gorge. In North Woodstock, we board the **Café Lafayette Dinner Train** which has several restored cars dating to the 1920s. Enjoy five courses of fine cuisine while we travel slowly through the Pemigewasset River Valley past magnificent mountain vistas and lush forests.

Friday, June 8:*Meals: B,L*

We drive through scenic Crawford Notch, past the site of the Old Man of the Mountain, a natural rock outcrop that collapsed in 2003. Our next train ride is the **Mount Washington Cog Railway**, the world's first mountain-climbing rack-and-pinion railway. We travel to the summit of the highest mountain in the northeastern USA at 1,917 metres. At an average grade of over 25%, this is the second steepest rack railway in the world and takes three hours for the round trip with an hour on the summit. Next we go to the renowned **Mount Washington Hotel**, built in 1902 to attract well-heeled travellers to the scenery of the White Mountains. Lunch is included here, then we take a guided tour of the grand rooms of this National Historic Site. We continue west into **Vermont** with a stop at the Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks. We stay two nights in Montpelier, the state capital, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

Saturday, June 9:*Meals: B,L,D*

First, we visit **Rock of Ages**, a gigantic granite quarry in Barre. Starting in 1885, the company has supplied granite for artist's carvings, memorial stones, landscaping, and building construction. Next we drive to Stowe, site of the famous **Trapp Family Lodge**. After fleeing Austria in 1938, the von Trapp family settled here in 1942 and toured the USA as the Trapp Family Singers. The lodge was built during the 1950s and the family became well-known from *The Sound of Music* show on Broadway and the movie. We have lunch at the lodge and take a tour of the building. During the return to Montpelier, we stop at **Ben & Jerry's Factory** for a tour and sample of the delicious ice cream.

Sunday, June 10:*Meals: B,L*

We head south through the Connecticut River Valley with a stop at the **Vermont Country Store** in Rockingham. Now an online retailer, this is one of

the original stores established in the 1940s with a quaint atmosphere. Next is **Old Sturbridge Village**, the largest outdoor living history museum in the northeast. It depicts a rural New England town of the 1830s and features 40 original buildings including homes, meeting houses, school, country store, bank, working farm, three water-powered mills, and trade shops. Lunch is included in the authentic Oliver Wight Tavern. We continue into **Rhode Island** and stay two nights at the Newport Harbor Hotel.

Monday, June 11:*Meals: B,D*

Newport was founded in 1639, but it attracted the attention of wealthy southern plantation owners in the mid-19th century who built summer cottages to escape the heat. By the turn of the 20th century, some of the USA's wealthiest families such as the Vanderbilts and the Astors had adopted Newport as a summer escape, and the cottages became opulent mansions with many servants. In 1895, the Vanderbilts built **The Breakers** which has 70 rooms on five floors. We take a driving tour of Newport, viewing "cottages" such as Marble House, Rosecliff, Land's End, and Hammersmith Farm, once owned by the Kennedys. An inside tour of The Breakers is included. We spend the afternoon aboard an elegant 25-metre sailboat, the **Schooner Aquidneck**. Newport is known as the sailing capital of the USA and has one of the most beautiful bays in the world. Cutting through Newport Harbor, past the Newport Bridge, and along Ocean Drive, the crew try to sail as much as possible, so long as there is wind!

Tuesday, June 12:*Meals: B,D*

Cape Cod extends 105 km into the Atlantic Ocean, with a width of between 2 and 32 km and it has about 640 km of shoreline. The Cape is extremely busy with tourists in the summer due to its splendid beaches and many attractions. We take a driving tour of the Cape all the way to the tip at Provincetown. A highlight is a dune buggy ride over the extensive sand dunes of the **Cape Cod National Seashore**. We stay three nights at the Blue Water Resort in South Yarmouth.

Wednesday, June 13:*Meals: B*

This is a free day with no activities planned so you can enjoy the beautiful setting of the resort. It is located right on the fine sandy beach, overlooking Nantucket Sound, and facilities include restaurant, pub, indoor and outdoor pools, and whirlpool.

Thursday, June 14:*Meals: B*

The day is devoted to **Martha's Vineyard**, a large island off the south coast of Cape Cod. We take a fast passenger ferry from Hyannis to Oak Bluffs, then tour the island's highlights for several hours. The island was discovered by an English explorer, Bartholomew Gosnold, and named for either his daughter or his mother-in-law. It was settled starting in 1642 and became popular as a whaling station. In the late 19th century, wealthy Americans built summer cottages and the tourist industry developed from there. The tour includes the Edgartown Lighthouse, the gingerbread cottages, and Aquinnah Cliffs. There is free time to stroll the streets of Oak Bluffs before taking a late afternoon ferry back to Cape Cod.

Friday, June 15:*Meals: B*

Enjoy more time relaxing on the beach this morning. Then we have a two-hour drive into Boston with a stop at **Plymouth Rock**, one of the most iconic historic sites in the USA where the Pilgrims landed in the *Mayflower* in 1620. We fly on Delta in late afternoon non-stop to Seattle, and stay overnight at the Quality Inn Renton.

Saturday, June 16:*Meals: B*

Transportation is provided to Victoria.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due March 13, 2018.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$300 discount on first 15 seats and \$150 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 13.

Cancellation Policy: Up to February 13, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From February 14 to March 13, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From March 14 to April 6, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From April 7 to April 30, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After April 30, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and currency exchange, and surcharges from airlines and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

Airline luggage fees: Please note that this is an additional expense of about \$50 per person round trip. Wells Gray Tours includes luggage fees when they can be prepaid, but some airlines require individual payment at the airport.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

Home pickups and dropoffs may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and the size of the chartered vehicle. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

Photo Credit: Mount Washington Cog Railway



Activity Level: Moderate activity including short distances to walk and some steps. Getting on and off trains and boats can involve some steps or ramps. There can be longer walks in Seattle and Boston airports; request a cart or wheelchair in advance if this could be an issue for you. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get off and on the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

E-points: This tour earns 153 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until March 13.

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