

NEW ENGLAND COASTAL TOUR – PLUS NEW HAMPSHIRE AND VERMONT 2009

September 24 – October 6, 2009

Sponsored by the

50 Forward Ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Dothan, AL

Day 1-Thursday, September 24, 2009

Leave Dothan at 7:00 a.m. Travel to Concord, NC where we will spend the night at the Springhill Suites.

Day 2-Friday, September 25, 2009

After breakfast travel to Columbia, MD where we will spend the night at the Homewood Suites.

Day 3-Saturday, September 26, 2009

Late afternoon arrival at your hotel, centrally located Cape Point Hotel, West Yarmouth, MA on Cape Cod. Dinner is at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 4-Sunday, September 27, 2009

After a full breakfast, depart with your local guide. Cruise to the unique Atlantic Isle of Nantucket. Depart from scenic Hyannis Harbor. Your guided tour of this picturesque island, well-known for famous sea captains and steeped in Whaling History (the setting for Moby Dick) will include historic lighthouses, pristine beaches, quaint cobble-stone streets, galleries, historic meeting houses, stories of famous residents and more. Time for lunch on own in Nantucket's picturesque, waterfront shopping area. Return to the mainland for an included dinner at a local's favorite restaurant.

Day 5-Monday, September 28, 2009

After a full breakfast, depart for Woods Hole with your local guide. Your ferry departs from scenic Woods Hole Harbor with your coach for the "Storybook Island" of Martha's Vineyard. Your tour will include the famous Gingerbread Houses, Island Tabernacle and Antique Carousel of Oak Bluffs, stories and views of well-known resident's homes, time to explore Edgartown filled with its many shops, eateries, attractions and extraordinary views of the Atlantic.

Back on the mainland, enjoy a lobster "suppa" (alternative for those non-lobster travelers) Return to your resort.

Day 6-Tuesday, September 29, 2009

After a full breakfast, say goodbye to Ole Cape Cod as you make your way north to the rugged coastline of Maine. Arrive into Dock Square in time for lunch and shopping on own.

This afternoon enjoy a two-hour locally guided tour of the Kennebunkport region including The famed Wedding Cake House, Cape Porpoise (not many motorcoach groups go here – it's one of my hidden treasures), and of course a drive by former President Bush's summer cottage.

After the tour, continue north to Best Western Merry Manor, Portland, ME. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 7-Wednesday, September 30, 2009

After breakfast, depart for a picture stop at the most photographed light house in Maine, Portland Headlight. Continue to Brunswick, ME. **ALL ABOARD!** The Maine Eastern Railroad, comprised of restored streamlined stainless steel railcars from the Art Deco era of the 1940's and 1950's and recently fully rebuilt to today's standards of safety and comfort. Their 54- and 58-seat coaches are accompanied by a restored railway dining car that provides passengers with food & beverage served cafe style, and is the social setting for narrated discussion of the scenery and historic highlights of the 57-mile route. As you travel by train to Rockland, your coach will "dead-head" up and meet us there. We head to Camden, ME, a picturesque fishing village for lunch and shopping on own.

We continue north to Bar Harbor and the Best Western White House in Bangor, ME, for a two-night stay.

Dinner is included this evening.

Day 8-Thursday, October 1, 2009

After a deluxe continental breakfast, depart with your local guide for a ¾ day tour of Acadia National Park, to include Beaver Pond, Cadillac MT (weather dependant), Sand Beach, Thunder Hole, and so much more.

A very special dinner is planned for you this evening at the Jordan Pond House located in the park.

Day 9-Friday, October 2, 2009

After a deluxe continental breakfast, begin your journey westward towards the Green MT State of Vermont. Today is a travel day, but a magnificent one in this peak fall season. You will wind your way along well maintained rural routes through the White Mountains of NH into Vermont. Several stops will be made to stretch, take some pictures, and of course, eat! Late afternoon arrival into Killington, VT and the Inn of the Six Mountains for a two-night stay. Dinner is served this evening.

Day 10-Saturday, October 3, 2009

After a deluxe continental breakfast, depart with your local guide for a full day of touring. We travel north to Rock of Ages, a 50-acre, 600 ft deep quarry, truly an amazing site, and their local guide will provide you with so much information about the quarrying that takes place in this small state. Visit a 7th generation maple syrup farm; ; learn about the art of sugaring and enjoy the tummy pleasing VT tradition of *Sugar On Snow!* Lunch is on your own in the smallest capital region in the nation. Your final stop of the day is at Ben and Jerry's for a guided tour to learn how two high school friends became entrepreneurs in the ice cream industry.

Another wonderful dinner is included this evening at your hotel.

Day 11-Sunday, October 4, 2009

After a full breakfast, begin your journey homeward bound, with many fond memories of Coastal New England to take with you! Arrive in Harrisburg, PA late afternoon for a stay at the Country Inn and Suites.

Day 12-Monday, October 5, 2009

After breakfast depart for our next overnight in Concord, NC at the Springhill Suites

Day 13-Tuesday, October 6, 2009

After breakfast depart for Dothan

Your Package Includes:

- 12 night's lodging
 - September 24: Springhill Suites Concord, NC
 - September 25: Homewood Suites Columbia, MD
 - September 26, 27, 28: Cape Point Hotel, West Yarmouth, MA
 - September 29: Best Western Merry Manor, Portland, ME
 - September 30, Oct.1: Best Western Whitehouse, Bangor, ME
 - October 2, 3: Inn of the Six Mountains, Killington, VT
 - October 4: Country Inn & Suites Harrisburg, PA
 - October 5: Springhill Suites Concord, NC
- * 20 memorable meals including 12 breakfasts and 8 dinners (includes one lobster clambake)
- * All touring to include Nantucket Day Excursion, Martha's Vineyard Day Excursion, Kennebunkport tour, Portland Headlight picture stop, Maine Eastern Railroad (Brunswick to Rockland), Acadia National Park, Rock of Ages, Morse Farm & Sugar On Snow, Ben and Jerry's,
- * Acadia National Park entrance fee
- * The services of 4 friendly local guides (Cape Cod, Kennebunkport, Bar Harbor & Acadia, VT)
- * Efficient baggage handling for 1 large suitcase
- * All taxes and gratuities for tour inclusive*

Cost Per Person: Single: \$2156 Double: \$1600 Triple: \$1456

Payment Policy:

An **initial deposit** of \$100 per person is due with sign up. **Second payment** of \$500 is due by July 6. **Final Payment** is due by August 12.

Travel Insurance:

Is available through AAA. 3850 West Main Street Dothan, AL 36303 (334) 793-6080. Pick up a brochure from Terri.

If you have any special needs please let me know at the time of sign up. I.e. handicap room.

If you have questions please contact:

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