



Travel with James Rogers

New England Landscapes

7 Days September 17-23, 2016

Discover the unique landscapes and flavors of the northern States: New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. Stroll through quaint New England villages and farms, enjoy coastal cruising and clambakes, hike gentle mountain trails and sample traditional New England fare served at unique and historic restaurants. This immersive trip into the culture of the region is a journey on which you experience what you see.

Tour Features:

- Stop at Quechee Gorge
- Time to explore Quechee Gorge Village
- Tour Shelburne Farms
- Visit the Shelburne Museum
- Visit to the Shelburne Country Store
- Scenic Cruise on Lake Champlain
- Tour and Tasting at Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory
- Guided tour of Vermont's State Capitol with lunch
- Time to shop at the Farm-Way Store
- Scenic Cruise on Squam Lake
- Tour the Castle In The Clouds
- Visit to the Old Country Store and Museum
- Visit to Franconia Notch State Park
- Travel along the Kancamagus Highway
- Conway Scenic Rail ride
- Visit to the Portland Headlight
- Scenic Lighthouse Cruise
- Tour & Tasting at the Shipyard Brewery
- Stop at L.L. Bean
- Private Performances by James Rogers
- Six Nights First Class Lodging
- Six Breakfasts, One Lunch, Six Dinners
- All Taxes & Tips on these services
- Luggage Handling
- Motorcoach Transportation

Per Person Prices:

\$1,795 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,595 TRIPLE...\$2,345 SINGLE

Airfare is not included

Please plan to arrive Boston/Logan
by Noon on Sept 17, 2016

\$250 per person deposit due with reservation
Final Payment due August 1, 2016

Pre-Night Hotel Available
(Hampton Inn Logan) is \$95.00 per person

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Day 1 - Today, arrive at the Boston Logan Airport in the early afternoon. You will be welcomed by a local guide who will travel with you to Vermont. Board your motorcoach and travel north to the Green Mountain State. Along the way, your local guide will entertain you with tales of the region's rich history, point out unique geologic formations and share a bit of Yankee humor as well.

On the way to Burlington, you will stop at Quechee Gorge, "Vermont's Little Grand Canyon." Enjoy beautiful vistas from 168 feet above the river. Stop next door to the Quechee Gorge Village where you will find locally made crafts, gifts, kiosks filled with classic antiques and Vermont food products.

Arrive at your Burlington area hotel, for a two-night stay. Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant. (Some evenings may feature a private performance by your group leader, James Rogers; to be determined.)

Day 2 - This morning, tour Shelburne Farms, a National Historic Landmark on the shores of Lake Champlain. Created in 1886 by Dr. William Seward and Lila Vanderbilt Webb as a model agricultural estate, this 400-acre estate is home to a herd of 125 purebred, registered Brown Swiss cows, the Inn and Restaurant, originally the 19th century home of Seward and Webb, a cheese making facility, bakeshop, gift shop and educational center.

Next, tour the Shelburne Museum with more than 100,000 works of art, Americana, and design located in Vermont's beautiful Lake Champlain Valley. Shelburne is one of America's most diverse museums, exhibiting everything from French Impressionist paintings to American folk art.

Visit the Shelburne Country Store, an original 1859 Vermont country store. The store offers the world's best melt-in- your- mouth fudge, all kinds of penny candy and chocolates, toys for children of all ages, books, handy kitchen items, bath and beauty products and Vermont crafts galore.

This afternoon, enjoy a scenic, narrated cruise on Lake Champlain's largest cruise ship, The Spirit of Ethan III. This is a great place to search for Champ, the lake's elusive monster and learn of the region's rich history during the Captain's lively narration. Dinner is included tonight at a local Sugarhouse Restaurant. Dine on some fresh home-cooked foods accompanied by the flavors of fresh boiled maple syrup.

Day 3 - After breakfast, you will depart Burlington and travel through the Green Mountains to Waterbury where you arrive at the Vermont Annex. Savor the flavors of Cabot's Cheeses, delight in the sweets of Lake Champlain Chocolates and taste the fruits of Snowfarm Wines.

Next, stop at the Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory for a tour and a taste. Then you will tour the Vermont State Capitol in Montpelier. Known as the smallest State House (built in 1859) Montpelier's capitol, you will marvel at the fossil embedded marble floors, the original representative's desk used in the chambers today, a beautiful collection of artwork and original lighting fixtures still utilized today. Lunch is also included in the Capitol Cafe where you might dine next to the Governor.

