

New England Fall Foliage

Escorted by Sue Anderson

October 1-9, 2022



\$2,299/person (double occupancy)

Land tour only (air available separately)

Reservation Code: 2051360

Activity Level: Moderate w/considerable walking See back for detailed itinerary.

Covid-19 vaccine required for this tour.

Includes 8 nights' accommodations, hotel portorage, taxes, fees & service charges, 10 meals, sightseeing in a modern air-conditioned motor coach, services of an English-speaking tour manager, and entrance fees per itinerary.

New England is scenic year-round, but it's spectacular in the fall. Join us for this amazing small group tour that includes breathtaking views of nature's glorious fall palette and lots of fascinating colonial American history. During this tour, our visits include Boston's Old North Church, built in 1723; Plymouth Rock, the traditional site of disembarkation of the Mayflower Pilgrims; a working cranberry farm in Massachusetts; Quechee Gorge, Vermont's deepest gorge; Cold Hollow Cider Mill, one of New England's top producers of fresh apple cider; a guided tour of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory; and the Seashore Trolley Museum, world's oldest and largest museum of mass transit vehicles.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1: Welcome to Boston, a city infused with its own unique culture and remarkable history. Transfer independently to the hotel. The rest of the evening is at leisure to discover Boston's restaurants and nightlife on your own.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2: This morning, begin with a tour of historic Boston. View the Old North Church (Christ Church) built in 1723, the city's oldest church building and an active Episcopal Church. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow memorialized Old North's role at the start of the Revolutionary War in his poem, "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere". Drive by numerous government and historical buildings, including the Massachusetts State House and State Capitol near the top of Beacon Hill. On to Boston Commons, the starting point of the Freedom Trail, and the oldest park in the country. Free time for lunch in Faneuil Hall, a site that has been used as a marketplace and meeting hall since 1742. Then, drive to Plymouth Rock at Pilgrim Memorial State Park, the traditional site of disembarkation of the Mayflower Pilgrims who founded Plymouth Colony in 1620. Afterward, a scenic drive to Cape Cod and the seaside town of Hyannis for overnight. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink during an orientation meeting with fellow travelers, followed by a Welcome Dinner to celebrate your arrival to New England (B, D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3: After breakfast, a day at leisure in Hyannis. Considered by New Englanders to be the hub and heart of Cape Cod, Hyannis is known internationally as the all-American town. Here in the Mid Cape area you'll find the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, delectable fish shacks, award-winning restaurants, world-class beaches, island ferries, countless outdoor activities and Cape Cod's unique shopping. The Hyannis area is indeed surrounded by beauty and filled with fun! Don't miss the full day optional tour to Martha's Vineyard, the picturesque old whaling village steeped in history, now one of the most elegant and charming seaside resorts in the Northeast(B)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4: From Cape Cod travel to the Berkshires, a crossroads of culture, renowned for its beautiful landscapes and the finest recreational attractions in the area. Stop at a working cranberry farm, the number one crop in Massachusetts. Taste the fresh goodness and watch the harvest operation up-close (seasonal). Lunch at leisure before arriving at the Norman Rockwell Museum, home to the world's largest and most significant collection of Rockwell's works and where he lived for the last 25 years of his life. Spend some time visiting the museum and his original studio before departing for Pittsfield, designated one of the Cultural Districts in Massachusetts, Pittsfield's downtown, known as the Upstreet Cultural District, boasts a lively arts theme. The rest of the evening is at leisure to explore the wide choice of restaurants and downtown shops (B)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5: A scenic drive this morning to rural Vermont. On to Rockingham to visit the Vermont Country Store, stocked to the rafters with award-winning Vermont cheeses, rows of penny candy, gadgets and thousands of hard to find items from the past. Stroll through the Kissing Bridge or visit the Grist Mill Museum, if time allows. Then, stop at Quechee Gorge for breathtaking views of Vermont's deepest gorge, formed by glacial activity over 13,000 years ago. Arrive in Woodstock, one of the prettiest towns in America, famous for the architecture of many of its houses and churches. This is the only town in America with four Paul Revere church bells. See the Middle Covered Bridge built over the Ottauquechee River, which flows through the center of the village. Stroll along the lovely Village Green, with leisure time for lunch. Continue to Stowe, a wonderfully eclectic village, home to a thriving arts community and many cultural events. Reaching a height of 4,395 feet, Mt. Mansfield forms the centerpiece of a region that is world famous for its outdoor activities (B)



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6: Begin the day at the Cold Hollow Cider Mill, one of the top producers of fresh apple cider in all of New England. You'll see how the cider is made the old-fashioned way, as it was done in the 1920s. Then, on to the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory in Waterbury. What a treat! The guided factory tour offers guests the opportunity to learn about the production process and hear how the company was started by two childhood friends. Go from the Cow over the Moon Theater to a glassed-in mezzanine to see the production room, then on to the FlavoRoom to indulge in the sample flavor of the day. Continue through Montpelier, the nation's smallest capital city, to Littleton, New Hampshire, a vibrant community located in the White Mountains on the Vermont border. Lunch on your own and leisure time in Littleton before driving on the scenic 34-mile Kancamagus Highway to North Conway. With a backdrop of over 700,000 acres of protected White Mountain National Forest, this area boasts the tallest peak in the East, Mount Washington. Tonight is at leisure to discover the delights of North Conway on your own (B)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7: Today is at leisure to enjoy the beautiful scenery that surrounds North Conway. The area is known for its numerous outdoor sights and activities. Perhaps head to the center of town where you'll find many shops and restaurants to fill the day, or, choose to take part in the optional Mount Washington Cog Railway and Maple Farm visit. Ride the World's First Mountain Climbing Train to the Top of Mount Washington, the highest peak in New England! Continue to a local estate to learn the history of maple sugaring, from the times of Native Americans to present day (B)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8: Depart the White Mountains for coastal Kennebunkport. Enjoy free time and lunch at leisure upon arrival. After, visit the Seashore Trolley Museum, the world's oldest and largest museum of mass transit vehicles. See a large collection of trolley trams and trains from different cities in the United States. Enjoy a scenic drive through Kennebunkport before arriving at the hotel in Ogunquit. This evening, a Farewell Dinner New England-style with your newfound friends (B, D)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9: Early morning group departure from Ogunquit and drive to Boston Logan International Airport for your departure flight back to your hometown city. Passengers returning to Boston from Ogunquit on Day 9 should select flights that depart no earlier than 1 PM. Ogunquit is approximately a two-hour drive from the Boston Logan airport

About Sue Anderson

Sue became director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in February 2015 and retired in December 2020. She holds a BS in business management from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and an MS in educational leadership from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. She has extensive experience in group travel, marketing, program management, volunteer coordination, and teaching, with 15 years in higher education. Sue is passionate about lifelong learning and group travel, and is excited to escort OLLI domestic & international trips.

