



## New England 2017 News & Announcements

### — Destination News —

**Blount Small Ship Adventures** multiday cruises offer access to unique ports where local historians, culinary experts, and naturalists provide entertainment and information. With no more than 43 cabins, guests enjoy a casual onboard experience that is intimate and educational. [www.blountsmallshipadventures.com](http://www.blountsmallshipadventures.com)

**Delta Air Lines** is now offering daily nonstop service to Boston's Logan Airport from Dublin. The daily flight to Boston, which will operate throughout the summer, joins Delta's existing services from the Irish capital – a year-round operation to New York-JFK, plus a summer offering to Atlanta. [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)

**Norwegian Airlines** will be starting new nonstop service to Providence, Rhode Island, from Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Edinburgh and Shannon beginning in June. They are also now offering flights from Hartford Bradley International Airport in Connecticut to Edinburgh, Scotland. [www.norwegian.com/us](http://www.norwegian.com/us)

In September 2016, **Aer Lingus** launched its first direct flight from Dublin Airport to Hartford Bradley International Airport in Connecticut. This four-times-weekly service will position Hartford as New England's second international gateway, alongside Boston Logan International Airport. [www.aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com) / [www.hartford.com](http://www.hartford.com)

### — Stay —

#### **Greydon House now open in Nantucket**

Set in Nantucket's downtown historic district, Greydon House showcases 20 uniquely appointed guestrooms and a locally inspired restaurant embracing the past of this storied island. Greydon House weaves the warmth of a village inn with the luxury relevance for today's generation of world traveler. <http://greydonhouse.com>

#### **Glamping now available in southern Maine**

Glamour and camping are combined at the new Sandy Pines Campground in Kennebunkport. Sandy Pines is located in a forest grove less than a mile from Goose Rocks Beach. There will be 320 sites, each one outfitted with a picnic table, fire pit, electricity, cable, water and sewage. You can choose a basic tent site or one that's ready to accommodate a large RV. There's even an onsite lobster pound, as well as a general store, farm stand and ice cream cart. [www.sandypinescamping.com](http://www.sandypinescamping.com)

#### **The Ocean House in Rhode Island opens Secret Champagne Garden**

Widely considered as one of the world's best hotels, The Ocean House in Rhode Island has opened its Secret Garden, a lounge that features Veuve Clicquot champagnes. The hotel also recently completed a multi-million-dollar guest-room renovation. [www.oceanhouseri.com](http://www.oceanhouseri.com)

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### **Luxury hotel opens this June in Connecticut**

This June, experience luxury at the Delmar West Hartford, Connecticut's newest boutique hotel offering full-service spa treatments, fine dining, and even complimentary bicycle rentals.

[www.delamar.com/west-hartford](http://www.delamar.com/west-hartford)

### **New Arlington Hotel, 5-star kosher hotel and bistro now open in Bethlehem**

This is the United States' first ever year-round strictly kosher luxury 65-suite hotel. The hotel has a 24-hour tearoom, the kosher Birch Bar & Bistro open daily, a juice and cocktail bar, and an indoor pool and gym.

The hotel offers special events, Shabbat retreats, and event space. [www.arlingtonhotelnh.com](http://www.arlingtonhotelnh.com)

## **— Play —**

### **The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum opening in Massachusetts**

The only museum to honor the life and work of Springfield native, Theodor Seuss Geisel, the museum will feature interactive experiences for children, with a strong focus on promoting literacy, artwork, memorabilia and furniture. Museum will be opening in June 2017. [www.springfieldmuseums.org](http://www.springfieldmuseums.org)

### **Sports tours in a sports state**

**Fenway Park Tours** — “America’s Most Beloved Ballpark” is uniquely nestled in the city of Boston. See the home of Red Sox legends, visit Pesky’s Pole and sit atop the world famous Green Monster on a one-hour walking tour.

**Patriot Place Tours** — The Hall at Patriot Place presented by Raytheon is an exciting, innovative and interactive, modern museum experience for all ages. The Kraft family long considered the best way to honor the greatest Patriots of all time while simultaneously preserving Patriots history.

**Hoophall at Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame** — Located on the picturesque banks of the Connecticut River, the new museum is a fitting shrine to the game invented more than a century ago. The landmark structure is one of the world’s most distinctive monuments punctuating the Springfield skyline. Hundreds of interactive exhibits share the spotlight with skills challenges, live clinics, and shooting contests, as well as enough basketball history to impress the world’s most avid sports fans.

### **ELC Outdoors offering new tours in New Hampshire**

ELC Outdoors now offers tours on Lake Umbagog with calm waters, incredible scenery, and abundant N.H. wildlife, all from the comfort of a 24-foot pontoon boat. This trip is informative and offers great photo opportunities. Guests routinely see moose, deer, bald eagles, osprey, loons and even the odd black bear.

[www.elcoutdoors.com](http://www.elcoutdoors.com)

### **The Cog Railway opens new museum and adds events**

The Mount Washington Cog Railway opened a free Base Station Museum experience with interactive exhibits and simulators and is now offering one-way tickets for hikers who want to hike one way up or down Mount Washington and take the train the other way. They are also expanding their free annual event offerings to include a Steampunk Festival and a Handcrafted Festival. [www.thecog.com](http://www.thecog.com)

### **New summer fun additions at Sunday River Resort**

Sunday River Resort’s full-service Mountain Park now celebrates summer with several new additions to its summer activities list, including electric bike rentals, an 18-hole disc golf course, and hiking terrain, plus new stand-up paddleboarding yoga classes through the resort’s partnership program with L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery Schools. [www.sundayriver.com](http://www.sundayriver.com)

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### **Appalachian Mountain Club adds Medawisla to their Maine line-up**

