

ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

# Cruise to Canada and New England's autumn

*16 days · Boston*

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*A week along the coasts of Maine and Canada, then by car through the autumn colours of New Hampshire and Vermont.*

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| Length | 16 days, 15 nights |
| Distance | 990 km, 7 driving days |
| Behind the wheel | 13 h 40 min |
| Travellers | 2, 1 room, 1 car |
| Hotels | Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars) |
| Flights | Amsterdam – Boston (BOS), Boston (BOS) – Amsterdam |

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# Day by day

| DAY | DATE | NIGHT | KM | DRIVE | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Boston | 10 | 10 min | |
| 2 | | Boston | | | |
| 3 | | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | 10 | 2 min | |
| 4 | | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | | | |
| 5 | | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | | | |
| 6 | | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | | | |
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| 9 | | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | | | |
| 10 | | North Conway | 220 | 3 h 10 min | |
| 11 | | North Conway | | | |
| 12 | | Stowe | 190 | 2 h 50 min | |
| 13 | | Stowe | | | |
| 14 | | Lenox | 370 | 4 h 40 min | |
| 15 | | Boston | 210 | 2 h 40 min | |
| 16 | | Flight home from BOS | 10 | 10 min | |

**990 km · 13 h 40 min behind the wheel · on average 140 km a driving day**

*Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.*

# The route




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## ON THE ROAD

| | |
|---|---|
| **Day 1** | Land at Boston (BOS), drive to Boston · About 10 km (10 mi), 10 min |
| **Day 3** | Board the ship in Boston |
| **Day 10** | Off the ship in Boston, drive to North Conway · About 220 km (140 mi), 3 h 10 min |
| **Day 12** | North Conway, drive to Stowe · About 190 km (120 mi), 2 h 50 min |
| **Day 14** | Stowe, drive to Lenox · About 370 km (230 mi), 4 h 40 min |
| **Day 15** | Lenox, drive to Boston · About 210 km (130 mi), 2 h 40 min |

# Well prepared

### ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

### Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

### Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

### Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

### Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

### Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

### National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

### Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

### Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

### Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

### Customs

Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

# Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

**DON'T FORGET**

# Notes



DAYS 1–2

# Boston MA

*The Freedom Trail*

Land at Boston (BOS), drive to Boston: about 10 km (10 mi), 10 min

**2 nights**

BOSTON · DAYS 1–2

## HOTEL

- [ ] The Verb Hotel · 3★ — roughly €110
  1271 Boylston St
- [ ] Hampton by Hilton at the Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €110
  670 Summer Street
- [ ] Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €120
  670 Summer Street
- [ ] The Inn at Longwood Medical · 3★ — roughly €160
  342 Longwood Ave
- [ ] Courtyard Boston Downtown/North Station · 3★ — roughly €160
  107 Beverly St

## NOTES



DAYS 3–9

# Boston MA

*Lobster, lighthouses and Halifax*

Board the ship in Boston

7 nights

BOSTON · DAYS 3–9

## HOTEL

- [ ] The Verb Hotel · 3★ — roughly €110
  1271 Boylston St
- [ ] Hampton by Hilton at the Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €110
  670 Summer Street
- [ ] Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €120
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- [ ] Courtyard Boston Downtown/North Station · 3★ — roughly €160
  107 Beverly St

## NOTES




DAYS 10–11

# North Conway NH

*The Kancamagus Highway*

Off the ship in Boston, drive to North Conway: about 220 km (140 mi), 3 h 10 min

**2 nights**

NORTH CONWAY · DAYS 10–11

## HOTEL

- [ ] 5 Mi to Cranmore Mountain: Family Winter Escape! · 3★
  60 Laurel Ln
- [ ] Condo w/ Grill: Walk to North Conway & Cranmore! · 3★
  101 Cranmore Road
- [ ] Cozy North Conway Home: Walk to Slopes & Dtwn · 3★
  14 Cranmore Cir
- [ ] Modern Home ~ 2 Mi to Cranmore Mountain Resort! · 3★
  170 Intervale Cross Rd
- [ ] North Conway Condo < 3 Mi to Slopes & Echo Lake · 3★
  123 Stonehurst Manor Rd

## NOTES



DAYS 12–13

# Stowe VT

*Autumn colours in the Green Mountains*

North Conway, drive to Stowe: about 190 km (120 mi), 2 h 50 min

**2 nights**

STOWE · DAYS 12–13

## HOTEL

- [ ] 1BR Topnotch Condo · 3★
  4000 Mountain Road
- [ ] 2 BR Lodge at Spruce Peak · 3★
  7412 Mountain Road
- [ ] 2BR Topnotch Condo · 3★
  4000 Mountain Road
- [ ] Stowe Retreat Mountain Views & Fenced Backyard by RedAwning · 3★
  2792 Pucker Street
- [ ] The Hobble Inn in Historic Stowe: 8 Mi to Ski! · 3★
  5 Pleasant St

## NOTES



DAY 14

# Lenox MA

*The Berkshires*

Stowe, drive to Lenox: about 370 km (230 mi), 4 h 40 min

1 night

## HOTEL

- [ ] The Cornell Inn, Lenox & The Berkshires · 3★
  203 Main St
- [ ] Hampton Inn & Suites Berkshires-Lenox · 3★ — roughly €130
  445 Pittsfield Rd
- [ ] Berkshires Untold · 3★ — roughly €160
  194 Pittsfield Rd
- [ ] Courtyard by Marriott Lenox Berkshires · 3★ — roughly €190
  70 Pittsfield Rd
- [ ] Kemble Inn · 3★
  2 Kemble Street

## NOTES



DAY 15

# Boston MA

*Back to the airport*

Lenox, drive to Boston: about 210 km (130 mi), 2 h 40 min

1 night

## HOTEL

- [ ] The Verb Hotel · 3★ — roughly €110
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# What it costs

| DAY | PLACE | HOTEL | TOURS | CAR | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Boston | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 2 | Boston | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 3 | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | €280 | – | €60 | **€340** |
| 4 | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | €280 | – | – | **€280** |
| 5 | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | €280 | – | – | **€280** |
| 6 | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | €280 | – | – | **€280** |
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| 8 | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | €280 | – | – | **€280** |
| 9 | Aboard: New England and Canada: Portland, Bar Harbor, Saint John and Halifax | €280 | – | – | **€280** |
| 10 | North Conway | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 11 | North Conway | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 12 | Stowe | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 13 | Stowe | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 14 | Lenox | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 15 | Boston | €160 | – | €60 | **€220** |
| 16 | Flight home from BOS | – | – | €60 | **€60** |

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|---|---|
| Flights | €1,700 |
| Hotels | €3,240 |
| Excursions | €0 |
| Car hire | €600 |
| **Total** | **€5,540** |
| | €2,770 a person |

*An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.*

# Notes

# About this booklet

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THE ROUTE

*Boston (2) · Boston (7) · North Conway (2) · Stowe (2) · Lenox (1) · Boston (1)*

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**16 days · 15 nights · 990 km**

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