Then visit the Vermont Maple Sugar Farm. Watch how real maple syrup is made, from the trees to the finished product. Tour the sugarhouse, sample fresh-made maple syrup and visit the largest and most unique maple, crafts and mail order shop in the area. Enjoy a traditional "sugar on snow" party.

Next, you will arrive in Bradford, home of the renowned Farm-Way Store. Here you will find a stock of items that you want and need, from shovels to frying pans to an entire outfit. Selections include clothing brands such as Isis, Carhartt and North Face. Visit the extensive footwear department, the home, garden and gifts store and the shop of complete outfits for man and beast. Then arrive at the Lake Morey Resort, your home for the next two nights. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Day 4 - This morning, travel across the border into the White Mountains of New Hampshire to "Squam Lake" for a scenic cruise. Covering 6,791 acres, Squam Lake is the second-largest lake located entirely in New Hampshire and is where the 1981 movie On Golden Pond was filmed. Next, tour the Castle in the Clouds, an exquisite New Hampshire country estate built in 1913 by Thomas Plant, who made his fortune in the shoe manufacturing industry. The mountaintop property offers breathtaking views of Lake Winnepesaukee and 1,000 feet of waterfalls and walking trails.

Then visit The Old Country Store and Museum. The store is among the oldest in the country and also one of the oldest surviving businesses of any kind. It has been the scene of town meetings in the early 1800's, the library, post office for over 100 years and a stage stop. Returning to the Lake Morey Resort in the late afternoon, enjoy the amenities the resort has to offer such as a pontoon boat ride, hiking trails or enjoy a drink in the lounge. Dinner is included tonight at the hotel.

Day 5 - Depart this morning and begin travel "Downeast" to the coast of Maine. Along the way, visit Franconia Notch State Park, located in the heart of the White Mountains National Forest. Visit the Old Man in the Mountain historical site, walk along the gentle hiking trails and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Next, travel along the Kancamagus Highway, a 34.5-mile scenic drive along New Hampshire's Route 112 that is well known as one of the best fall foliage viewing areas in the country. The Kancamagus Highway is now designated an American Scenic Byway for its rich history, aesthetic beauty and culture. There will be time to stop along the way for a photo op.

Arrive in North Conway and have lunch on your own. After lunch, it's "all aboard" the Conway Scenic Rail. Take a trip back in time as this steam engine travels past the Moat Mountain Range and parallels Route 16 before passing through farmlands and crossing Moat Brook, the Saco and Swift Rivers on the way to Conway. Watch the powerful locomotive "run around" the train, in preparation of the return trip.

Continue travel to Kennebunkport, ME and check into your waterside resort hotel, The Colony for a two night stay. This resort, built in 1914, is a recognizable landmark from land and sea over-looking the Atlantic Ocean, Kennebunk River and private beach. Dinner is included tonight at a local restaurant.

Day 6 - This morning, visit the oldest lighthouse, Portland Head. Portland Head has long protected Portland and the adjacent area. Cape Elizabeth residents were deeply committed to American independence from British rule. In 1776, the new Town of Cape Elizabeth posted a guard of eight soldiers at Portland Head to warn citizens of coming British attacks. Next, take a narrated cruise through busy Casco Bay and its innermost islands. Witness lighthouses, forts, lobster boats, seals and seabirds. Four lighthouses may be seen up close with as many as seven in view during the cruise.

Enjoy free time in Portland's Olde Port district, one of the most successful revitalized warehouse districts in the country. Stroll down the cobblestone streets and experience the quaint charm of the district. and browse the shops. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the many eateries. This afternoon, enjoy a tour and tasting at the Shipyard Brewing Company, the largest microbrewery in Maine. Before you travel back to your resort, stop in Freeport, home of Maine's largest retailer, L.L. Bean. There will be time to explore this iconic store as well as the numerous outlet stores nearby.

Tonight, return to the resort for a "New England Clambake." Before you dine on chowdah, steamers and fresh, steamed Maine lobster, the Bake Master will demonstrate "How to Eat a Lobster" the correct, Maine way! Of course, there will be selections for the landlubbers.

Day 7 - After breakfast, you will depart for Boston's Logan airport and your return flights home.