

# *Tom's Christian Tours*

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## **New England in Fall**

**September 23-October 5, 2024**

\$xxxx per person double occupancy

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—(D)** We will meet our Lamers coach and some new and old friends as we travel through **Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio**. The miles will whiz by until we finally stop in **Elyria, Ohio** for an **included dinner** and a good night's rest.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—(B,D)** We continue our journey eastward through Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York enjoying the beautiful scenery. We will arrive in the city of **Ithaca** mid-afternoon. Here, a **step-on guide** will come aboard and share this beautiful city with its waterfalls and gorges. An **included dinner** will follow. Night in **Ithaca, New York**.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25—(B,L)** Today we will follow the scenic highway 80 to Cooperstown which is on Otsego Lake. We will learn about the stars of America's pastime at the **National Baseball Hall of Fame**. After an **included lunch**, we will head north to Lake Placid, New York. Our hotel is located in the downtown district across from Mirror Lake. The late afternoon and evening are on your own to explore this quaint town. Night in **Lake Placid, New York**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26—(B,D)** This morning we head east into Vermont. We will take a **30 minute ferry ride across Lake Champlain** where we will have great vantage points for fall foliage. Then it is a very short drive to the **Shelburne Museum**. This museum offers a unique experience in American history. The museum offers 39 distinct structures including a covered bridge and steamboat. There are also more than 20 different gardens on this 45 acre museum. There are shuttles to take you from place to place on the museum grounds. Lunch is on your own at the museum. Then we will take another short ride to Waterbury for a dessert tour of **Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory**. Enjoy your included ice cream cone. Dinner **is included** this evening. Night in **Waterbury, Vermont**.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27—(B,D)** Today is all about scenery. Be prepared to have your breath taken away as we head to the **Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway** for a 2000 foot ride up the mountain. On top of Cannon Mountain, you will have spectacular views of the entire area. Then we will have time to do a little hiking in **Franconia Notch State Park**. The trail will include a waterfall and lots of stunning foliage. After lunch on your own, we will embark on the famous **Kancamagus Highway**. This 34.5 mile stretch of highway is regarded as the best place in the United States for viewing fall foliage. We will then arrive in **North Conway, New Hampshire**, for a two night stay. **Dinner is included** this evening.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28—(B,L)** Today brings more beauty of the White Mountains. We will board the **Conway Scenic Railroad** for a five hour ride over 50 miles of rugged landscape. Our first class tickets will provide comfortable seats and appetizers. An **included box lunch** will also be served for eating on the train or at a picnic table when we have a chance to leave the train for a half hour and enjoy the countryside. Upon return to North Conway, we will view some **covered bridges** and then give everyone a chance to enjoy the downtown area for a little shopping and supper on your own. Night in North Conway.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29—(B,L)** Maine is our destination today. First we have several things to do in New Hampshire. This morning we will tour the beautiful **Castle in the Clouds**. This mountaintop mansion was built in 1913 and offers spectacular views. Another hour down the road will take us to **Canterbury Shaker Village**. We will enjoy an **included lunch** there and then have a guided tour of this 19<sup>th</sup> century Shaker community with period buildings and demonstrations. Time to head to the ocean and the city of **Portsmouth, New Hampshire**. A **step-on guide** will showcase this beautiful ocean side city. We will have a chance to get supper on our own and then drive into Maine and our two night stay there. Night in **Saco, ME**.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—(B,D)** This morning we will head to **Portland, Maine**. A **step-on guide** will share the city of Portland with us. We plan to visit a few lighthouses along the way. Then it is off to **Kennebunkport** for an afternoon of exploring this exquisite seaside town. You will have time on your own to enjoy lunch and shop. We will drive past the Bush compound and trek back to Saco. Tonight we will enjoy an **included lobster dinner at the Clambake** near the ocean. Night in Saco, ME.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1—(B,D)** Today, we turn west. The states we pass through will include Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. This afternoon we will make a stop at the **United States Military Academy** in West Point, New York. Our guide will give us a history of the campus which includes a million dollar view overlooking the Hudson River. An **included dinner** will follow in Newburgh, New York. Night in **Newburgh, New York**.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2—(B,D)** Our day takes us through the Appalachian Mountains and Allegheny National Forest of Pennsylvania. We will arrive early evening in Elyria, Ohio where we spent our first night. An **included dinner** will round out our day. Night in Elyria, Ohio

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3—(B,L)** As we travel **across Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois**, we'll have time to reminisce a great trip, catch up on our journal writing, and maybe take a well-deserved nap. An **included lunch** will be part of our day. Arrival in Fond du Lac will be approximately 6 p.m. Please calculate the other drop-off locations accordingly. Night in home sweet home.

Included Meals (B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner