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# Railways of New England A Fall Adventure

September 23-28, 2021



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Experience the beauty of New England in the fall with the historic rail lines and trains that were once the center of tourism in the region. A rail expert will accompany you to enlighten and transport the group back in time as you ride four restored rail routes in Maine and New Hampshire. Beyond visits to Boston and Portland you will spend two nights in the heart of the White Mountains at the Omni Mount Washington Resort.

- Journey into northern New England by train from Boston's North Station
- Experience Maine's unique two-foot gauge railroads
- Travel by train through New Hampshire's Mt. Washington Valley and Crawford Notch on the Conway Scenic Railway
- Ride the world's first cog railway to the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington



## Accommodations

### Courtyard Marriott Downtown Boston

*Boston, MA*

Established in 1925 as an Elks Lodge, Courtyard Boston Downtown is a historic property accented by modern amenities and stylish décor. Located just a couple blocks from Boston Common the hotel makes exploring downtown convenient and easy. The hotel also features free wi-fi, on-site restaurant, and 24-hour fitness center.

### Portland Harbor Hotel

*Portland, ME*

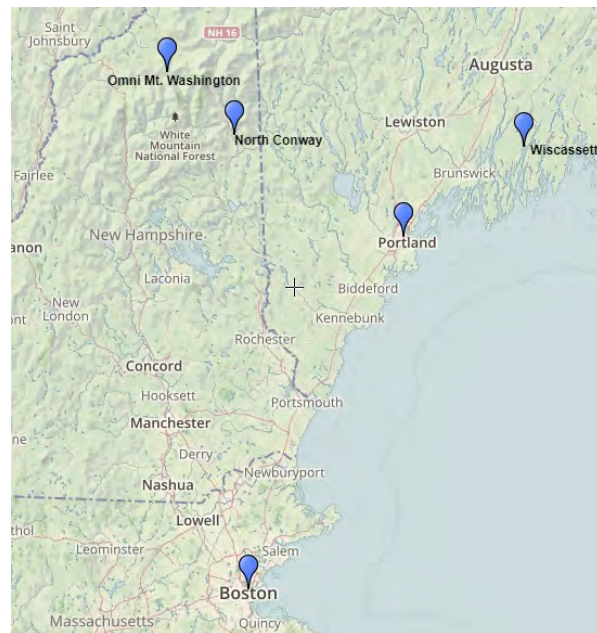
Recently renovated rooms feature a nautical feel at this centrally located hotel. You can explore all Portland, named one of the "coolest small cities" in America, has to offer steps away from the hotel. After a day of exploring relax in the hotel's courtyard or in your large soaking tub

### Omni Mount Washington Resort

*Bretton Woods, NH*

(pictured above)

Nestled at the base of Mount Washington, Bretton Woods has long been recognized as a New England retreat for presidents, poets and celebrities. The Omni Mount Washington Resort delights every sense with breathtaking mountain views, refined dining and luxurious décor. The resort features a 25,000 square foot spa as well as heated indoor and outdoor pools.







## Itinerary

### Thursday, September 23

#### Arrivals in Boston

Arrive into Boston at your leisure and meet the group this evening for orientation to the week ahead. *(D) Courtyard Marriott Downtown Boston*

### Friday, September 24

#### Portland Art Museum & Narrow Gauge Museum

This morning, experience America's intercity passenger-rail renaissance aboard Amtrak's Downeaster to Portland, Maine. We depart from North Station, located a mile and a half from South Station, Boston's terminus for trains from outside of New England. The need to transfer across the congested city center led to the demise of intercity passenger trains in Maine and New Hampshire earlier than elsewhere in the Northeast. From 1965 until Downeaster service began in 2001, only commuter trains used North Station. Now five round trips a day link ten communities in three states. The two and a half hour ride winds along the Atlantic Coast through quaint towns in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. Our midday arrival provides opportunity for you to discover downtown Portland while enjoying lunch on your own. In the afternoon we will see the renowned collection of paintings and other works by Winslow Homer at the Portland Art Museum before dinner. *(B,D) Portland Harbor Hotel*

### Saturday, September 25

#### Maine's Rail and Maritime History

This morning, we visit a gem of Maine history. In most of America "narrow gauge" meant three feet between the rails. In Maine, a gauge of two feet was adopted for logging railroads in the woods and by five common-carrier railroads that totaled 187 route-miles. The 43-mile Wiscasset Waterville & Farmington operated from 1895 until 1933. The WW&F Railway Museum has recreated 2.5 miles of the original railroad, which we ride on via train powered by a restored steam locomotive. Afterward we visit the Maine Maritime Museum at the historic Percy & Small Shipyard in Bath, ME. Exhibits tell the stories of the shipyard, the neighboring Bath Iron Works, and the place of Maine's people and vessels in global commerce. *(B,L,D) Portland Harbor Hotel*

