



# New England Fall Foliage

October 5 – 16, 2026

12 Days / 11 Nights



## Day #1 – Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>:

- 5:45 AM** Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive on a Shuttle Bus or Van traveling to Normal to meet the main bus.
- 6:00 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street
- 6:25 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 E Courtland Street, (behind Culvers)
- 7:00 AM** Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane traveling northeast to our first overnight stop in the Cleveland – Beechwood area. We'll make rest & meal stops as needed along the way. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we enter the Eastern Time Zone.*
- 5:00 PM** We arrive in Cleveland Beechwood at the **Drury Inn & Suites\*** where we'll overnight. While the luggage is being delivered to our rooms, you can enjoy the **"Kickback Program"\*** for dinner. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres as well as beer and wine. Following, you can retire to your room for the night.

## Day #2 – Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast\*** is served this morning here at the hotel.
- 8:00 AM** We depart Cleveland Beechwood and make our way to the spectacular Adirondacks of New York, enjoying the gorgeous fall foliage and scenery. We check into the **Queensbury Hotel\*** for the evening, settle in and enjoy a planned **Dinner\*** together.

## Day #3 – Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>:

After **Breakfast\***, meet your local **Step-on Guide for a historic Lake George area tour\***. Travel up Prospect Mountain Veterans Memorial Highway for spectacular 100-mile views from the summit. Visit **Coopers Cave Overlook\*** on the Hudson River, the fictional hiding place of Hawkeye and his companions from James Fenimore Cooper's – The Last of the Mohicans. Next, board a **Scenic Cruise around Lake George\*** while enjoying the magnificent foliage scenery! This afternoon, continue to the **Green Mountains of Vermont and check into the Best Western Plus, Waterbury, VT\*** for a relaxing 2-night stay. Upon arrival, receive a warm greeting and take some time to settle in before enjoying a delicious **Dinner\*** together.

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#### **Day #4 – Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>:**

After **Breakfast\***, depart for a day traveling around northern Vermont, enjoying the splendid foliage and countryside. Visit a traditional **Maple Sugar House\*** for a demonstration and a maple Treat! Then, it's off to Stowe, where the hills come alive with a special visit to the famous **Trapp Family Lodge\***. As Maria Von Trapp once said, "Our life is like a beautiful story that happens to be true". Enjoy a **savory Austrian-inspired Lunch\*** and hear their story on this unique History Tour! Later this afternoon, enjoy some "free time" in the charming Village of Stowe. Dinner is on your own this evening.

#### **Day #5 – Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:**

This morning, following **Breakfast\***, we set off for the Majestic White Mountains of New Hampshire and the historic Omni Mount Washington Hotel. A grand masterpiece of Spanish Renaissance architecture, the hotel was a two-year labor of love for 250 master craftsmen. Conceived by industrialist Joseph Stickney, This National Historic Landmark opened in 1902 and quickly became a favorite summer retreat for poets, presidents, and princes. Enjoy a **self-guided hotel tour and a delicious luncheon in the grand dining room\***. Later, journey to the **Mount Washington Cog Railway for an unforgettable ride\***. In 1869, the Cog Railway was an engineering marvel, utilizing toothed cog gears, rack rails, and tilted boilers. Enjoy spectacular views as we travel up some of the steepest railroad tracks in existence. We'll check into the **Hilton Garden Inn, North Conway NJ for a 2-night stay\***. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own at one of the town's great restaurants.

#### **Day #6 – Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is included this morning before we enjoy another spectacular day exploring New Hampshire's Lakes Region! Start in the charming **Village of Wolfboro\***, known as the oldest summer resort in America. Enjoy some "free time" to explore before **boarding the M/S Mount Washington for a scenic cruise on Lake Winnepesaukee, including a buffet lunch\***. You'll disembark at Weirs Beach and head to **Mouton Farm for a fun wagon ride and tasty treats\***. Next, you'll travel along the Kancamagus Highway, one of the country's most scenic byways, making picture stops along the way. This afternoon we return to North Conway for a planned **Dinner\*** together.

#### **Day #7 – Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:**

After **Breakfast\***, journey to **Coastal Maine & Mount Desert Island\***. En route stop at **Fort Knox State Historic Site\*** - one of America's best-preserved 19<sup>th</sup>-century coastal fortifications. Then ascend to the **Penobscot Narrows Observatory\***, the world's tallest public bridge observatory, and take in breathtaking views of the Penobscot Bay Region. This afternoon, arrive in **Bar Harbor, ME, and check into the Bar Harbor Regency Resort\*** overlooking

beautiful Frenchman's Bay for the next 2 evenings. Take some time to freshen up before enjoying a delicious **Dinner\*** this evening.

