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September 30-
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13 Days

Autumn in the East

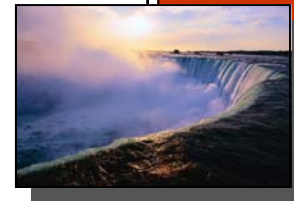
This travel package planned and escorted by Mary Egger.

Experience the nostalgic charm and picturesque beauty of fall's glorious arrival to the east coast! Join us and enjoy the beautiful fall colors, white church steeples rising above the trees, historic cities...all the beauty and charm of America's Autumn in the East.

September 30 our journey begins as we meet new friends and travel to **Elkhart, IN**, for our first night. Our hotel has a pool, exercise room and several restaurants nearby.

October 1 after **breakfast** we'll travel north, crossing into Ontario, Canada, at Port Huron, Michigan. We stay the next two nights in **Niagara Falls, ON**.

October 2 after **breakfast** a local guide will join us for a tour of the area, including such great spots as the **Whirlpool**, the **Maid of the Mist** boat ride to the base of the Falls, **the Falls** themselves, gardens and so many other beautiful sites. We will have time to enjoy the **IMAX movie "Niagara-Miracles, Myths and Magic."** Our time in Niagara Falls will culminate with a **special dinner** in the revolving dining room of the **SkyLion Tower** which overlooks the Falls.



October 3 after **breakfast** we travel north to the beautiful city of Toronto. We'll visit the **CN Tower** and tour the **Toronto Rogers Center**, home of the Toronto Blue Jays. The "Skydome" was the first fully retractable roofed stadium, and if our schedule permits, we'll visit a skybox, the media center, club seats and a team dressing room. Our evening will include the very unique **Famous People Players Dinner and Show**, a favorite of many NorthLand Travelers. Every person in this show is exceptional. We stay at a lovely hotel in downtown Toronto.



October 4 enjoy **breakfast** before we head toward **Lake Placid, NY**. On our way we tour **the 1000 Islands by boat**, viewing beautiful scenery and enjoying **lunch** on the cruise. (There is a connection between the 1000 Islands and the salad dressing – listen carefully because you may need to know this before disembarking!) This is a 2-nation, 2-hour cruise on the St. Lawrence River. We then head east through the amazing **Adirondack Mountains** for our next two nights at an absolutely awesome hotel – a **winter resort on Lake Placid** (there probably won't be any snow this time of the year, but who knows?)

October 5 following **breakfast** we visit the site of the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympics at the **Olympic Jumping Complex**, with its 90-meter tower. See the run from the skier's vantage point. If we're lucky, we'll see some of the next Olympians practicing their stunt jumping! After enjoying the shops and the area, we'll enjoy a **tour of Lake Placid** with a local guide and we'll **cruise** the pristine waters of **Mirror Lake** in an enclosed, turn-of-the-century craft. The narrated tour travels 16 miles of one of the world's most beautiful lakes. Later we'll return to the hotel to relax and use the amenities of the resort. Enjoy a delicious **dinner** at the resort.



October 6 after **breakfast** we'll board a ferry for a **cruise across Lake Champlain** (our coach goes along with us!). Our travels through Vermont take us to the charming village of Middlebury, where we'll visit **Danforth Pewter**. Enjoy demonstrations from local craftsmen and a special **"Vermont lunch."** We'll also stop at the **New England Maple Museum** for a maple demonstration and sampling. (Vermont is the nation's No. 1 producer of maple syrup!) We'll also take a "Kodak moment" at **Quechee Gorge**, Vermont's "little Grand Canyon." The bridge that spans this gorge, 165 feet above the Ottauquechee River, provides a fantastic view of this natural wonder. We'll overnight at a newly remodeled inn at **Lebanon, NH**, with **dinner** waiting for us.



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October 7 enjoy **breakfast** then sit back, relax and continue to enjoy the colors and beautiful scenery. This afternoon we'll meet our **local guide** and spend time tracing the American Revolution through **Concord and Lexington!** Paul Revere's famous ride occurred when he saw the lights in the Old North Church and rode out of the city of Boston to warn residents in these towns. The first shot of the Revolutionary War was fired in Concord. This guided tour traces the route of Revere and the subsequent events that lead to the outbreak of hostilities. Later this evening, we'll continue to **Cape Cod**, checking into a **resort overlooking beautiful Nantucket Sound** for the next two evenings. After a warm welcome we'll enjoy a delicious **dinner**.



October 8 following **breakfast**, we'll meet our local guide and depart for a full day of touring. We begin with **Hyannis** and include a scenic 1-hour harbor cruise as well as a stop at the **Cape Cod National Seashore** for spectacular views off the cliffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Once in **Provincetown**, we'll visit **Race Point Beach** and spend some time browsing around the downtown waterfront area with all its eclectic, artistic shops. Another wonderful **dinner** is planned for this evening.



October 9 we'll begin our day with another great **breakfast** before we bid farewell to "Olde Cape Cod" and visit Newport, RI. Step back in time to the opulent era of the Gilded Age where elite families such as the Vanderbilts and the Astors built their "summer cottages" to retreat from city life. We'll visit the grand dame of them all, **the Breakers Mansion**. This opulent mansion is filled with rich marble, gilded rooms and overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. This afternoon, we'll continue to Connecticut for a visit to the **U.S. Submarine Force Museum** and home to **the U.S.S. Nautilus**. Peer into the lives of men who sail the ocean depths in their "sharks of steel." Trace the development of the "silent service" from Bushnell's Turtle, used in the Revolutionary War, to the modern Virginia and Ohio class subs. Look through one of three periscopes and you might see one of the Navy's newest subs going by on the Thames River. Relax in one of the theaters and enjoy films of submarines past and present. Walk the decks of Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered vessel, the first ship to the North Pole, and the first sub to journey "20,000 leagues under the sea." We over-night in New London, CT and enjoy a **savory dinner** this evening.



October 10 enjoy **breakfast** before heading for **Pennsylvania's Susquehanna River Valley**. Enjoy some browse time at the **Berwick Ribbon and Bow Outlet** where everyone will receive a plastic bag which you'll fill with ribbons and bows at no cost. Our day will conclude with a visit to **Bill's Olde Bike Barn** in Bloomsburg, PA. This unique site is filled not only with motorcycle collections and memorabilia but also with collectibles from around the world, including antique European carousel animals plus a special military display. We stay tonight in New Columbia in a hotel with a restaurant and lounge on site.



October 11 have **breakfast** then relax and take in the scenery as we pass through Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. We stay in Elkhart, IN, tonight with restaurants nearby.

October 12 following **breakfast** we make our way back to our departure cities with many new friends and lots of wonderful memories.

Your 13-day Autumn in the East package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 12 nights, luggage handling, admissions/tickets to listed attractions, gratuities to step-on guides, 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 6 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities).

\$2,699 per person double occupancy
\$2,629 per person with 4 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds
\$3,596 single room accommodations

Reservations: anytime as long as space is available

Deposit: \$250 per person due

Balance due: by August 28 with reservation

Cancel by: August 28 for penalty-free cancellation

Early Booking Discount: \$50 per person discount applied toward final balance if deposit is received by May 22

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit

Guaranteed departure cities: Decorah, New Hampton, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Ames, Fort Dodge, Webster City, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Coralville and Newton

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