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New England Fall Colors

Washington, DC-New York, NY-Boston, MA-Vermont-New Hampshire-Niagara Falls

Sept. 23- Oct 8, 2024 16 Days



Highlights:

Motorcoach Transportation

Hotel Accommodations

Utopia Tours Tour Director

Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)

-Schaumburg, IL - Monroeville, PA

-Gettysburg, PA

-Gettysburg Battlefield Tour & Visitor Center, Inc Meal

-Washington, DC (3 nights) ~ Capitol Tour

-Memorials: Lincoln, Korean & Vietnam, FDR, MLK, Jefferson, Iwo Jima

-Museums: Holocaust; Smithsonians- Air & Space, American History ;

- White House Visitor Center

-Wash. Nat'l Cathedral - Embassy Row

-Illuminated Night Tour - Mt Vernon

-Arlington Cemetery - Kennedy Center

-New York City (2-nights)

-Battery Park - Times Square

-Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island

-Broadway Play (opt- play & cost TBD)

-Guided City Tour - Central Park

-Rockefeller Center

-9/11 Museum & Memorial

-One World Observatory

-Plymouth, MA -Plymouth Rock -

Mayflower II - Lobster Dinner

-Boston, MN - City Tour - Quincy Mkt

-Kennebunkport, ME

-Portland Headlight - Lincoln, NH

-White Mountains - Kancamagus Hwy

-Littleton, NH - Lake Champlain Ferry

-Watertown, NY - 1000 Island Cruise

-St Lawrence Seaway - Boldt Castle

-Niagara Falls, ON - Skylon Tower

Meal at Revolving Rest. & Ob. Deck -

Niagara Falls - Cruise to base of Falls

-Troy, MI (Kick-back meal) -Wisconsin

Dells, WI - Pizza Party -

15 Breakfasts - 5 meals

Passports, or Enhanced Driver's Licenses are required for this tour.

Mon., Sept. 23: Schaumburg, IL There is no other place in the United States that does the fall colors more vivid than the New England States and DC and New York. Traveling through all of the New England States on this tour, we will discover the rich colonial history as we enjoy the enchanting countryside. Our first overnight will be in the **Schaumburg, IL**.

Tues., Sept. 24: Monroeville, PA (B) Our travels today take us through Illinois, Indiana, and into Ohio, with our overnight destination in **Monroeville, PA**.

Wed., Sept. 25: Gettysburg, PA (B,D) Today we will continue on through to scenic Pennsylvania and the Allegheny Mountains into historic **Gettysburg, PA**. A **local guide** will join us for a **tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield**. The bloodiest and most decisive battle of the Civil War was fought here on July 1, 2 & 3, 1863, resulting in 50,000 casualties. Time will also be spent at the **Gettysburg Visitor's Center**. After a busy day, we check into our hotel. We will enjoy an **included meal** this evening.

Thurs., Sept. 26: Washington, DC (B) We'll leave for **Washington, DC**, this morning. Upon arrival we will go to **Arlington National Cemetery**. Here you will find the gravesites of John F. and Robert Kennedy, and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Row upon row of simple markers remind us of the true cost of war, peace and freedom. Enjoy lunch on your own during our visit to the **American History Museum**, one of the Smithsonian Museums. Then stop at the **White House Visitor's Center** and walk over to take pictures. Then we will tour the **Lincoln, Korean and Vietnam Memorials**. Our lodging is in **Arlington, VA**, for three nights.

Fri., Sept. 27: Washington, DC (B) This morning we'll stop at the **Iwo Jima Memorial** before we tour the **Washington National Cathedral**. Then travel **Embassy Row** on the way to our nation's **Capitol**. Lunch is on own in the cafeteria before we have a **tour of the Capitol**. This afternoon we visit the **Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, and Martin Luther King Memorial**. After going to **Union Station** to eat this evening you will enjoy a **night driving tour of our nation's capital**. Washington, DC, at night is a sight you must see. Surely a day filled with history, heritage, and pride in our veterans and our country. (Capitol upon open and confirmed)

Sat, Sept. 28: Washington, DC (B,D) This morning we will walk in the footsteps of our first president to better understand the life and times of George & Martha Washington at **Mount Vernon**, their 18th century estate. Then go to the **Air & Space Museum or Natural History Museum**. We will also visit the **World War II Memorial** and the **Holocaust Museum, the Kennedy Center**, and more as time allows in DC. A **meal** is included tonight in DC at our hotel.

Sun., Sept. 29: New York, NY (B) Departing Washington, DC, this morning we travel through Maryland and Delaware to New York City. We drive through the Lincoln Tunnel, and view the Manhattan skyline as we come into **New York**. Upon arrival we'll go out to **Battery Park on Manhattan Island**. Here we board the double-decker **ferry**, taking us to the **Statue of Liberty** to walk around the Island and climb up the Pedestal if you wish (tickets included), plus visit the new **museum**. Then take another **ferry** a short distance to **Ellis Island**, learning more about the immigrants and see many displays and artifacts from that era, before returning to Battery Park. Then we will go to our **accommodations in the Times Square area, for a two-night stay**. Tonight spend time exploring the Times Square area and have a meal, on your own.

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner included that day

Price per person/Room Occ: Double Occ-\$3,390; Triple Occ-\$3,360; Quad Occ-\$3,330; Single Occ-\$4,430

Deposit Per Person: \$200 due upon sign-up. Final balance due by Aug. 5, 2024

Payments by Cash or Check only. No credit cards at this time. Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance information is available on our website with more details & pricing.

