



# discover New England HIGHLIGHTS: 14-Day Itinerary

*Though it begins and ends with two landmarks of American history, this trip has a little bit of everything for travelers: ocean cruises and mountain summits, art museums and shopping meccas, and grand old mansions (not to mention an even grander resort casino).*

## DAY 1: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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*Lodging ideas:* [Boston Marriott Copley Place](#), [Copley Square Hotel](#), [Hilton Boston Park Plaza](#), [Newbury Guest House](#), [The Revolution Hotel](#), [The Whitney Hotel](#)

Spend the day walking between past and present on the [Freedom Trail](#), a 2.5-mile (4km) path connecting 16 important sites in the founding of the United States. Among the highlights are [Faneuil Hall](#), the [USS Constitution](#), and the [Old North Church](#).

There are lots of reasons to detour along the way. Next to Faneuil Hall is [Quincy Market](#), filled with shops and eateries. Sample local seafood at Boston's oldest restaurant, [Union Oyster House](#), or visit the North End (Boston's "Little Italy") for some pizza and cannoli.

Catch some thrilling basketball at [TD Garden](#), home of the Celtics, or watch the Red Sox play at [Fenway Park](#), the nation's oldest ballpark.

## DAY 2: MASSACHUSETTS NORTH SHORE

Learn more about visiting [North of Boston](#)

*Lodging ideas:* [Beauport Hotel](#) (Gloucester), [Briar Barn Inn](#) (Rowley); [Ocean House Hotel at Bass Rocks](#) (Gloucester)

It's time to hit the road and explore the North Shore. The [Essex Scenic Coastal Byway](#) is a 90-mile route that links 14 seaside towns and cities north of Boston, offering famous attractions and hidden gems along the way. [Salem](#) is home to the [Peabody Essex Museum](#) as well as the [Salem Witch Museum](#). In [Gloucester](#), visit the [Hammond Castle Museum](#) and the [Cape Ann Museum](#).

End the day in Gloucester's [Rocky Neck Cultural District](#). Its many galleries and studios include the [Salted Cod Arthouse](#), which also offers a casual dining space.

## DAYS 3 & 4: PORTLAND, MAINE

Learn more about visiting [Portland](#)

*Lodging ideas:* [Aloft Portland](#), [Hilton Garden Inn Portland Waterfront](#), [Nonantum Resort](#) (Kennebunkport)

Portland has built up its culinary reputation with excellent bakeries, breweries, fine dining, international cuisine—and, of course, *seafood*. Try [Eventide Oyster Co.](#) or [DiMillo's on the Water](#), Maine's only floating restaurant.

[Maine Day Ventures](#) and [NaviTour](#) offer a variety of themed tours that immerse you in Portland history, art and architecture, neighborhoods, and more. Portland's [Lucky Catch Cruises](#) and Kennebunkport's [Rugosa Lobster Tours](#) give a close-up look at how Maine's most famous seafood is harvested.

Less than an hour's drive south from Portland is York's [Nubble Light](#), one of the world's most-photographed lighthouses. To the north, [Freeport](#) has outlet shopping and the flagship store of Maine's L.L. Bean.

## DAYS 5 & 6: NEW HAMPSHIRE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Learn more about visiting [New Hampshire's White Mountains](#)

*Lodging ideas:* [Eastern Slope Inn](#) (North Conway), [North Conway Grand Hotel](#), [White Mountain Hotel & Resort](#) (North Conway)

Board the [MS Mount Washington](#) for a cruise on New Hampshire's largest lake, Winnepesaukee, with the majestic White Mountains in the distance. Or take a scenic drive on the [Kancamagus Highway](#), which travels 34.5 miles (55km) through the White Mountain National Forest.

In North Conway, enjoy outlet shopping at [Settlers Green](#), take a ride on the [Conway Scenic Railroad](#), and find four-season fun at [Cranmore Mountain Resort](#). Nearby attractions include [Rek' Lis Brewing Co.](#) in Bethlehem, [Polly's Pancake Parlor](#) in Sugar Hill, and the [Mount Washington Auto Road](#), which takes you to the top of the highest peak in the northeastern U.S.