Appalachian Mountain Club's newest destination in their Maine wilderness lodges network will open the summer of 2017. Medawisla is the ideal spot for exploring the famed 100-Mile Wilderness with opportunities for hiking, paddling, fly fishing, canoe camping, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, steps away from private cabins. [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org)

### **Explore New England by rail on Connecticut's Essex Steam Train**

A Connecticut icon for more than 45 years, the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat allows you meander through the unspoiled New England countryside aboard the vintage steam train on your way to Deep River Landing and your connection with the Becky Thatcher riverboat. Visitors can also enjoy the air-conditioned comfort of the 1920s Pullman dining cars and a three-course meal on the Lunch Train before taking the riverboat cruise up the Connecticut River past renowned landmarks such as Gillette Castle and the Goodspeed Opera House. [www.essexsteamtrain.com](http://www.essexsteamtrain.com)

### **Thompson Speedway in Connecticut Launches Exotic Car Experience**

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park is a historic raceway with a 1.7-mile road course that has launched an exotic car package, giving visitors the chance to drive this famous track in a Ferrari 458 Italia, a Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG, a Lamborghini Gallardo LP-570 or a VW TDI Cup Race Car. [www.thompsons Speedway.com](http://www.thompsons Speedway.com)

### **Dive into Rhode Island**

Rhode Island's waters are a diver's paradise with more shipwrecks per square mile than any other state with more than 2,000 shipwrecks to explore. There are full service dive shops throughout the state and guided excursions for all enthusiasts from novices to advanced divers. Looking for something with a little more bite to it? Rhode Island also offers blue and mako shark expeditions that deliver some of the most intense and unforgettable open-water shark encounters you can find anywhere in the world. [www.visitrhodeisland.com](http://www.visitrhodeisland.com)

### **Explore underground tunnels at Newport's The Breakers**

Explore the underground tunnel, boiler room and basement of The Breakers, Newport's grandest mansion. Learn how domestic technology evolved through the Gilded Age and into the 20th century. [www.newportmansions.org](http://www.newportmansions.org)

### **Vermont's Stowe Mountain Resort opens Adventure Center**

Stowe Mountain Resort has just opened an \$80-million Adventure Center and 'Stowe Rocks' climbing gym, the summer gateway to all new experiences on Spruce Peak and Mount Mansfield. Other new activities on the mountain include zip lines down Vermont's highest peak and a tree top adventure course. [www.stowe.com](http://www.stowe.com)

### **Okemo Mountain Resort introduces new fleet of Scott bikes and trail expansion**

Okemo introduced lift-served mountain biking last summer and the Evolution Bike Park at Okemo will operate again with a fleet of new Scott bikes and plans for trail expansion to take place. At Okemo's Adventure Zone, located at Jackson Gore, Vermont, the newest additions are two bouncy castles and the Coleman Brook Mining Company, where kids can use a screen tray and water flowing through a sluice to reveal sparkling gems, minerals and fossils. [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com)

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## — Dine & Drink —

### **Smuttynose continues to be recognized as one of the best breweries in the world**

Smuttynose Brewing Company has been recognized for the 11th year in a row as one of the Best Breweries in the World by RateBeer. The total count for different breweries of all sizes and ambiances in New Hampshire is somewhere above 80 now. This list includes large factory experiences such as Smuttynose and Anheuser Busch to those that are literally on farms with donkeys and ducks. Breweries in New Hampshire are as much a cultural experience as they are culinary.

[www.nhbeer.org](http://www.nhbeer.org) / [www.smuttynose.com](http://www.smuttynose.com)

### **Seven Birches Winery & Tasting Room opens in Lincoln**

Take a “Meet the Winemakers” tour and sample red wine aging in one of our oak barrels, chat with the winemaker and taste some delicious New Hampshire wines. Located in the new RiverWalk Resort.

[www.sevenbirches.com](http://www.sevenbirches.com)

### **More new restaurants in Maine**

The tide of new restaurant openings across the state of Maine shows no sign of abating. Recent openings in Portland include 2 LB Kitchen, which serves breakfast and lunch, with dishes ranging from gluten free pancakes to wild boar served with rice and arugula. Trattoria Fanny is for homey Italian fare from a chef who opened Eataly in Boston, and serves a simple menu ranging from cured salt cod on toast to spaghetti alla carbonara. Izakaya Minato is where to satisfy udon and ramen cravings. Montreal-style bagels are on offer at The Purple House in North Yarmouth while Neighborhood in Belfast serves tortilla pizza, fish tacos and fries dusted with parmesan in a family-friendly spot. [www.visitmaine.com](http://www.visitmaine.com)

### **Vermont sees surge of new restaurants opening throughout the state**

Foodies, unite! Vermont has twenty-two new restaurants awaiting your arrival. From Burlington to Stowe, Montpelier to Manchester, there’s a new spot for everyone. [www.vermontvacation.com](http://www.vermontvacation.com)

### **Rhode Island boasts a rich foodie culture**

Rhode Island’s foodie culture is well known, but it’s difficult to choose from such an embarrassment of riches like Nick’s on Broadway in Providence, headed by James Beard Nominated Chef in 2016, Derek Wagner. Or Birch, also in Providence and headed by James Beard Nominated Chef 2017, Benjamin Sukle. There’s also Wine Spectator 2016 Best of Award of Excellence winner, Castle Hill in Newport, and Wine Spectator 2016 Best of Award of Excellence winner, Restaurant 1879 at the Atlantic Inn on Block Island.

[www.visitrhodeisland.com/where-to-eat](http://www.visitrhodeisland.com/where-to-eat)

True epicureans fall in love with Savoring Rhode Island’s “walking and eating tours” – three-hour culinary treks guided by a renowned cookbook author. [www.savoringrhodeisland.com](http://www.savoringrhodeisland.com)

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