NEW ENGLAND FALL COLORS BY RAIL
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New England Fall Colors by Rail 2020

Explore New England's great scenic, narrow gauge & cog railways and museums during the ideal, colorful fall season!

With Trains Magazine

Highlights Include:

- Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum Visit and Steam Ride
- Mt Washington Cog Railway
- Conway Scenic Railway
- Downeast Scenic Railway
- Hobo Railway
- Acadia National Park
- and More!

Day 1 - Sept 27th

If you are flying, arrive in Boston and take the shuttle to the Embassy Suites at Boston Logan Airport. This evening we will meet our host, Trains Magazine columnist Brian Solomon, at our welcome dinner at the hotel.

* When booking your flights, please plan a flight which arrives by 5:00pm.

Day 2 - Sept 28th

Following breakfast, we will transfer to Boston North Station to catch Amtrak's Downeaster train to Saco, Maine. There, we'll visit the Seashore Trolley Museum, the world's oldest & largest museum of mass transit vehicles. While the main focus of the collection is trolley cars, it also includes rapid transit trains, Interurban cars, trolley buses, and motor buses.
Next we'll head to the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad & Museum in Portland, which preserves and operates the region's signature two-foot gauge railroad equipment. This evening we'll settle into the Hampton Inn in Downtown Bath, a charming New England community where you can see ships being built and repaired.

**Day 3 - Sept 29th**

We start the day at the famous Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, a re-creation of a rural 2-foot gauge line that operated from 1894 to 1933 and revived starting in 1989.

**Day 4 - Sept 30th**

We begin today with a visit to the beautiful Acadia National Park, a 47,000-acre Atlantic coast recreation area on Maine's Mount Desert Island, including a stop at the summit of Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the Eastern seaboard.

Next we will stop in the picturesque town of Bar Harbor. Guests will have free time to explore and get lunch on their own.

After lunch we'll transfer to Ellsworth to catch the Downeast Scenic railroad, which operates 13 miles of the former Maine Central Calais Branch using a GE 70-tonner and an Alco switcher.
Day 5 - Oct 1st

After breakfast, depart by bus for New Hampshire. On route we'll stop in a quaint, New England town, where guests will have free time and can enjoy lunch on their own.

In the afternoon, we will board the Conway Scenic Railroad, behind steam engine #7470, a coal fired switching locomotive with an 0-6-0 wheel arrangement. Dinner will be served on board.

This evening we'll settle into the Hampton Inn & Suites North Conway for a 2-night stay.

Day 6 - Oct 2nd

It’s off to the mountains and the world’s first cog railway. We will travel by bus to the base of Mt. Washington, the highest peak in NH, at 6288 feet. Upon arrival we will board the Mt Washington Cog Railway for the ride up, behind steam, followed by a shop tour. The railroad was once all steam powered, but now only one trip per day is behind steam. Lunch will be served at the station.

After the mountain we will have a short bus ride to meet the Conway Scenic train for a ride through spectacular Crawford Notch.
Day 7 - Oct 3rd

Lincoln is the destination today, where the operating geared steam locomotives at Clarke’s Trading Post are the top of the agenda. We will enjoy a ride and then have time to explore.

Tonight we board the Hobo Railroad for our first of two runs. Dinner will be served on board.

After dinner, we'll settle in for a 2-night stay at The Lodge at Lincoln Station.

Day 8 - Oct 4th

Our railway adventures conclude with a scenic ride in restored vintage coaches along the western shore of the lake on the Winnipesaukee Railroad, sister to the Hobo Railroad. A lunch of fresh turkey will be served on board.

In the evening we’ll gather for a farewell dinner at the Woodstock Brewery.

Day 9 - Oct 5th

After breakfast, depart early for Boston airport, for guests' flights home.
Included in Tour Cost

- Ground transport
- 8 nights hotel
- Average of 2 meals daily
- All trains & activities mentioned

Total Tour Cost

Per person, based on double occupancy: $3975

Single Supplement: $726

Per person, deposit required at registration: $500

Final payment due July 1, 2020

Not Included in Tour Cost

- Airfare
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance is available for purchase
Hotels

Please see below for a list of hotels we will be staying at:

Embassy Suites by Hilton –
Boston Logan International Airport

Hampton Inn & Suites – Downtown Bath

Ramada by Wyndham – Ellsworth

Hampton Inn & Suites – North Conway

The Lodge at Lincoln Station - Lincoln
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*Minus a $25 per person service fee.

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