## DAYS 7 & 8: BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Learn more about visiting [Burlington](#)

*Lodging ideas:* [Courtyard by Marriott Burlington Harbor](#), [Hilton Garden Inn Burlington Downtown](#), [Hotel Vermont](#)

The heart of Vermont's "Queen City" is [Church Street Marketplace](#), a four-block pedestrian mall packed with shopping, dining, and people-watching. A few blocks away is the famous [Lake Champlain](#), which you can explore on a scenic cruise with the [Spirit of Ethan Allen](#) or [Whistling Man Schooner Co.](#) Check out local nightlife in the [South End Arts District](#) or visit top local breweries with [City Brew Tours](#).

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Within a short drive is [Shelburne Museum](#), a 45-acre art and history museum, as well as the Upper Green Mountains, where you can visit the [von Trapp brewery](#), [Cold Hollow Cider](#), and the [Ben and Jerry's factory](#). For thrills, ride the [Stowe Gondola SkyRide](#) or drive the twisty two-lane [Smugglers' Notch Road](#).

#### DAY 9: MASSACHUSETTS BERKSHIRES

Learn more about [Massachusetts Berkshires](#)

Lodging ideas: [Hotel Downstreet](#) (North Adams), [Hotel on North](#) (Pittsfield), [The Porches Inn at Mass MoCA](#) (North Adams), [The Red Lion Inn](#) (Stockbridge)

Massachusetts is known for its coast and beaches, but it also offers a beautiful mountain getaway in the Berkshires. The hills and valleys of this region are filled with picturesque towns and must-see attractions, such as the [Norman Rockwell Museum](#) and the [Tanglewood Music Festival](#). Head to North Adams to visit one of the world's largest museums of contemporary art, [Mass MoCA](#). At the end of your day, drive to the top of [Mount Greylock](#) for views of five New England states.

#### DAYS 10 & 11: CONNECTICUT COAST

Learn more about visiting [Connecticut](#)

Lodging ideas: [Foxwoods Resort Casino](#) (Ledyard), [Great Wolf Lodge](#) (Ledyard; opening 2025), [Inn at Mystic](#) (Mystic), [New Haven Hotel](#) (New Haven), [The Blake Hotel](#) (New Haven)

In New Haven, [Yale University](#) lets you visit its world-class art gallery, natural history museum, and British art center—all for free. Explore New Haven on an [Elm City Party Bike](#) tour, and don't forget to sample **New Haven-style pizza** at [Sally's Apizza](#) or [Frank Pepe's](#).

An hour east of New Haven is [Foxwoods](#), the largest resort-casino complex in North America, with seven casinos and four hotels. Go outlet shopping, take a ride on the [HighFlyer](#) zipline, try indoor karting at MONZA, and play golf at the award-winning [Lake of Isles](#). And learn about the indigenous tribe that made Foxwoods a reality at the [Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center](#), the nation's biggest Native American museum.

#### DAYS 12 & 13: NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Learn more about visiting [Newport](#)

Lodging ideas: [Forty 1 North](#), [Hotel Viking](#), [Newport Harbor Island Resort](#)

Start by strolling the [Cliff Walk](#), a 3.5-mile (5.6km) path that runs alongside some of Newport's grandest historic homes, the [Newport Mansions](#). Several properties also offer tours, if you'd like a look inside these Gilded Age gems. The nearby [International Tennis Hall of Fame](#) is also worth a visit. Then hit the water with a sailing cruise from local outfitters, such as [America's Cup Charters](#) and [Newport Classic Cruises](#).

Take a guided tour of the city on a trolley cars with [Viking Tours of Newport](#) or choose a walking-tour option: [Newport History Tours](#) shares stories about the city's earliest days, while [Ghost Tours of Newport](#) combines history with spooky thrills.

#### DAY 14: PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Learn more about [Plymouth](#)

Lodging ideas: [Fairfield Inn & Suites Plymouth](#), [Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor](#), [John Carver Inn & Spa](#), [Mirbeau Inn & Spa](#)

Stop at the waterfront to snap a photo of Plymouth Rock, then head to [Plimoth Patuxet Museums](#) to see a full-scale reproduction of the [Mayflower II](#) and learn all about the Pilgrims and the indigenous people of this area. Just a few blocks away, [Pilgrim Hall Museum](#) features many artifacts owned by the Pilgrims themselves.

After soaking up some history, go on a whale-watching trip with [Captain John Boats](#), take a [cranberry bog tour](#) in the fall, sample local beer at the [Mayflower Brewing Co.](#), and enjoy your day of exploring "America's Hometown."

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