



What's New in Discover New England for 2023

Connecticut

Aer Lingus resumed its popular nonstop flight from Bradley International Airport (Hartford) to Dublin, Ireland in March 2023, bringing transatlantic service back to Connecticut's largest airport. The service operates daily through October and offer connectivity to 28 key UK and European airports, including London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid, Barcelona, Rome and Prague and many more.

Mystic Boat Adventures (Noank)

Their catamarans create an interactive, historic, and breath-taking adventure. Adventurers drive their own personal power boat in a guided tour available from June through September.

Recent accolades:

- **Hartford's Bradley International Airport** was just named one of the top ten airports in America.
- **Mohegan Sun** (Montville) was voted #1 "Best Casino Hotel for fifth consecutive year by USA TODAY's [10Best.com](#) Readers' Choice Awards
- **Winvian Farm** (Litchfield Hills) was named among the "[top destination spa resorts in the U.S.](#)" by Conde Nast Traveler.
- The **Mayflower Inn & Spa** (Washington) was named one of the "[top 30 hotels in the northeast](#)" by Conde Nast Traveler.
- **New Haven** landed on The New York Times global "52 Places to Go in 2023" for its food, architecture and more; the only northeastern U.S. destination to make the list.

Maine

Lyman-Morse Camden (Camden)

Renowned boatbuilder, Lyman-Morse recently unveiled a 44,000 square-foot mixed-use marina redevelopment project on Camden's inner harbor. This new modern working waterfront has been entirely rebuilt to offer beautiful new spaces for residents and visitors and is a year-round destination for those looking to dine, shop, sightsee, work, and more. In addition to yacht services, marina amenities include [Salt Wharf](#) restaurant, [Barren's Restaurant & Distillery](#) featuring locally distilled spirits along with casual cuisine in both an outdoor courtyard and an indoor restaurant/tasting room, and the [Crew Quarters at Lyman-Morse](#), boutique ocean-view accommodations.

Acadia GEM (Bar Harbor/Acadia National Park)

Acadia GEM vehicles are now available for rent in Acadia National Park. The 100% electric, low-speed vehicles are available in two, four or six-seat models, and the all-glass roofs and removeable doors offer unrestricted views of the beauty of Bar Harbor and Acadia without leaving a carbon footprint. They are also pet friendly.

Creative Portland Cultural App (Portland)

The newly launched cultural app provides access to the arts through a user-friendly mobile application. Free to download, the app promotes the cultural life of Portland and some artistic highlights throughout the state. The app will also give users access to Augmented Reality (AR) experiences through their phones.

Saddleback (Rangeley)

Saddleback Ski Resort recently unveiled lift-serviced mountain biking. The Bike Park also includes the South Branch Bike trails. The Saddleback Bike Shop offers a full fleet of rentals, bike accessories, service and repairs. Saddleback joins [Mt. Abram](#) for lift-serviced biking. Saddleback is also in the midst of building its new Mid Mountain Lodge, which is planned to be finished in 2023. The lodge is located in Bicknell's thrush habitat and the resort is working with the Maine Audubon Society to protect the birds' habitat.

New Hampshire

DNE MEMBER PARTNER – NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES & WHITE MOUNTAINS

Mill City Park (Franklin Falls, NH)

New England's first white water park - 13 acres with an adjacent 21 conserved acres and three whitewater features on the Winnepesaukee River. The primary goal of all improvements is simple... to connect the community to the river. Last June, Phase 1 of the park opened featuring a "Standing Wave" in the river for paddlers.

