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New England's Scenic Railways

September 12-17, 2024

Season: May-October

TOUR RATING: **EASY**

This unique tour of New England showcases the region's historic rail lines. Learn how historic railways brought urban Americans to the shores and mountains of Maine and New Hampshire as you experience spectacular views in the heart of New England's famed White Mountains.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey into northern New England by train from Boston's North Station
- Experience Maine's unique two-foot gauge railroads
- Travel by train through New Hampshire's Mt. Washington Valley and Crawford Notch on the Conway Scenic Railway
- Ride the world's first cog railway to the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington

Questions?

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DAY
1

Arrivals in Boston

Arrive into Boston by 4:00 pm and meet the group this evening for orientation to the week ahead.

Meals included: Dinner

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2

Amtrak's Downeaster and Explore Portland

This morning, experience America's intercity passenger-rail renaissance aboard Amtrak's Downeaster to Portland, Maine. We depart from North Station, located a mile and a half from South Station, Boston's terminus for trains from outside of New England. The need to transfer across the congested city center led to the demise of intercity passenger trains in Maine and New Hampshire earlier than elsewhere in the Northeast. From 1965 until Downeaster service began in 2001, only commuter trains used North Station. Now five round trips a day link ten communities in three states. The two and a half hour ride winds along the Atlantic Coast through quaint towns in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. Our midday arrival provides opportunity for you to discover downtown Portland.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
3

Maine's Rail and Maritime History

This morning, we visit a gem of Maine history. In most of America "narrow gauge" meant three feet between the rails. In Maine, a gauge of two feet was adopted for logging railroads in the woods and by five common-carrier railroads that totaled 187 route-miles. The 43-mile Wiscasset Waterville & Farmington operated from 1895 until 1933. The WW&F Railway Museum has recreated 2.5 miles of the original railroad, which we ride on via train powered by a restored steam locomotive. Afterward we visit the Maine Maritime Museum at the historic Percy & Small Shipyard in Bath, ME. Exhibits tell the stories of the shipyard, the neighboring Bath Iron Works, and the place of Maine's people and vessels in global commerce. Tonight you are free to dine on your own in Portland.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY
4

Conway Scenic Railroad in the Mount Washington Valley

From the 1870s through the 1920s, multitudes of eastern city-dwellers summured in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and western Maine. They came by train and we will recreate a bit of their experience. A transfer from Portland by vehicle will take us to a midday train on a rail line they traveled. It became part of the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1890, and its passenger trains connected this valley with Boston until 1961. Freight service continued until 1972 and excursion trains began in 1974. Afterward we transfer to the famed Omni Mount Washington Hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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Crawford Notch in the Heart of the White Mountains

In the morning we take another ride on the Conway Scenic Railroad through the White Mountains, this time through Crawford Notch in a historic dome car providing scenic views along this 5.5-hour ride.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
6

To the Summit of Mount Washington by Cog Railway

Ride to the 6,288-foot summit of America's most topographically prominent peak east of Colorado. After he got lost hiking and spent a freezing night on the mountain, New Hampshire native Sylvester Marsh conceived of a railroad to the top. Though his idea was ridiculed, the New Hampshire legislature gave Marsh a charter to build it in 1858. The Civil War intervened, and the Mount Washington Cog Railway was not completed until 1869. It was the first of its kind in the world and it stimulated hotel expansion and transportation improvements throughout New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. Our train will employ a 19th Century steam locomotive built for the railway by Manchester Locomotive Works. After lunch we return to Boston for travel home.

Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,395 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,500 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Snacks and beverages • Train tickets and museum admissions for all included activities • Commentary by trip rail expert • Services of professional tour manager • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portage service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Optional activities • Alcoholic beverages • Trip insurance – highly recommended

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Lodging

Courtyard by Marriott Boston Downtown/North Station - 1 night

Located in downtown Boston, the hotel features a modern, sophisticated design that marries their urban location with a tranquil energy. At 14 stories with 220 rooms. They offer breakfast, dinner and a full bar for you to socialize and unwind. The Italian neighborhood of the North End is conveniently located within walking distance as well as TD Garden, home of the Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins, along with major transportation hubs such as Boston North Station, Logan International Airport and all major highways.

Portland Regency Hotel & Spa - 2 nights

Named the "Best Historic Hotel of the Year" by Historic Hotels of America, you'll find yourself right at home at their full-service hotel in the city's Old Port neighborhood. Surrounded by boutique shops and housed within a late-19th century armory, Portland Regency welcomes you with both traditional grandeur and a very contemporary sense of convenience and style. Luxurious, marvelously appointed rooms and suites maintain much of their original architectural flair, and offer thoughtful touches including free Wi-Fi access, flat-screen TVs, and plush bedding.

Omni Mount Washington Resort - 2 nights

Nestled at the base of Mount Washington, Bretton Woods has long been recognized as a New England retreat for presidents, poets and celebrities. The Omni Mount Washington Resort delights every sense with breathtaking mountain views, refined dining and luxurious décor. The resort features a 25,000 square foot spa as well as heated indoor and outdoor pools.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$1,000 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at <https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsahike2022/>

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