



New England's

Shakers, Quakers and Storytellers

Sept. 26 - Oct. 4, 2015



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Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 • Departure, Albany, NY

Our tour begins today with our flight to Albany, NY. We will be transported to our hotel for the evening and have a dinner to meet our fellow travelers. **D**

Sunday, Sept. 27 2015 • Pittsfield, MA

Our first taste of beautiful New England will be a visit to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, first settled by English Missionaries in 1734. Where better to stretch our legs than the Mission House where we will discover the story of the Mohicans and Missionary John Sergeant? Afterwards, we



continue up the road to Pittsfield where we will check into our hotel. A special dinner has been arranged for us at the Hancock Shaker Village. The Shakers were a Protestant Christian sect that immigrated to America for religious freedom in 1774. **B/D**

Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 • Pittsfield, MA



Today we venture to Lenox, Massachusetts. Here is the famous Tanglewood 210 acre estate, summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Lenox is also where Edith Wharton, one of America's greatest authors, lived on an impressive estate called the

Mount, built in 1902. Here we explore what is referred to as an autobiographical house. After lunch, we travel east to a New England staple, the Yankee Candle Village in Deerfield. Visitors can dip their own candles in a specially equipped area, make wax molds of their hands, or create their own unique candle. There is also a candle making museum. Just five minutes away is the Magical Wings Butterfly Conservatory & Gardens. As the daylight



softens, you'll have the perfect opportunity for a group photo at the Bridge of Flowers, a botanical garden along an old trolley bridge over the Deerfield River in Shelburne Falls. We return to our hotel for a free evening. **B**

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015 • Keene, NH

We drive north to Rindge, New Hampshire where we experience the peace and spiritual calm that draws visitors from throughout the country to the breathtaking open-air Cathedral of the Pines. Situated on a hilltop with a panoramic view of the grand Mt. Monadnock, the Cathedral is a national memorial



dedicated to the memory and honor of all Americans who have and still do serve our nation. We continue to Peterborough where a guest from the New Hampshire Storyteller's Alliance will join us for lunch. Here we find craft and boutique shops as well as the Sharon Arts Center and Gallery. A step-on guide will lead us throughout the quaint back roads of the Monadnock Region on a covered bridge tour to Keene where we check into our hotel. For dinner, we go a couple towns over to Troy for a family style dinner followed by a barn contradance at the Inn at East Hill Farm. **CB/L/D**



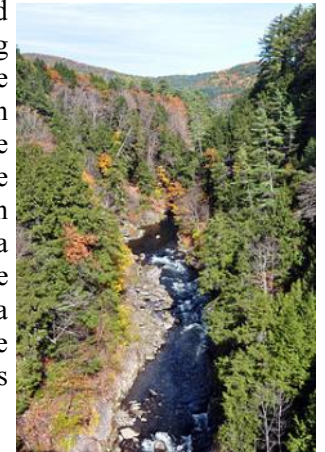
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 • White River Junction, VT

The first stop today will be to Augustus Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site.



This sprawling estate should be on every art lover's New England itinerary, particularly when autumn accents the landscape with rusty hues. There are more than 100 works of sculpture by

Augustus Saint-Gaudens, ranging from replicas of towering public monuments to the coins he designed for the US Mint. We continue north to Hanover, New Hampshire for a farm-to-table early lunch and chef presentation at the Hanover Inn. The Hood Museum next door is free and contains one of the most stunning and oldest collections of art in the country. We head into Vermont with a stop to view Quechee Gorge, the deepest gorge in Vermont. The Ottauquechee River flows through the bottom of the gorge and is a popular whitewater kayak run. We board the Green Mountain Flyer for a late afternoon scenic train ride before checking into our hotel. Evening is free. **B/L**



Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 • Lincoln, NH

After breakfast, we drive to Littleton, New Hampshire for a tour that includes Chutter's General Store--known for the longest candy counter in the world. We learn about the stomping grounds for Pollyanna's author, Eleanor Porter. We see a large collection of stereographic viewfinders at the free historic library. Next stop is the hillside town of Bethlehem, known by the Hasidic Jews for relief from respiratory ailments in the low pollen count environment of "the highest town in New Hampshire". In Littleton,



we visit the Rocks Estate where we take a horse drawn wagon ride through the trees. We continue into the National Forest to the Mount Washington Cog Railway. This is the first mountain climbing cog on the steepest trestles in the world to the highest peak in the northeast. This three hour round trip tour is a marvel of the 19th century technology combined with modern innovation. **B**



Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 • Burlington, VT



On our way to Vermont we stop to ride the Cannon Mountain Tramway to the summit. We have a stunning view looking down through Franconia Ridge. One may want to walk on the famous Appalachian Trail as it

crosses directly next to the tram. After getting a dose of fresh mountain air and views from above, we continue into Vermont's Green Mountains to one of the most picturesque capitols in the country, Montpelier. The chefs at the New England Culinary Institute will work with us to prepare a delicious lunch. We then journey a short ways to the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe for a von Trapp Family history tour. The family fled Austria just before World War II and their story inspired *The Sound of Music*. **B/L**

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 • Pittsfield, MA

We start our day with a visit to the University of Vermont Morgan Horse Farm in Middlebury to see these majestic animals. We continue to Bennington, the first settlement of Vermont and a famous landmark for the Revolutionary War. Then it's on to North Adams, Massachusetts, and the birthplace museum of suffragist Susan B. Anthony. The Anthony family was a part of the unique Quaker religion. We make one final stop at artist Eric Rudd's Chapel for Humanity. Rudd is a well-known sculptor/mixed media artist who has exhibited for over forty years. He works with new technological processes and materials including robotics, industrial spray polyurethanes and blow molded polycarbonates. We drive to Pittsfield for overnight and farewell dinner. **B/L/D**



Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015 • Return
Return Home **B**

Tour Price: \$2,499*
per person, double occupancy, land only

Single Supplement = \$650
**Price is based on 25 participants*

- Your Tour Includes:**
- **Double occupancy** rooms in 3 and 4 star hotels
 - Private, deluxe touring **coach and driver** throughout the tour
 - **Meals** Per the itinerary
 - **Admission** for all attractions mentioned in the itinerary
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 - Items of a personal nature
 - **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:
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Abbreviations for Meals:
CB=Continental Breakfast **B**=Breakfast
L=Lunch **D**=Dinner

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Legal Name: _____

(Name you would like used on nametags):

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

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Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
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Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____

Single supplement (additional \$640, land only): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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