

# Maine & New Hampshire

New England Fall Splendor



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## October 11-17, 2011

Air, Hotel & Tour Package

From \$2,579.00 per person

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement from \$345.00 is available. Airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport is included. Approximate taxes and fuel charges of \$78.00 are not included and are subject to change.

### Included Features:

- Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Boston, Massachusetts
- Six nights double occupancy accommodations (one night Portland, two nights Bar Harbor area, three nights New Hampshire or south coast area)
- Five breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners—including two lobster choices
- Admission to events, private estates and tour sites including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow house, Pineland Farms, Asticou Terraces, Abbe Museum, Maine Lobster Museum & Hatchery, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Cathedral of the Pines, Strawberry Banke
- Local guide services in Portland, Portsmouth and Acadia National Park
- All motor coach transportation with driver-guides
- Taxes, gratuities (except local guide gratuities)
- Luggage service (one bag per person)
- Donation to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
- Expert host throughout tour: Peter Olin of University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Join the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum for a scenic journey, during peak fall foliage season, to the beautiful coastal areas of Maine and the rolling mountains of New Hampshire. Highlights of the tour will be visiting the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, exploring the magnificent scenery of Acadia National Park and strolling the historic grounds of the Longfellow Wadsworth House and Garden.

After visiting the Bar Harbor area, sit back and relax for the drive through the mid-coast Maine region to the lobster capital of the world—Rockland. Not only will you have several opportunities to choose lobster for dinner, you will also visit the Maine Lobster Hatchery. While traveling through New Hampshire, you will enjoy the rolling mountains and stunning fall foliage.

Throughout the tour, you will also have free time to explore historic sites of interest where time has stood still, including the famous Ogunquit Village of Maine and the Strawberry Banke of Portsmouth. The tour has been designed with a perfect blend of gardens, historic sites and fall foliage leaf-peeping!



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**Tuesday, October 11—Boston/Portland:** Departures from home cities to Boston. You will be met by your local guide in Boston where you will board a private motor coach for your scenic travels through New Hampshire and Maine. You first arrive in Portland, Maine's largest city-by-the-sea! Take a guided tour of the boyhood home of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and the historic gardens which surround this historic site. Faithfully restored, the house was built in



1785-86 by the poet's grandfather. The house is one of the oldest brick structures on Portland's Peninsula and contains original furnishings which belonged to the Wadsworth and Longfellow families. They occupied the house until 1901. Check in to the

Portland area hotel for a one night stay with a buffet dinner included at the hotel. **D**

**Wednesday, October 12 — The Scenic Maine Coast, Bar Harbor:** After an included full breakfast, meet your local guide for a tour of historic Portland, including a stop at Portland Head Lighthouse – Maine's oldest and most photographed! Next you'll take a private, guided tour of another nearby lighthouse that is not normally open to the public.

This lighthouse is accessed via a granite jetty. (Those unable to climb stairs or manage the uneven terrain to the lighthouse will be offered an alternate activity.) See how the lighthouse keepers lived on the Maine coast and enjoy the scenic view of



Casco Bay when you walk out on the ledge at the top of this two story beacon. Travel north to Pineland Farms, a 3,000-acre working farm. Highlights include more than 130 varieties of perennials, 6,000 flowering annuals, five different types of blueberry bushes, 20 apple trees, espalier pear trees and an ornamental conifer bed.

Vegetables, herbs and fruit are produced at the garden. Check in to your hotel in Bar Harbor, Northeast Harbor or Ellsworth for two nights. Dinner is included at a local restaurant. **B D**

**Thursday, October 13 — Bar Harbor:** After breakfast, we travel first to the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden in Seal Harbor, one the most beautiful and evocative private gardens in the United States. The Rockefellers brought back from their travels treasures in which to enhance their garden, including a collection of imperial yellow roof tiles

from the Forbidden City, in China. These tiles grace the perimeter walls which enclose the garden. The genius of the scheme was Beatrix Farrand. Farrand was one of ten members of the American Society of Landscape Designers in 1899, and its only woman member.

After the tour, our next stop will be the famous **Asticou Terraces**, a combination of formal English flower beds with informal Japanese effects. Shrine-like pavilions, a pool, tone jars and tubs are set against a background of Maine woods and cedar fencing.

This garden is famous for its stunning azaleas. After visiting the Asticou gardens this morning, you will meet your local guide for a guided tour of Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park. Here in the first national park founded east of the Mississippi, you'll see nine



mountains over a thousand feet high, stone bridges, lakes, ponds, trails and carriage roads. You will travel the entire park loop road with stops at Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole on Ocean Drive and Sieur De Mont Springs Wild

Gardens of Acadia, plus learn about the rich and famous visitors who built summer cottages in Bar Harbor. Lunch is on your own in Bar Harbor, followed by a visit to the Abbe Museum, which highlights Maine's Native American history. This



afternoon, enjoy an entertaining and educational presentation on lobstering and tour the Maine Lobster Hatchery at the Bar Harbor Oceanarium. Before returning to the hotel, you'll be treated to a traditional Maine lobster dinner overlooking a beautiful cove (alternate meals also offered). **B D**

**Friday, October 14—Wells/Ogunquit:** After breakfast, sit back and relax for your drive through the mid-coast Maine region to the lobster capital of the world – Rockland. Here you'll tour the Maine Lighthouse Museum, which features the history of Maine's most prominent beacons. Next, we travel to Boothbay Harbor, one of Maine's most picturesque villages with brick sidewalks, sailboats and powerboats angled into the waterfront docks next to fishing boats



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and privately-owned pleasure craft. There are unique shops with handcrafted goods, jewelry, books, antiques, clothing, freshly-made candy and bakery items and many art galleries.

