BOSTON ROUND TRIP

New England Delights

Driving Distance: 1200 Driving Miles Driving Time: 30 Hours approx

Recommended Trip: 15 Days

Day 1 Arrive in Boston and check into a hotel. The rest of your day is at leisure to explore the city. Stroll elegant Back Bay and ride the Swan Boats in the public gardens. Perhaps sample some of Boston's famous seafood this evening.

Day 2 Pick up your motorhome and begin by following the historic Freedom Trail, shop for bargains at Filene's Basement. Perhaps take lunch at the Quincy Marketplace. In the afternoon visit the John F Kennedy Library or take a walk through historical Harvard Yard in Cambridge.

Day 3 Today start exploring New England. Witness New England's romance with the sea today as you travelnorth to Salem. Salem gained fame with its infamous witch trials in 1692. Continue north to Gloucester, where the Fisherman's Statue stands guard over the setting for Kipling's 'Captains Courageous'. Stop for a visit in Kennebunkport, the summer home of George Bush, as you travel along the rugged coastline of Maine.

Days 4/5 Stop for a view from Portland Head Light this morning before travelling north on the coastal route, a drive of unparalleled beauty. Plan to lunch in Camden, a picture book village before heading to Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor, famous for deep-water yachting, lobster and blueberry pie.

Days 6/7 An early start today through Maine to the stunning beauty of New Hampshire's White Mountains. Enjoy the splendour as you drive past Mt. Washington, New England's highest peak, through covered bridges in the Mt. Washington valley or drive along the Kancamagus Highway to Franconia Notch where you can visit the 'Old Man in the Mountain'. Discover Squam Lake (of 'On Golden Pond' fame) or take a lunchtime cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee.

Days 8/9 Visit Hanover, New Hampshire, home of Dartmouth College, this morning on your way to Vermont's little Grand Canyon - Quechee Gorge and the idyllic village of Woodstock. Enjoy the village green, covered bridges, and smart shops before heading to the cool, crisp, mountains of Killington.

- Day 10

 Be sure to stop in Manchester Village this morning on your way through southern Vermont. It was a favourite of Kings and Presidents! At Williamstown travel the Mohawk Trail into 18th century Deerfield and visit Amherst, home of Emily Dickinson and five of New England's colleges or head for Pittsfield and Hancock Shaker Village and then to Lenox where the Boston Symphony summers at Tanglewood.
- Days 11/12 Visit Old Sturbridge Village this morning or plan to spend part of the day in Mystic, Connecticut with a visit to Mystic Seaport, America's largest Maritime Museum. Tall ships, billowing sails, historic houses, sea shanties and maritime treasures are all part of an experience you will remember for a lifetime. Stroll on the deck of the three-masted, square-rigged schooner Joseph Conrad and then head on for Newport.
- Days 13/14 Today Cape Cod, with its long arm stretching out into the Atlantic Ocean, beckons you! The Cape offers sandy beaches, historic villages and great restaurants. Stop to stroll through Sandwich, the Cape's oldest village, and do try to save time for a whale watch in the afternoon. And this evening be sure to sample some of Cape Cod's fresh seafood.
- Day 15 On your way back to Boston today, stop at Plymouth, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620. Step on the Mayflower II or visit Plimoth Plantation, where time is frozen in the year 1627. Then it's back to Boston for some last minute shopping before returning your motorhome and heading home