ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

New England in the fall

Lighthouses, lobster and the fall colours of New Hampshire and Vermont.

Length	13 days, 12 nights
Distance	1,520 km, 8 driving days
Behind the wheel	21 h
Travellers	2, 1 room, 1 car
Hotels	Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars)
Flights	Amsterdam – Boston (BOS), Boston (BOS) – Amsterdam

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Boston	Days 1–2	**8**
Portland	Days 3–4	**10**
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Stowe	Days 9–10	**16**
Lenox	Day 11	**18**
Boston	Day 12	**20**

Day by day

DAY	DATE	NIGHT	KM	DRIVE	°C
1		Boston	10	10 min	
2		Boston			
3		Portland	170	2 h 10 min	
4		Portland			
5		Bar Harbor	260	3 h 40 min	
6		Bar Harbor			
7		North Conway	320	4 h 50 min	
8		North Conway			
9		Stowe	190	2 h 50 min	
10		Stowe			
11		Lenox	370	4 h 40 min	
12		Boston	210	2 h 40 min	
13		Flight home from BOS	10	10 min	

1,520 km · 21 h behind the wheel · on average 190 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	Boston, drive to Portland · About 170 km (110 mi), 2 h 10 min
Day 5	Portland, drive to Bar Harbor · About 260 km (160 mi), 3 h 40 min
Day 7	Bar Harbor, drive to North Conway · About 320 km (200 mi), 4 h 50 min
Day 9	North Conway, drive to Stowe · About 190 km (120 mi), 2 h 50 min
Day 11	Stowe, drive to Lenox · About 370 km (230 mi), 4 h 40 min
Day 12	Lenox, drive to Boston · About 210 km (130 mi), 2 h 40 min
Day 13	Boston to Boston airport (BOS), fly home to Amsterdam · About 10 km (10 mi), 10 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

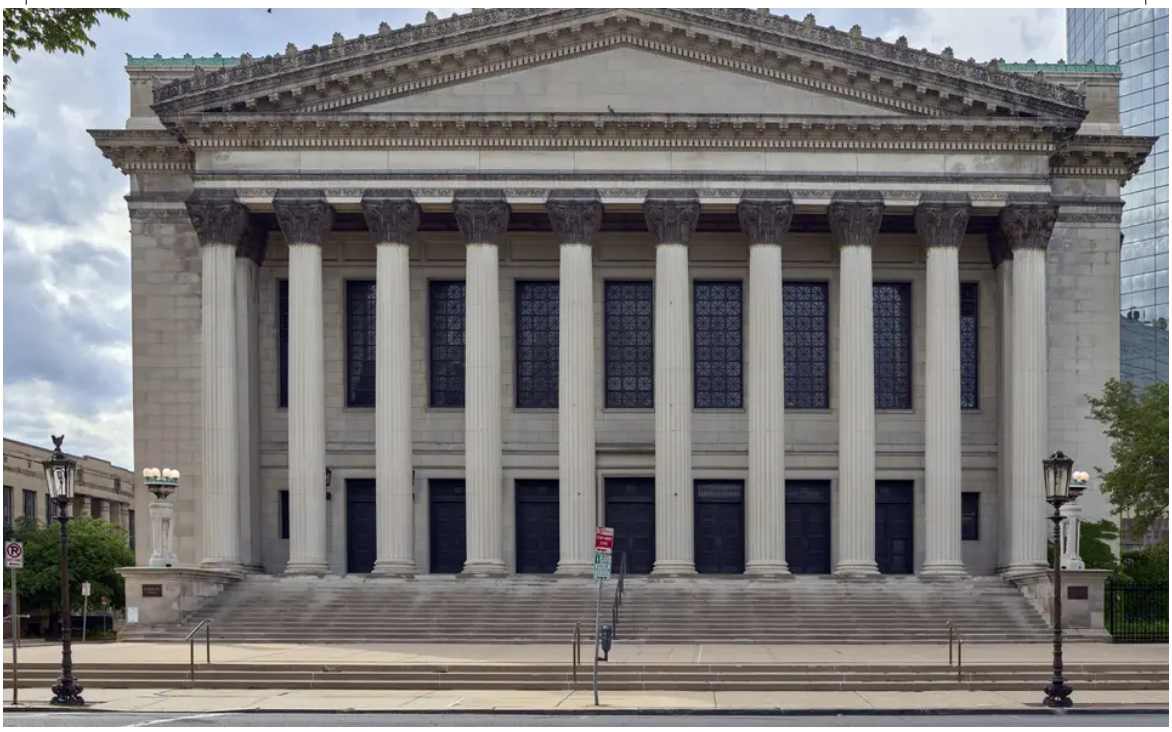
Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

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

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DAYS 3–4

Portland ME

Lighthouses and lobster rolls

Boston, drive to Portland: about 170 km (110 mi), 2 h 10 min

2 nights

HOTEL

- [ ] Hilton Garden Inn Portland Downtown Waterfront · 3★ — roughly €90
  65 Commercial St
- [ ] Portland Regency Hotel & Spa · 3★ — roughly €110
  20 Milk Street
- [ ] Hampton Inn Portland Downtown Waterfront · 3★ — roughly €100
  209 Fore St
- [ ] Residence Inn by Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront · 3★ — roughly €100
  145 Fore Street
- [ ] Hyatt Place Portland Downtown - Old Port Square · 3★ — roughly €110
  433 Fore St

