

White Mountains Visitor Bureau 200 Kancamagus Highway | N. Woodstock, NH | 03262

# White Mountains Rail Tour GROUP ITINERARY

Two Day Tour

# <u>Day One</u>





## **Drive the Kancamagus Highway**

**The "Kanc"** stretches 34.5 miles across the White Mountains from Lincoln to Conway. This scenic road was dedicated as the first of the National Scenic Byways in the Northeastern United States in 1996– for its recreational opportunities and aesthetic, cultural and historic values.

Motor coach friendly suggested stops include **Pemigewasset Overlook, CL** Graham Wangan Overlook, Rocky Gorge Scenic Area, and/or Albany Covered Bridge.

# 10:00 am Tax-free shopping in North Conway Village



North Conway features a classic village green, known as Schouler Park, which is a great place to enjoy a cup of coffee or do some people-watching against a mountain back drop. Observe trains come and go from the beautifully restored 1874 Victorian station of the **Conway Scenic Railroad**. Explore local shops and art galleries including the **Bavarian Chocolate Haus**, **Eastern Slope Branch of the New England Ski Museum** (free admission), **League of NH Craftsmen Fine Craft Gallery**, **North Conway Five & Ten**, and **Zeb's General Store**.

# 11:00 am



Board **Conway Scenic Railroad's Mountaineer** which offers a supremely scenic one-way 2.5-hour rail journey through the Mount Washington Valley and over rugged Crawford Notch. The train consists of 1950s-era streamlined passenger cars to recreate the experience of a post-World War II Transcontinental streamlined convoy. Narration provided and boxed lunches available. The group will disembark at **Crawford Station** and board the coach to continue touring.

**Ride the Conway Scenic Railroad's Mountaineer train** 

## 2:00 pm



## Depart for a tour of "The Notches"

The **Mount Washington Scenic Overlook** in Bretton Woods is a motorcoach friendly suggested stop enroute to **Franconia Notch State Park**. Time and weather permitting, enjoy a 10-minute walk to and from **The Basin**, a waterfall with a handicapped overlook available for those who are unable to complete the walk. Finish the day at the **White Mountains Visitor Center** - browse the Gift Shop and check out the **White Mountain National Forest Interpretive Center** located in the authentic post and beam barn.

### 4:30 pm



# Dine aboard the Café Lafayette Dinner Train

Escape the ordinary and relieve the romance of dining on the rails while riding in beautifully restored vintage dining cars aboard the **Café Lafayette Dinner Train**. Enjoy five courses of fine food and spirits served in the Grand European manner. The two-hour, 20-mile roundtrip travels along a spur of the historic Boston and Maine Railroad. This unique dinner train offers **spectacular views** of the **picturesque Pemigewasset River** with its surrounding fields, forests, and mountains.



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#### 9:00 am

# Climb to the summit of Mt. Washington on the Cog Railway



The **Mount Washington Cog Railway** is one of the world's great rail adventures, and an exhilarating journey through history, technology, and nature. This **first-inthe-world mountain climbing cog railway** has been making its dramatic 3-hour round trip to the summit of the highest peak in the Northeast (6288') for over 150 years. Powered by custom built biodiesel or vintage steam locomotives, clear weather provides spectacular panoramic views from Quebec to the Atlantic Ocean. Be sure to check out the interactive **Cog Railway Museum** and **gift shop** in the **Marshfield Base Station**. Boxed lunches available.

### 1:00 pm



Take a self-guided tour of the historic **Omni Mt. Washington Hotel & Resort**. Discover all the fascinating stories and details of this National Historic Landmark, plus view the many historic photos, memorabilia, and displays located on both the Great Hall and Stickney Street Levels. Be sure to take in the **incredible views of the Presidential Mountains** from the 903-foot-long Veranda – the longest in New England – lined with wicker furniture, just as it was in the hotel's early years.

Tour and buffet lunch at the Mt. Washington Hotel & Resort

After the tour, enjoy an **elegant buffet lunch in the Main Dining Room**. This area recently received renovations and re-envisioning, bringing a modern twist to a century-old classic.

**Explore Littleton - one of America's Best Main Streets** 

## 3:30 pm



Nestled along the banks of the mighty **Ammonoosuc River**, Littleton, is a walkable, charming town featuring local eateries and breweries, beloved boutiques, several art galleries, and plenty of history. The 100-year-old Opera House marks the true start of **Main Street**, a stretch packed with all kinds of independently owned businesses and tax-free shopping. Be sure to explore the **River District**, Littleton **Bridge Walk** including the 325-foot covered truss bridge, and the **Pollyanna** statue in front of the library. Shops not to be missed include **Bella Funk Boutique**, **Chutters** (home of the world's longest candy counter), **League of NH Craftsmen Fine Art Gallery, Little Village Toy & Book Shop**, and the tasting room at **Schilling Beer Co**.

# Other Options Spend a day in the Lakes Region



- Experience the majesty of Lake Winnipesaukee during a narrated scenic tour aboard the historic **M/S Mount Washington**.
- **Wolfeboro**, America's oldest summer resort town, offers plenty of local shops and restaurants plus a historical museum in the center of town.
- The **Wright Museum of World War II** contains over 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battlefield.
- Enjoy a complete turkey dinner aboard the scenic **Winnipesaukee Railroad Turkey Dinner Train** catered by **Hart's Turkey Farm**.

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