### Sunday, September 26

#### Conway Scenic Railroad in the Mount Washington Valley

From the 1870s through the 1920s, multitudes of eastern city-dwellers summered in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and western Maine. They came by train and we will recreate a bit of their experience. A transfer from Portland by vehicle will take us to a midday train on a rail line they traveled. It became part of the Boston and Maine Railroad in 1890, and its passenger trains connected this valley with Boston until 1961. Freight service continued until 1972 and excursion trains began in 1974. We will enjoy lunch in the Chocorua dining car while passing Mount Chocorua, Mount Kearsarge and Mount Washington. Afterward we transfer to the famous Omni Mount Washington Hotel. *(B,L,D) Omni Mount Washington Resort*





## Monday, September 27

### Crawford Notch in the Heart of the White Mountains

In the morning we take another ride on the Conway Scenic Railroad through the White Mountains, this time through Crawford Notch in a historic dome car providing scenic views along this three-hour ride. The Omni Mount Washington Hotel is among the finest of surviving historic resort hotels in the northeastern United States and we spend the afternoon exploring the hotel on a guided walking tour, a hike to a nearby waterfall, or simply relaxing on the wrap-around veranda. (B,L,D) *Omni Mount Washington Resort*

## Tuesday, September 28

### To the Summit of Mount Washington on the Cog Railway

Ride to the 6,288-foot summit of America's most topographically prominent peak east of Colorado. After he got lost hiking and spent a freezing night on the mountain, New Hampshire native Sylvester Marsh conceived of a railroad to the top. Though his idea was ridiculed, the New Hampshire legislature gave Marsh a charter to build it in 1858. The Civil War intervened, and the Mount Washington Cog Railway was not completed until 1869. It was the first of its kind in the world and it stimulated hotel expansion and transportation improvements throughout New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont. Our train will employ a 19th Century steam locomotive built for the railway by Manchester Locomotive Works. After lunch along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee we return to Boston for flights home. (B,L)



## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**PROGRAM RATE:** \$4,995 per person, double occupancy.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$995

### RATE INCLUDES

- Lodging and meals as per itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages
- On Tour Rail Expert
- On Tour Manager
- Transportation by passenger vans
- Excursions and entrance fees
- Gratuities to all staff on tour, hotels, restaurants
- Reusable water bottle
- On Tour reference packet

### NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Boston
- Personal items such as phone, fax, laundry
- Trip cancellation insurance (recommended)
- On your own lunch on Day 2 in Portland

### ENROLLMENT & CANCELLATION POLICIES:

A \$750 deposit is required upon application.

The balance of the trip cost is due 61 days before departure (July 24, 2021).

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Refunds will be made according to the following per person cancellation penalties:

- Up to 61 days prior to departure: Full refund
- 60 to 31 days prior to departure: 50% of the total cost of the tour
- 30 days or less: 100% of the total tour cost.

### FOR YOUR SAFETY:

- Full refunds will be provided up to 61 days before departure
- Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be provided
- Use of passenger vans which are sanitized each evening
- Please do not book airfare until after payment

**INSURANCE:** Duke Alumni Association (DAA) will provide travel insurance information upon confirmation of your reservation. We strongly recommend that you purchase Trip Cancellation Insurance to cover cancellations, interruptions, delays and baggage.

**HEALTH:** This is an active program and all participants must be in good health. This program involves extensive walking over uneven surfaces, climbing stairs without handrails at locations that are not handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

**DISCLAIMER:** The above itinerary is subject to change depending on a variety of factors. In every case, Black Sheep Adventures will endeavor to make you aware of changes as soon as possible, but, occasionally, changes must be made immediately prior to, or during, a departure. We strive to offer the best quality trip for each area and will make every effort to offer a comparable or better vacation. Rest assured our goal is to leave you with the best possible experience so you choose to travel with us again and tell your friends all about us. Black Sheep Adventures acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. Duke Alumni Association, Black Sheep Adventures and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever from any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing these services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Black Sheep Adventures is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects (including bicycles or bicycle gear) of any individual participating in the tours arranged by Black Sheep Adventures. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

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## ENROLLMENT FORM

September 23-28, 2021

To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with a \$750 deposit per person.

Mail to: Duke Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708. Or fax: (919) 660-0148. Or call: (919) 684-2988.

### FIRST PARTICIPANT

FULL NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

### SECOND PARTICIPANT

FULL NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

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### Hotel Room Preference

☐ One Bed ☐ Two Beds ☐ Single (at a supplement of \$995) I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

### Form of Payment

☐ Enclosed is my check for deposit of \$750 per person, payable to Black Sheep Adventures

☐ Please charge to my credit card this amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code \_\_\_\_\_

Address as it appears on credit card statement \_\_\_\_\_

### Each participant must sign below.

I/we confirm that I/we have fully read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of this program.

I/we confirm to full payment by check or credit card with this reservation form.

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