Next you'll spend the afternoon touring the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens where you'll see the beautiful coastline along woodland paths and along the river bank. Here the majestic Maine woods meet the rocky shore. The wetlands shore and the fern glens meet the moss and lichen-covered ledges in a variety of special theme gardens such as the wildflower garden.



Lunch is included along with a private guided tour followed by free time to explore the theme gardens with their impressive ledges and stonework. Volunteers from the Botanical Gardens will be able to meet and greet you and discuss their climate, planting and local gardening and landscape practices.

After a full day of touring you'll head to Maine's pristine south coast region, famous for its stretches of sandy beaches and salt air breezes. Stay overnight in the Wells/Ogunquit area of the south coast beach region. Your hotel will be near the seashore for two nights. Don your souvenir Maine lobster hat for an authentic 'downeast' lobster bake. En route to dinner, stop for a photo of Maine's southernmost lighthouse. Then, feast on your choice of Maine boiled lobster or barbecued chicken, chowder, cultivated mussels, corn on the cob, Maine potatoes and blueberry crumb cake. Sing-along entertainment is included.

**B L D**

**Saturday, October 15, —Rockland & New Hampshire:** After a full breakfast, you travel to western New Hampshire. Visit Cathedral of the Pines, a "cathedral without walls" in the rolling hills of southwestern New Hampshire. Along with the natural, pastoral beauty of the Cathedral's grounds, visitors find inspiration in its many unique stone shrines, altars, and gardens. Enjoy a spectacular five-



course gourmet luncheon today at Pickity Place, home to the author of *Little Red Riding Hood*. Fresh herbs are harvested daily from their three-acre herb gardens. Lunch is served in the cozy 1786 cottage, which is part of the

Red Riding Hood Museum. This evening is free for you to explore Ogunquit Village and Ogunquit's quaint Perkins Cove. Have dinner on your own in one of the area's fine restaurants. Information on restaurants, shopping, art galleries, the Ogunquit Playhouse and other activities will be provided. The hotel is within walking distance of the famous "Marginal Way", a scenic walking path along the cliff between Perkins Cove and Ogunquit Village. There are benches along the way to sit and watch the surf.

**B L**

### **Sunday October 16— Portsmouth, New Hampshire:**

After a full breakfast, you'll explore historic Portsmouth. You'll meet your local guide for a narrated riding tour of the Portsmouth Harbour Trail's highlights. The group's local guide will provide a walking tour through Market Square, along the waterfront and then down to Portsmouth's historic, residential South End. You'll stop along the way at St. John's Church to see the exceptional trompe d'oeil ceiling. At Prescott Park you will wander through the gardens and view the 200-year old Portsmouth Shipyard across the river where today US submarines are serviced.



After this tour, you'll learn about the past 300 year history of the historic Strawberry Banke

neighborhood, named by the first settlers in 1630 for the profusion of wild berries found on the riverbank shores.

Experience life from the late 1600's to the 1950's along the Portsmouth waterfront by touring its houses, gardens and courtyards at your own pace. Join costumed role-players as they go about their daily lives or relax in the shade of award-winning period gardens. Strawberry Banke is rich with history: George Washington, Daniel Webster, John Paul Jones and John Hancock were all guests on this site! Lunch on your own in Portsmouth this afternoon. You will have the remainder of the late afternoon and evening to shop and tour on own. The evening is free for dinner on own.

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### Monday October 17— Portsmouth, New Hampshire:

After a full breakfast we will tour two of Portsmouth's most Historic homes— Governor Langdon House and the Museum of Old York estate. The Gov. John Langdon House, two blocks east of Market Square, reflects the wealth and position of merchant and patriot leader John Langdon, who was the New Hampshire Senate's president in 1785—the same year the home was built. A delegate to the 1787 Constitutional Convention and U.S. Senate, he also later became a three-term governor of the state. Langdon and his wife, Elizabeth, hosted many prominent visitors here, including President George Washington in 1789.

During your tour of Old York you will experience over 300 years of New England heritage while listening to tales of sea captains and their families, jailers, prisoners and others. You'll also see some of the most beautiful decorative gardens and antiques preserved in America. Lunch is on own or at the airport prior to flights.

After the morning tours, the group will depart for Boston and connect with afternoon flights to your home city. **B**



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### Not an Arboretum Member?

#### You can still come along!

Non-members will need to add \$100 per person to the tour price. To qualify for the Arboretum member's price, each traveler must be a member of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Please contact the Arboretum at 952-443-1440 for membership information.

**B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**

**Not included in the tour:** Airline taxes and fuel surcharges, any airline fees for checked pieces of luggage, optional sightseeing activities, gratuities to drivers and guides, meals not indicated in the itinerary, excess baggage charges, travel insurance, any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary. Itinerary subject to change based on admission times and locations.

**Deposits:** \$500 per person at the time of booking. Travelers will be provided with a deposit and payment schedule.

To register, please contact

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