Great American Bike Tours (Statewide)

Join Great American Bike Tours, a NH-based cycle touring operator on one of three new summer adventures through the Granite State. **The Covered Bridge Bike Tour**, a two-day ride, takes you to seven of New Hampshire's beautiful, historic covered bridges while cycling through mountain vistas and past sparkling lakes, rivers and streams. After an overnight stay in Lebanon NH, jump back on the bike for a day cycling the Northern Rail Trail! **The Cross New Hampshire Adventure Trail** is a 3-day ride that will take you through the breathtaking scenery of NH's White Mountains. You'll enjoy cycling through charming towns, passing along rivers and streams. **Pedal, Paddle & Hike** is an incredible weekend of adventure taking you to many of New Hampshire's most beautiful and iconic areas. You'll explore Franconia Notch by bike and boot, kayak the Pemigewasset River, and cycle the Northern Rail Trail.

Special Sails with the Gundalow Company (Portsmouth)

Speaker Series – Every summer evening sail on Tuesday will have a guest speaker onboard to talk about cultural, historical, or environmental topics. Concert Cruise Series – Most events, Sunday and Thursday in summer will have live music onboard from local favorites. See the schedule online.

Haunted Winnepesaukee (Weirs Beach)

Discover the dark side of Lake Winnepesaukee aboard the Winnepesaukee Spirit. Hear haunting tales of cursed lands, mysterious fires, haunted hotels and unsolved disappearances during this 90-minute cruise. Schedule: Thursdays in July & August, Thursday-Saturday in September & October.

Tamworth Distilling and Mercantile (Tamworth)

Tamworth Distilling named to *Food & Wine's* Drinks Innovators of the Year for 2023 – Owner Steven Grasse – founder of Hendrick's Gin – is the brainpower behind Tamworth Distilling where they now make 55 different products – including Sylvan Mist. The consumable cocktail – a high-density aromatic gin and perfume is a world first.

Massachusetts

DNE MEMBER PARTNER – NORTH OF BOSTON

Olde Ipswich Tours (Ipswich)

A boutique tour company with 25 years of experience, Olde Ipswich Tours offers small group cultural tours focusing on exceptional food and wine, elegant accommodations, off the beaten path adventures and the camaraderie of a friendly group of people. The company caters to those who want a unique, custom experience, offering both standard tours (with a maximum of 16 people) and fully customized tours for your family and friends.

DNE MEMBER PARTNER – MEET BOSTON

The Embrace (Boston)

Boston Common, America's first public park, has a vibrant 400-year-old history and a tradition of civic gatherings. The King Boston memorial, [The Embrace](#), will be anchored here in 2023, where in 1965 Dr. King called Boston to live by its highest ideals. The Embrace will provide a living space for conversation, education and reflection on the racial and economic justice ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and serve as a permanent monument to the Kings' time in Boston. More [info](#).

DNE MEMBER PARTNER – MOHAWK TRAIL REGION

Shelburne Springs (Shelburne Falls)

This boutique hotel and event space, a two-hour drive from Boston, is located on 38 acres in a 1914 mansion on the historic Mohawk Trail. The seven suites feature luxurious bedrooms, full kitchens, sleeper sofas, walk-in showers, heated floors, individual HVAC systems, and private decks. There is a full-service bar and kitchen, with local drinks, guest chefs, and theme dinner parties. Explore the woods, hike the trails, hang out in the geodesic dome, or get cozy by the fire pit.

DNE MEMBER PARTNER – GREATER MERRIMACK VALLEY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

The Chateau Merrimack Resort & Spa (Tyngsboro)

This resort has been reimagined for today's modern traveler. Featuring an unparalleled level of refinement, timeless elegance, and contemporary style, Chateau Merrimack is an idyllic countryside escape where the wine flows as freely as the Merrimack River and where guests are treated to luxurious accommodations, premier amenities, a full-service spa, two world-class eateries, and an award-winning wine cellar featuring over 60,000 of the world's fine varietals. Situated just 35 miles north of Boston, Chateau Merrimack is the ultimate retreat, equal parts indulgence and escape.

DNE MEMBER PARTNER – DISCOVER QUINCY

Historic Landmarks on the Presidents Trail (Quincy)

An Urban Walking Trail through Quincy's rich history, this trail includes Hancock Adams Common, Church of the Presidents, Brackett's Tavern Liberty Tree, Abigail Adams Cairn, Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams Birthplaces, Hancock Cemetery, Quincy Town Hall (Old Town Hall), John Hancock Birth Site and Adams Academy, Peace Field and Quincy Homestead.

