



## **White Mountains Tour (R 1)** **A Two Day Rail Tour in the White Mountains**

### ***Mount Washington Cog Railway – Crawford Notch -- Conway Scenic Railroad***



- 9:30 am. Day One: Meet your step-on-guide at the Marshfield Station at the base of Mount Washington (off Route 302 in Bretton Woods) for a 10:00 departure on the World Famous Mount Washington Cog Railway. A ride up Mount Washington on the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway remains, as it has for well over a century, an exciting and unforgettable experience. The ever-changing surroundings, the magnificent views, the sights and sounds of unique steam locomotives in action, and some of the steepest Railway tracks in existence, combine to place it among the best of the world's great railway journeys. This is a trip that must be made to be fully appreciated! Bring jackets and warm clothing.
- 12:30 Depart the Marshfield Station and travel east on Route 302 to the Crawford Notch Depot for a 2:00 departure on the Conway Scenic Railroad's Crawford Notch Line. This historic depot once served the grand Crawford House hotel, but is now part of the Highland Center, an outdoor recreational center operated by the Appalachian Mountain Club.
- 2:00 Depart the Crawford Notch Depot for North Conway. **ON THE NOTCH TRAIN**, you'll enjoy some of the finest natural scenery in the East as you travel through spectacular Crawford Notch - past sheer bluffs, steep ravines, cascading brooks and streams, panoramic mountain vistas, and across the famed Frankenstein Trestle and Willey Brook Bridge.
- 3: 50 Arrive at the beautiful historic North Conway Train Station. Take time to browse around the station and learn about the history of rail in the area. There is also a gift shop full of rail items.
- 4:30- 6:00 This time is set aside for shopping in the North Conway Village shops, or at the outlet stores at Settlers' Green OVP. Remember, New Hampshire has no sales tax.
- 6:00 Arrive at the hotel in North Conway.



## White Mountains Tour (R 2)

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*Kancamagus Highway- Franconia Notch State Park  
White Mountain Central Railroad- Flying Yankee-  
Hobo Railroad/ Café Lafayette Dinner Train*



- 8:30 am. Day Two: Meet your step-on-guide at your hotel in North Conway.
- 9:00-10:30 Drive west on NH Route 112 for a tour of the Kancamagus National Scenic Byway, with stops at the Albany Covered Bridge to learn about covered bridge building and the efforts of the Russell brothers to build a bridge over the Swift River which would last out the spring storms. Follow the Swift River and the winding Kancamagus, and make a stop at the Sugar Hill Look-off.
- 10:30-11:30 In Lincoln, take Interstate 93 north to Exit 34a to tour the Franconia Notch Visitor Center at The Flume Gorge. This is a wonderful place to start your tour of Franconia Notch. There are historical displays of the region, an original Concord Coach, a wonderful free, 20-minute interpretive DVD (high definition) about the area, a coffee shop, gift shop and rest rooms. A partial tour of the Flume Gorge is also available for agile groups, which includes walking, stairs and additional 1 hour.)
- 11:30-11:45 Stop to view the Old Man of the Mountain Historic Site and learn the fate of this infamous Official State Symbol, which was discovered in 1805 and fell off Profile Mountain in 2003. The Old Man also appeared on the New Hampshire State Quarter.
- 11:45-12:00 Take Exit 33 to travel south on the Franconia Notch Parkway to Exit 33, then NH Rt. 3 south to North Woodstock for lunch at the Woodstock Station.
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch at Woodstock Station. Housed in an original train depot, The Woodstock Station serves an informal lunch menu jam-packed with a mouth-watering assortment of tasty appetizers, homemade soups, sandwiches, burgers and delectable entrees.

- 1:30-2:30 Travel NH Route 3 north to tour Clark's Trading Post in Lincoln. Clarks Trading Post, a long family tradition of exploration and excitement is passed from generation to generation, delighting guests of all ages! You'll find here: - museums filled with Americana, Steam Locomotives, a rare Covered Railroad Bridge, and family entertainment.
- 2:30-3:30 At Clark's Trading Post, take a steam-powered ride through history on the White Mountain Central Railroad. Enjoy this 2 1/2 mile, 30 minute excursion on the classic White Mt. Central Railroad. Steam across the scenic Pemigewasset River and through rustic woods and into the past! The tour takes visitors on one of only three wood-burning steam Climax Locomotives still running in the world, and crosses over the only standing Howe-Truss covered bridge still in use today!
- 3:30-3:35 Travel Connector Road (Route 3-A) to The Hobo Railroad to visit The Flying Yankee. Stop first at the gift shop, filled with many unique, gifts and souvenirs including authentic turn of the century railroad maps and old books for the collector, and accessories. Engineers Hats, Hobo Tee Shirts, Hobo Sweatshirts & other novelty clothing. Home made crafts and collector items also compliment the railroad related items.
- NEW! The Flying Yankee apparel and gift items are in! Great hats, T-shirts, key chains, patches & more. Offered only at the Hobo Railroad Gift Shop.
- 4:00 5:00 Tour of the Flying Yankee. The *Flying Yankee* was a diesel-powered streamliner built in 1935 for the Maine Central Railroad and Boston and Maine Corporation by Budd Company, with mechanical and electrical equipment from General Motors' Electro-Motive Division. It was the third streamliner train in North America after the Union Pacific Railroad's M-10000 and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad's *Pioneer Zephyr*. The *Flying Yankee* was, in fact, a virtual clone of the *Zephyr*, except that it dispensed with the baggage/mail space to seat 142 in three articulated cars. The Flying Yankee Restoration Group leads the comeback of this truly important piece of rail and transportation history. Their mission statement in part is: We hope to enable present and future generations to celebrate a unique piece of American technology - to understand how it was developed in response to a national and regional need, and how its technology continues to be innovative and world class, even today.
- 5:05-5:15 Travel west just 1/2 mile down Rt. 112, the Kancamagus Highway, to the Café Lafayette Dinner Train.

- 5:15 Board The Café Lafayette Dinner Train, and be pulled by Hobo Railroad engines down along the Pemigewasset River Valley. Relive the romance of dining on the rails. Experience this while riding in one of three beautifully restored Pullman dining cars, enjoying five courses of fine food and spirits served to you in the Grand European manner. As dinner is served, period music keeps time with the rail's rhythmic rumbling, punctuated by the haunting wail of the engine's whistle. With magnificent mountain vistas and lush New England forest surroundings. Boarding starts at 5:15 with "All Aboard" by 5:30. Departure at 6:00 PM.
- 8:00 Return to hotel.

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