



NORTHEAST  
UNLIMITED TOURS

# *New England Nostalgic Rails*

*September 20 - 26, 2008*

## **Day 1 Arrive in New England**

Your Journey starts today in Boston as you plan to fly into Logan International Airport by 2:00 PM. This afternoon check into your oceanfront accommodations – The Best Western Blue Water Resort. You'll be welcomed by your local guide along with a refreshing welcome reception. (D)

## **Day 2 Cape Cod Central Railroad & Harbor Cruise**

Start with a guided tour of Hyannis including a visit to the Kennedy Memorial and Saint Francis Xavier Church. Then board the Cape Cod Central Railroad to recapture the romance of a by-gone era. A savory Brunch is served on board while taking in the scenic beauty of Cape Cod. This afternoon enjoy a Harbor Cruise in Hyannis Harbor and free time for shopping. Tonight enjoy a traditional lobster dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, LD)

## **Day 3 New Hampshire touring & Café' Lafayette Dinner Train**

Depart today for Plymouth to see the Mayflower II and Plymouth Rock. Continue to the White Mountains of New Hampshire through the Lakes Region of New Hampshire past Squam Lake where "On Golden Pond" was filmed. Next a visit to the Castle in the Clouds perched high in the Ossipee Mountains overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. This afternoon, check into the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel for the next two evenings. Enjoy a wonderful experience this evening traveling on the Café Lafayette Dinner Train. (B & Dinner Train)

## **Day 4 Notch Train & Cog Railway Museum**

This morning we'll journey to the Conway Scenic Railway Station to board the "The Notch Train" for a 2 ½ hour ride enjoying some of the finest natural scenery in the East. Pass through spectacular Crawford Notch with sheer bluffs, steep ravines, cascading brooks and streams, panoramic mountain vistas. Cross the famed Frankenstein Trestle and Willey Brook Bridge - en route to Crawford Depot or Fabyan Station. Then we will be visiting the Cog Railway Visitor Center. This was the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway and today it's the only one still powered entirely by steam. Visit the museum and possibly watch the cog travel to the top of Mount Washington. Return to our hotel this evening. (B, D)

## **Day 5 Vermont Maple Sugar Farm & Rock of Ages Granite Quarry**

This morning depart for Vermont. Enjoy the scenic splendor of this Green Mountain State. We'll Visit a traditional Maple Sugar house for a demonstration and syrup tasting along with an opportunity to browse through the gift shop. Later we'll visit the rock of Ages Granite quarry. A friendly Quarry guide will step aboard and tour us around the 50-Acre, 600 foot deep quarry. Enjoy a stop at the Craftsmen center to view talented sculptors transform granite into magnificent works of art. This afternoon, we'll check into Inn of the Six Mountains. Enjoy a delicious dinner at our Inn this evening. (Breakfast & Dinner)

## **Day 6 Essex Steam Train & river Boat Cruise**

Depart for Essex, Connecticut this morning. Enjoy a picnic lunch before boarding the Essex Steam Train for a scenic ride along the Connecticut River. Enjoy the nostalgia of the lovingly restored cars while we're swept away by the hiss of steam, the blast of the whistle, and the clickety-clack of the tracks. From the exciting "All Aboard" to the engineer checking the locomotive before the run, you will experience an authentic journey back to the days of steam. The fun's not over! Following the train ride, enjoy a scenic cruise aboard an authentic Riverboat- the 'Becky Thatcher'. The river boat ride is a quieter, more reflective experience. You will see more the natural wonders that make the Connecticut River special – voices and inlets, islets and deep water, each home to fish, fowl, and river vegetation. Bald Eagles are seen during some seasons. You can also get a glimpse of man-made wonders – bridges ferries, and river-front homes. Highlights include the historic Godspeed Opera House and the Gillette Castle and hear about the history, natural wonders and legends that abound in these waters, later we'll check into the Springhill Suites. (B, Boxed Lunch, D)

**Day 7 Depart for Home**

This morning we'll depart for home taking us fond memories of our nostalgic journey aboard the rails of New England. Flight arrangements should be made after 3:00 PM. (B)

**Dates:**

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**Hotels:**

Night 1 & 2	Blue Water Resort – W. Yarmouth, MA
Night 3 & 4	Attitash Grand Summit Hotel – Bartlett, NH
Night 5	Inn of the Six Mountains - Killington, VT
Night 6	Springhill Suites – Waterford, CT

**Price**

\$1826.00 Based on Single Occupancy

\$1,406.00 Based on Double Occupancy

\$1,290.00 Based on Triple Occupancy