

# fall foliage railcruise

departs **sunday 28 september 2008**

for 12 days



*Enjoy the fabulous fall foliage blaze of colour from the train window. Ride Amtrak's most scenic eastern routes, private railways through the Adirondacks in full fall glory, the Maine Eastern Railroad past delightful New England villages to the shores of the Atlantic, a dome car into the mountains, narrow gauge steam, harbour and lake cruises and a steam ride to the summit of Mt. Washington..*

## **Sunday 28 September:**

Lunch time flight from London Heathrow to New York, transfer to a downtown hotel for overnight stay.

## **Monday 29 September:**

Full day at leisure in New York. Optional hop-on-hop-off sightseeing tour by double deck bus, a harbour cruise (both payable locally) or visit the sights by subway.

## **Tuesday 30 September:**

Depart New York's Penn station on board Amtrak's "Adirondack" train. The 270-mile journey takes you beside the mighty Hudson River then into upstate New York along the shores of Lake Champlain to the Adirondack Mountains. Early afternoon arrival at Westport, road transfer to Lake Placid, site of the 1980 winter Olympics, for overnight stay overlooking the beautiful Mirror Lake.

## **Wednesday 1 October:**

Leisurely start to the day before riding the late morning Adirondack Scenic Railway train the 20 miles from Lake Placid to Saranac Lake. Time for lunch before travelling by road to Thendara to continue the rail journey a further 50 miles through the fall colours of the Adirondack's to Utica. No need to worry about luggage, it will be transported by road between Lake Placid and Utica.

Stay overnight in downtown Utica.

## **Thursday 2 October:**

Depart Utica mid morning on Amtrak's "Lake Shore Limited". The route follows the Mohawk River to Schenectady, at Albany the train splits -part going to New York, the other through Springfield to Boston arriving late afternoon. Stay two nights in central Boston.

## **Friday 3 October:**

Day at leisure in Boston, option to take a sightseeing tour and harbour cruise (approx £15.00 payable locally) or ride a local train to Plymouth on Cape Cod, Concord, Lowell (for the Cotton Mills Museum) or Rockport Fishing Village.

## **Saturday 4 October:**

Depart on Amtrak's "Downeaster" through the New England coastal marshes, quaint villages and pristine countryside to Portland - 116 miles. Time for lunch in historic Waterville before riding the 2ft Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway where they usually steam their No.10 of 1904 at weekends. Stay two nights in Bath, Maine, rated as one of the best small cities in the States (actually a small town of just 10,000 people) -an historic shipbuilding town with 19th century streets, a Maritime Museum and wonderful restaurants.

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## Sunday 5 October:

Enjoy a two hour, 57 mile ride in the parlour car of the Maine Eastern RR from Bath through the colourful fall scenery to Rockland, famed for its lobsters, on the Atlantic Coast. A 90 minute cruise from Rockland is included past lighthouses and offshore islands. Return later in the day on the Maine Eastern, perhaps have a snack and glass of wine in the parlour car.

## Monday 6 October:

Drive to North Conway for the 11.00 "Notch Train", travelling in a classic dome car for the best views as the train climbs into the mountains past deep ravines and cascading brooks, over Frankenstein Trestle and Willey Brook Bridge to Crawford and return. Boxed lunch included. Stay three nights in North Conway, New Hampshire.

## Tuesday 7 October:

A relaxing day, drive to Wiers Beach for a two and a half hour cruise aboard the 125-year old Mt. Washington across Lake Winnepesaukee to the village of Wolfboro. The lake has 282 miles of wooded shoreline, at this time of year in a blaze of fall colour, and over 200 islands.

## Wednesday 8 October:

Experience steam to the summit of Mt. Washington (6288ft) on the worlds oldest cog railway built in 1869. Time at the summit to take in the glorious views (weather permitting) before driving past more fall colours through Franconia Notch and along the forests of the Kancamagus Highway back to North Conway.

## Thursday 9 October:

Travel by road to the New England fishing port of Kennebunkport. Time for a stroll around its waterfront buildings and Dock Square and take lunch at one of its excellent restaurants (payable locally) before continuing to Boston for the evening flight to London Heathrow arriving 06.25 next morning.



## The Tour Cost Includes:

- Flights from London Heathrow to New York, returning from Boston
- Eleven nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities on a room only basis.
- Three Amtrak rides
- Adirondack Railroad train rides
- Maine Eastern train ride in Parlour car class
- Conway Scenic Railroad ride in Dome class with lunch
- Mount Washington Cog Railway trip
- Waterville narrow gauge train ride
- Cruises at Rockland and Lake Winnepesaukee
- Road transfers
- Luggage transfer Lake Placid to Utica
- Services of a Railtours tour manager



<b>TOUR COST:</b>	<b>£1895.00</b>
Single room supplement:	£595.00
"Land only" cost (joining at New York, leave at Boston)	£1475.00
Insurance:	£55.00
Deposit:	£250.00 per person

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