Mon, Sept. 30: New York, NY A **local step-on guide** will board our coach this morning for **full day city tour**. During the tour our local guide will share information about the different areas including the **Bowery, Wall Street, the Garment District, Theater District**, plus you'll get out and walk around **Rockefeller Center and Central Park**. We'll end at the **National 9/11 Memorial & Museum**. Walk around the Memorial gazing over the twin pools that have the names of those lost during the attack engraved all around them. You'll also go through the Museum viewing the artifacts, pictures, and interactive displays as you learn more about this tragic day and the changes that have occurred since then. Plus at the **One World Trade Center** we'll take the elevator up to the 102nd floor to the **One World Observatory**. Enjoy 360° views from the tallest skyscraper in the Western Hemisphere and explore the three levels of innovative and immersion exhibits here. We then return to our hotel for the evening. *** Our day ends by attending an optional Broadway Play (play name & cost tba). For those not going to the play the evening is on your own to enjoy more of the Times Square area nearby, or many of the other things to do in New York.

.Tues, Oct 1: Plymouth, MA (D) We leave the hustle and bustle of New York behind us as we travel through the New England states of Connecticut and Rhode Island to Massachusetts. We arrive in quiet **Plymouth, MA**, where on December 21, 1620, 102 men, women, and children arrived on the Mayflower. We will see **Plymouth Rock**, and spend some time along the waterfront. In 2020, Plymouth celebrated their 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony. We'll **tour the Mayflower II**, which recently went through a three-year, full restoration. An **included meal** is set for tonight. If you love seafood, this is the place to enjoy fresh lobster.

Wed., Oct. 2: Boston, MA, area (B) Our destination today is historic **Boston, MA**. Boston is Massachusetts' capital and largest city. It was founded in 1630 and is one of the oldest cities in the U.S. Once in Boston a **local guide** will join us for a **tour** including the **U.S.S. Constitution, Old North Church, Freedom Trail**, which is a walking route of historic sites that tells the story of the American Revolution, and more. Enjoy lunch on your own today at **Quincy Market**. We overnight north of **Boston, MA**.

Thurs., Oct. 3: Littleton, NH (B) Leaving Boston, our first stop will be in **Kennebunkport, ME**, to view the summer home of former President George W. Bush. As we go through Maine we will stop at the **Portland Headlight**, which is along the Atlantic Ocean and as far east as this tour extends. This is the first lighthouse authorized by the United States and the oldest lighthouse in continuous use. It was erected on orders from George Washington. Then we will continue our journey along the beautiful drive on the **Kancamagus Highway** through the **White Mountains**, enjoying the beautiful fall colors to Lincoln, NH, nestled in the Loon Mountain Range. From here we continue on to **Littleton, NH**, to spend the night.

Fri., Oct. 4: Watertown, NY (B) We will depart Littleton, NH, this morning and make a picture stop at the **historic covered bridge in Bath, NH**. Then we cross into the beautiful state of Vermont, making our way to **Charlotte, VT**. Here, we'll catch the **Lake Champlain Ferry to Essex, New York**. Then continue on through the Adirondack Mountains to overnight in **Watertown, NY**.

Sat., Oct. 5: Niagara Falls, ON (B,D) From Watertown we will head towards the **St. Lawrence River** and take a **cruise out and around the Thousand Islands**. During our cruise we'll **visit Boldt Castle on Heart Island**, see beautiful homes and mansions, plus enjoy the wonderful scenery. There are 1,864 islands that give this region it's name. Then we will drive down and along the southern part of Lake Ontario going through **customs (Passports)** to our lodging for the night in **Niagara Falls, ON**. Tonight, at the **Skylon Tower**, enjoy a **meal at the Revolving Restaurant at the top of the Tower** while experiencing the evening view of the Falls and their incredible light show.

Sun., Oct. 6: Troy, MI, area (B) We will spend some time at **Niagara Falls**, including an unforgettable **Niagara Cruise to the base of the falls**. Then travel through Ontario, **stopping at the border**, to our overnight destination, **Troy, MI, area**. Close by is Dearborn, the birthplace of Henry Ford's automotive visions. The evening is at the **Drury Inn & Suites with an evening Kick-back meal & beverages**.

Mon., Oct. 7: Wisconsin Dells, WI (B,D) Our journey home continues as we drive through the outskirts of Chicago, IL. The evening will be spent in **Wisconsin Dells, WI**. This is our last evening of the tour, and we'll get together for a **pizza party** at the hotel.

Tues., Oct. 8: Home (B) We take with us the captivating fall colors and memories of this wonderful tour as we make our way home. Comfort and meal stops will be made along the route, arriving home mid-afternoon. Thank you for traveling with **Utopia Tours**.

Payments by cash or check only (cc's not accepted at this time). Cancellation penalties apply if cancel after 8/5/24. If Utopia Tours cancels, tour payments are fully refundable. See Policy Sheet for more information. Price includes transportation, Utopia Tours tour director, baggage handling (1 p.p.), meals and attractions as noted in Inclusion section.

Travel Guard Trip Cancellation Insurance is available. *Information (dates, inclusions, prices, etc) subject to change without notice. Pick-ups along tour route.