### **Day #8 – Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>:**

After **Breakfast\*** meet your local **Step-on Guide\*** and set out for a **tour\*** through one of America's beautiful and treasured National Parks – **Acadia National Park\***. Visit Thunder Hole and other scenic picture stops and travel to the top of **Cadillac Mountain\*** for spectacular views of Frenchman's Bay, Porcupine Islands, and Bar Harbor. This afternoon, embark on a **Scenic Nature Cruise\*** out of Frenchman Bay. Enjoy views of Acadia, islands, lighthouses and the Downeast coast from the water while looking for wildlife such as porpoises, seals, and seabirds. Enjoy the balance of the day and evening exploring Bar Harbor Village and dining at one of the many wonderful restaurants.

### **Day #9 – Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Enjoy **Breakfast\***, and venture “down” to Coastal Maine for a visit to the popular summer resort of **Kennebunkport\*** for a scenic drive along the ocean to Walker's point, passing the summer home of past President George H.W. Bush. Enjoy time at **Dock Square** for shopping and lunch on your own before continuing to the delightful village of Ogunquit, named by the Abenaki Indians which means “Beautiful place by the Sea” and board the “Finest Kind” cruises for an authentic lobstering experience. Later, check into **The Meadowmere Resort\*** for the evening. Early evening, enjoy a traditional **Lobster Dinner\*** with all the fixin's.

### **Day #10 – Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is served and then we set out for a **guided tour of Historic Boston\*** - the birthplace of American Freedom! Follow the famous **Freedom Trail**, **visit numerous historic sites, and hear stories of the brave Bostonians and colonists who dared to challenge Britain and helped establish the world's greatest republic\***. Enjoy “Free Time” for lunch on your own at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, as lively today as in 1742 when our nation's founders proclaimed it “The Cradle of Liberty”. Enjoy the beautiful autumn colors this afternoon as you travel through western Massachusetts into Upstate New York and check into the **Fairfield Inn & Suites, Albany NY\*** for the evening. Enjoy a planned **Dinner\*** together.

### **Day #11 – Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is served.

**8:00 AM** We check out, board our coach and depart for our final overnight stop. We'll make rest and meal stops along the way as needed.

**5:00 PM** We arrive at the **Drury Inn & Suites\* - Cleveland Beechwood** for our overnight stay. Upon arrival, you can enjoy the “**Kickback Program**” for dinner. They

also serve wine & beer. Your luggage will be delivered to your room while you're enjoying the Kickback Program. The rest of the night is free.

**Day #12 – Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**Breakfast\*** is included this morning before we check out.

**8:00 AM** We check out and depart for home making rest & meal stops along the way as needed. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour as we re-enter the Central Time Zone.*

**5:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Normal. *Shuttle Bus or Van will be waiting to take Urbana passengers home.*

**5:45 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Morton.

**6:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Urbana.

**6:15 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

**Cost Per Person:**

**Single: \$6770.00 Double: \$5050.00 Triple: \$4420.00 Quad: \$4110.00**

**Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in Bold Print and marked with an asterik\*.**

**If you feel the Driver & Tour Hosts have done a good job, it is appropriate & appreciated if you tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver & \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Hosts on this trip.**

**Hotels:**

**Days #1 & #11:**

**Drury Inn & Suites  
4100 Orange Place  
Orange, OH 44122**

**Day #2:**

**The Queensbury Hotel  
88 Ridge Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
518-792-1121**

**Days #3 & #4:**

**Best Western Plus  
45 Blush Hill Rd  
Waterbury, VT 05676  
802-244-7822**

**Days #5 & #6:**

**Hilton Garden Inn  
1992 White Mtn Hwy  
North Conway, NH 03860  
603-307-1205**

**Days #7 & #8:**

**Bar Harbor Regency  
123 Eden Street  
Bar Harbor, ME 04609  
800-234-6835**

**Day #9:**

**Meadowmere Resort  
74 Main Street  
Ogunquit, ME 03907  
207-646-9661**

**Day #10:**

**Fairfield Inn & Suites  
74 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207  
518-434-7410**