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DAYS 5–6

Bar Harbor ME

Acadia National Park

Portland, drive to Bar Harbor: about 260 km (160 mi), 3 h 40 min

2 nights

BAR HARBOR · DAYS 5–6

HOTEL

- [ ] Atlantean Cottage · 3★
  11 Atlantic Ave
- [ ] Coach Stop Inn · 3★
  715 ME-3
- [ ] Holbrook House · 3★
  74 Mount Desert Street
- [ ] Yellow House Inn · 3★
  15 The Field
- [ ] Island Place · 3★
  51 Holland Avenue

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DAYS 7–8

North Conway NH

The Kancamagus Highway in the White Mountains

Bar Harbor, drive to North Conway: about 320 km (200 mi), 4 h 50 min

2 nights

NORTH CONWAY · DAYS 7–8

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

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DAYS 9–10

Stowe VT

Covered bridges and maple syrup

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

2 nights

STOWE · DAYS 9–10

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

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DAY 11

Lenox MA

The Berkshires

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

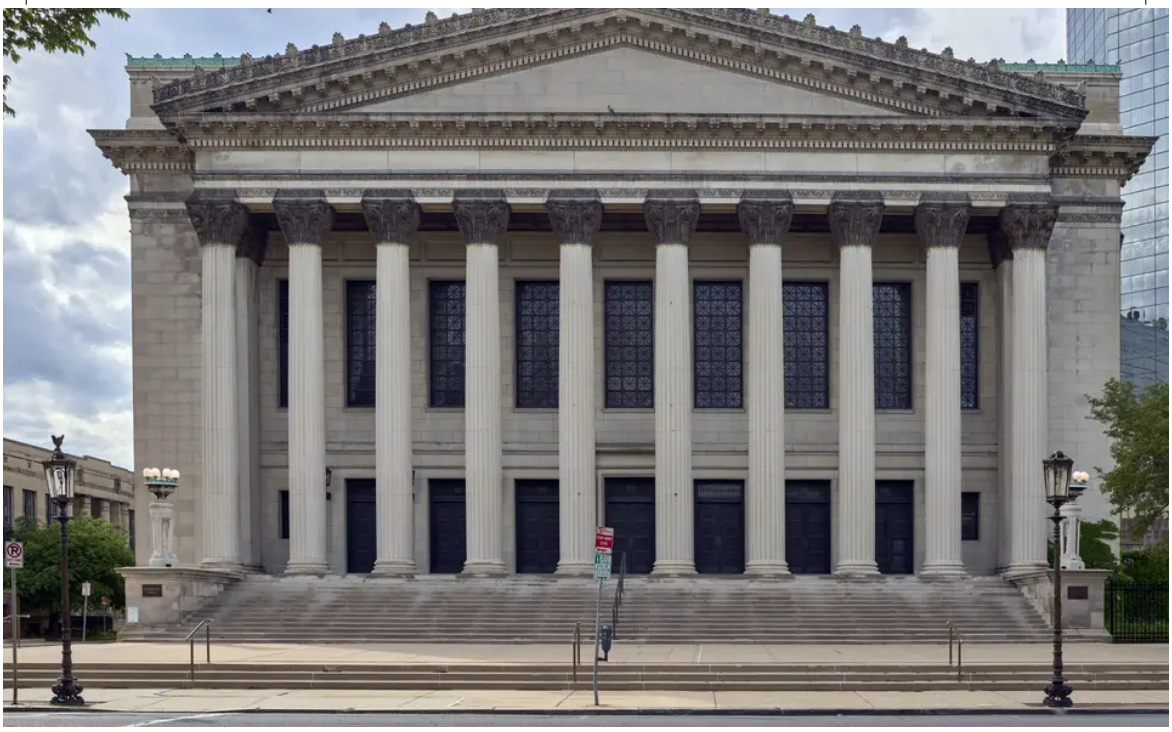
1 night

LENOX · DAY 11

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

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DAY 12

Boston MA

Harvard and Cambridge

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

1 night

BOSTON · DAY 12

HOTEL

- [ ] The Verb Hotel · 3★ — roughly €110
  1271 Boylston St
- [ ] Hampton by Hilton at the Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €110
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- [ ] Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €120
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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Boston	€160	–	€60	**€220**
2	Boston	€160	–	€60	**€220**
3	Portland	€160	–	€60	**€220**
4	Portland	€160	–	€60	**€220**
5	Bar Harbor	€160	–	€60	**€220**
6	Bar Harbor	€160	–	€60	**€220**
7	North Conway	€160	–	€60	**€220**
8	North Conway	€160	–	€60	**€220**
9	Stowe	€160	–	€60	**€220**
10	Stowe	€160	–	€60	**€220**
11	Lenox	€160	–	€60	**€220**
12	Boston	€160	–	€60	**€220**
13	Flight home from BOS	–	–	€60	**€60**

Flights	€1,700
Hotels	€1,920
Excursions	€0
Car hire	€780
Total	**€4,400**
	€2,200 a person

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

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About this booklet

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