Massachusetts Lighthouse Trail

The Massachusetts Lighthouse Trail invites visitors to take a scenic road trip through the Bay State. Massachusetts is home to the first lighthouse site in the U.S., and now home to over 45 lighthouses. From Cape Ann to Cape Cod, travelers can journey along the trail to explore coastal communities and the maritime history of the Commonwealth.

Massachusetts Sports Trail

The Massachusetts Sports Trail invites folks to journey through our long and storied sports history—from Greater Boston, where one can cheer on our championship sports teams, to Western Massachusetts, which celebrates the birthplace of two popular American sports — basketball and volleyball. You can also up your game by trying out our trails, rivers, tracks, fields, and greens for yourself.

Gloucester 400+™ (Gloucester)

This year-long celebration of city-wide educational programs, activities, and events commemorates Gloucester's founding in 1623. Throughout the year 2023, programs, activities, and events will highlight Gloucester's rich history, culture and heritage which will showcase Gloucester's diverse community, its extraordinary contributions to art and culture, remarkable industrial achievements, and wealth of natural resources that surround the City of Gloucester.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island chosen by Visit the USA as one of [“five destinations that should be on your radar for 2023.”](#) “Rhode Island may be the smallest U.S. state, but it certainly punches well above its weight. The vast golden beaches and grand historic mansions coupled with an abundance of fresh seafood and boutique wineries make Rhode Island a top pick for 2023.”

White Horse Tavern (Newport)

The oldest tavern in America turns 350 in 2023. Chef Kevin DeMarco understands the importance of local provisioning and infusing flavor with fresh. Immerse yourself in history at an America's landmark and experience centuries of culture and inspired cuisine.

Food Hall (Providence)

The \$23.5 million project in the lower level of Union Station and will redevelop the historical space to deliver a diverse, inclusive and approachable hospitality experience that reflects the many cultural influences of Rhode Island. The food hall will be home to 13 separate restaurants and bars and is expected to open in May 2023.

Newport Aquarium (Newport)

The Newport Aquarium will move to the first floor of the Gateway Transportation and Visitors Center on America's Cup Avenue. The new location will increase the square footage of the aquarium five-fold and, with 6,500 square feet to work with, they plan to enhance and enrich its educational programs while bringing a new family-friendly experience to downtown Newport. The new facility is on track to open in Summer 2023.

Vermont

Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (Swanton to St. Johnsbury)

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) is a four-season, multi-purpose recreation path across northern Vermont following the former 93-mile Lamoille Valley Railroad (LVRR) rail line from St. Johnsbury to Swanton. It will officially be open on Memorial Day weekend of 2023 and will be the longest rail trail in New England.

Nauti Paddle (Burlington)

Vermont's First Cycleboat! This social, active adventure is the perfect way for friends, families, tourists, and colleagues to take in the beauty of Burlington Bay. All tours are 90 min. and are BYOB and snacks. The 12 pedal stations turn the "riverboat style" paddle wheel, while the others relax on the bow seating. There is also a motor; just in case the pedaling turns into dancing by the end of the cruise!

Hill Farm by Sagra (Sunderland)

Hill Farm Inn is now Hill Farm by Sagra. Nestled in the Equinox Mountain Valley, Hill Farm has lived many lives: a 200-year-old Vermont dairy, an inn for New England travelers and now a Sagra location with the addition of a vegetable farm and dining experience that highlights the surrounding region. Take in the vistas, indulge in meals cooked in a wood-fired oven, and enjoy a sunset overlooking the farm.

The Brattleboro (Brattleboro)

Opened in Sept. 2022, the Brattleboro is an adults-only inn on 32-acres that boasts an infrared sauna, a hot tub and New England's only smoreologist.

OTHER RESOURCES



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VISITOR GUIDE

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