



# New England Rails and Sails

featuring Three Rail Excursions and Three Scenic Cruises

**Dates:** September 29 - October 6, 2023 - SOLD OUT  
September 23 -October 1, 2023 - LIMITED SPACES BOOK SOON!



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George Washington Monument in Boston's Public Garden



**DAY 1: September 23rd or 29th, 2023: Arrive in Boston:** Arrive in Boston, Massachusetts with an included transfer to your hotel. Meet your Tour Manager in the hotel lobby at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 2: September 24th or 30th, 2023:**  
**Boston & Kennebunkport,**

**Maine:** Begin the day with a sightseeing tour of historic Boston including the Freedom Trail and the Public Garden. Then, travel up the coast and stop at Kennebunkport, one of Maine's coastal jewels and the summer home to many of America's rich and famous, before continuing to the seaside town of Portland, Maine. Rich in history and culture, Portland boasts a vibrant waterfront with one-of-a-kind shops, galleries and restaurants. **Meal: B**

**DAY 3: September 25th or October 1, 2023: Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad and Casco Bay Cruise:** Begin the day at the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, dedicated to Maine's history with the two foot narrow gauge railroad system. Take the short 1.5 mile long ride along the Eastern Promenade of Casco Bay. Make a stop at the historic Portland Head Light. Later, Maine's rocky shoreline and wooded islands come into view on a scenic cruise in Casco Bay. Sail past lovely Victorian cottages dotted along Little and Great Diamond Islands as you watch for lobstermen, local fishing fleets and the abundant sea birds, seals and other wildlife. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 4: September 26th or October 2 2023:**

**New Hampshire's White Mountains and North Conway Scenic Railroad:** Leave the coast today and travel west into New Hampshire's White Mountains. In North Conway, board the North Conway Scenic Railroad. You will enjoy the Mt. Washington Valley countryside and relive part of railroad history

ago. Later enjoy time for shopping at some of the many outlet stores or browse the local shops in North Conway. **Meals: B, L**

**DAY 5: September 27th or October 3, 2023: Kancamagus Scenic Byway and Quechee Gorge:** Begin the day by traveling the Kancamagus Scenic Byway as it follows a beautiful path through the White Mountains. It is one of the world's most spectacular fall-foliage trips and meanders through vast forests, old logging roads and Indian hunting paths. Cross into Vermont and stop at Quechee Gorge to view the spectacular scenery of the area before arriving at your hotel for the night. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 6: September 28th or October 4, 2023: Mystic Seaport and Foxwoods Resort Casino:** Spend the day at Mystic Seaport "The Museum of America and the Sea." Here, history comes alive as you walk the bustling street of a 19th-century seafaring village and talk with the many costumed characters. Watch boat-builders, riggers and lumbermen hard at work in the preservation shipyard and visit the nation's leading maritime art gallery. Later, come to the incredible Foxwoods Resort Casino, your home for the next two nights. **Meal: B**

**DAY 7: September 29th or October 5, 2023: The Essex Steam Train and Riverboat *Becky Thatcher*:** The Valley Railroad Company operates the coal-fired locomotives of the Essex Steam Train. Be swept away by the hiss of the steam and the blast of the whistle as you pass through some of the most beautiful country in the state. See forests and streams, beautiful vistas and nostalgic towns. At Deep River Landing, you board the Riverboat *Becky Thatcher* for a relaxing trip up the Connecticut River, before returning to Foxwoods. **Meals: B, L**





White Mountain National Forest, New Hampshire

**DAY 8: September 30th or October 6, 2023: Plymouth Rock and Whale Watching Cruise:** Today pass through the state of Rhode Island, famous for its maritime history. In Plymouth, Massachusetts climb aboard your sea going vessel for a whale watching excursion. This naturalist guide-led cruise sails out to Cape Cod Bay and Stellwagen Bank, a marine sanctuary and primary feeding ground for Humpback, Finback, Minke and the endangered Right Whales. Pay a visit to Plymouth Rock where our forefathers first settled on American soil. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 9: October 1st or October 7, 2023: Travel Home:** This morning, take the group transfer to Boston's Logan Airport for flights out after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**



A naturalist guide-led cruise sails out to Cape Cod Bay for a whale watching excursion



## Tour Highlights

- 14 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Experience Three New England Trains:
  - ❖ Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad
  - ❖ Conway Scenic Railroad
  - ❖ Essex Steam Train
- And Three New England Cruises:
  - ❖ Cruise Portland's Casco Bay
  - ❖ *Becky Thatcher* Riverboat Cruise
  - ❖ Captain John Whale Watching Cruise
- Panoramic city tour of Boston with a local guide including the Freedom Trail
- Visit Kennebunkport, one of Maine's coastal jewels
- Spend one night in the mountain town of North Conway
- Travel the Kancamagus Scenic Byway through the White Mountains on a spectacular fall-foliage trip
- See Quechee Gorge State Park, Vermont's "Little Grand Canyon"
- Visit Mystic Seaport, "The Museum of America and the Sea"
- Spend two nights at the incredible Foxwoods Resort Casino

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Kennebunkport, Maine

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Day 1** Boston Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts

**Days 2 and 3** Best Western Merry Manor Inn, Portland, Maine

**Day 4** Residence Inn, North Conway, New Hampshire

**Day 5** Hilton Garden Inn or Sheridan Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts

**Days 6 and 7** Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, Connecticut

**Day 8** Marriott Boston Quincy, Quincy, Massachusetts

2023 Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
September 23 or 29	\$3,499	\$1,439

**FREE ROUNDTRIP AIR FROM CHICAGO, IL WHEN RESERVATION IS MADE BY January 31, 2023.**

After January 31, 2023 add \$650 per person for roundtrip airfare from Chicago.

**Pricing includes roundtrip transfers between Bloomington, IL and Chicago O'Hare Airport. Other Gateway Airports Available Too.**

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*



Real ID or passport required to fly within the United States beginning May 3, 2023. For more details contact a travel specialist.



## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$250 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

### Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of tour cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior: 40% of tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of tour cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Direct Travel**

**309-834-3736**

**reservations@directtravelgroups.com**



Tour: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number: \_\_\_\_\_



For Reservations Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that the September 29th Tour date is currently sold out so you will be booking for September 23rd - October 1st when using this form.**

**IMPORTANT:** Please print your name EXACTLY as it appears on Real ID or Passport. Name corrections, after final payment due date or after tickets have been issued, will result in additional fees being assessed. Please note that Mayflower requires proof of vaccination against COVID-19, travelers must be fully vaccinated a minimum of 14 days prior to departure.

**YOUR INFORMATION**

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev) (Print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your REAL ID or PASSPORT) (Jr., Sr.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Global Entry/TSA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please provide contact information of person not traveling with you.

**ROOMING WITH**

Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs., Rev) (Print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your REAL ID or PASSPORT) (Jr., Sr.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide contact information of person not traveling with you.

Please advise your departure airport for this tour: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Mayflower Air ☐ Writing Own Air

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Make Checks Payable To: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Deposit To: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Final Payment To: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name & Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Twin \_\_\_\_ Guaranteed Share

☐ One Bed ☐ Two Beds

Purchasing Travelers Protection Plan:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Protection Plan: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Final Payment Due By: \_\_\_\_\_