

TRI-STATE TRAVEL



THE BIG E (Eastern States Exhibition)

SEPTEMBER 15-25, 2018

Boarding in Galena & Moline, Illinois and Davenport & Dubuque, Iowa

Please call us at 1-800-779-4869 or (563) 359-1682 to make tour reservations

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, One Way Coach Class Airfare Boston to Chicago O'Hare, Coach transfer from Chicago O'Hare to Original Departure Point, 10 Nights' Hotel Accommodations with Luggage Handling for One Suitcase, Full Time Tour Director, 19 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners), All Attractions & Activities per the itinerary and all Taxes and Gratuities for Included Accommodations, Attractions and Meals.

Not Included: Travel Protection Plan, Luggage Fees Assessed by the Airline, Gratuities for the Driver and Tour Director or Any Optional Meals and Attractions

Tour Cost Per Person: \$2799.00 - Triple \$2999.00 - Double \$3699.00 - Single

Day #1 – September 15, 2018

Traveling via deluxe motorcoach, we begin this awesome journey across the Midwest and into Ohio for our overnight accommodations. You will have the chance to enjoy the ride and meet your new traveling companions along the way. Dinner is included and the rest of your evening is at your leisure. **(D)**

Day #2 – September 16, 2018

After breakfast at the hotel you continue your travels east, crossing a portion of Pennsylvania and New York, arriving at the Corning Glass Museum early afternoon. This museum is a story of art, history, culture, technology, science, craft and design. Our destination this evening is Albany, NY. After checking into your hotel dinner awaits us at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

Day #3 - September 17, 2018

Following breakfast, check out of the hotel and board your coach. Lunch time finds us at Quincy Market and historic Faneuil Hall. This afternoon a guided tour of this historic city has been planned that will include the Old North Church and USS Constitution as well as some of Boston's unique neighborhoods. Late afternoon we check into our Boston area hotel and the balance of your evening is free. **(B)**

Day #4 – September 18, 2018

Breakfast is included this morning before our departure and our drive to Springfield, MA. We arrive mid-morning at the Eastern States Exhibition, hosted by all six New England States and the largest fair on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. At the Avenue of the States Exhibition you will find replicas of each New England states capitol building as well as food and goods unique to each state. Storowtown Village is a complete replica of a 19th century village right on the fairgrounds. Another highlight is the Wine and Cheese Barn and Mallary Rotunda with a special sculpture made from butter. Explore the fairgrounds and enjoy lunch (on own). Depart the fair at 2:30 pm (hands will be stamped for re-entry) and drive to our hotel to check in, freshen up and unpack. A 4:00 PM departure from the hotel finds us returning to the fair. A dine around coupon will be provided for dinner at your choice of many venues with time to view the daily parade at 5:00 PM and entrance to the 8:00 pm live show concert. Return to the hotel after the concert. **(B,DV)**

Day #5 – September 19, 2018

After breakfast depart your hotel for Springfield Museums with 4 complexes; Art, History, Science and Dr. Seuss Sculpture Gardens and brand new Dr. Seuss Museum. Late morning, we depart the museums and return to the fair (lunch on own) with plenty of time to explore the fairgrounds. At 5:00 PM we have reservations for a private sit down dinner at the historic Coliseum. Reserved seats await us for the Big E Circus under the Big Top, featuring handpicked circus acts from around the world. Time to return to our hotel. **(B,D)**

Day #6 – September 20, 2018

This morning after breakfast we are off to historic Stockbridge with time to browse the shops and explore the Norman Rockwell Museum with entrance fee included. Lunch is included today prior to our visit to the Hancock Shaker Village. Return to the hotel, relax and freshen up before visiting the Yankee Candle Village for a private event. You will have the run of the village and 30% off the entire store along with games, raffles, beer and wine sampling, live entertainment topped off with an included dinner. After an eventful day it is time to return to our hotel. **(B,L,D)**

Day #7 – September 21, 2018

This morning we depart Springfield, MA and head for the Green Mountains of VT. Be sure to take in the beautiful colors as we make our way to the Vermont Country Store. Spend some time browsing in the VT Country Store and shop for treasures of yesteryear. Leave Rockingham and travel to Woodstock, VT for lunch on own in this quaint, charming Village, also home of the Middle Covered Bridge. You will be escorted to Sugarbush cheese and maple farm before heading to your Lodging in Killington, VT. Spend two nights lodging in Killington, VT and be greeted with a Welcome Reception on arrival. **(B,D)**

Day #8 – September 22, 2018

A hearty continental breakfast is served prior to our departure. Our first stop this morning is the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory to learn how every scoop is packed with so much deliciousness...Yummy. Time will be given to shop and walk through the Flavor

Graveyard to pay your respects to the dearly de-pinted flavors of years past. Remember the Sound of Music? Our next stop is at the “Trapp Family Lodge” for lunch and to learn about this memorable family. This afternoon finds us exploring the historic town of Stowe, VT. Browse the shops of this charming village with its “Most photographed Church Steeple”. We return to our hotel with time to relax and enjoy dinner on your own. **(B,L)**

Day #9 – September 23, 2018

After a hearty breakfast and our bags packed it is time to continue our travels. Our first photo stop is at Quechee Gorge, Vermont’s Little Grand Canyon. Next we make our way to Lincoln, New Hampshire where we will experience the Highland Games, a celebration of Scottish Music, Food & Drink, Athletics, Dance, Heritage and more. Lunch is on your own at the festival followed by a ride to the top of mountain via the Loon Gondola for spectacular views. Time to make our way to our Portland with a complete downeast Lobster Bake Dinner included. **(B,D)**

Day #10 – September 24, 2018

This is your last full day in the New England area. This morning we are joined by a local guide who will share the diverse history and architecture of Portland. The childhood home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, The Victorian Mansion, and the bustling Old Port are just a few of the landmarks you will see as we travel from the city streets to the rocky coast. Lunch on own and time will be given to explore, shop and browse in this quaint location in the Old Port by the wharf. Our afternoon is highlighted by a 90-minute Lighthouse Lovers Cruise located in Portland Harbor. Four lighthouses can be seen up close with as many as seven in view including a close up view of Maine’s oldest and most photographed lighthouse, Portland Head Light! Dinner is on your own this evening! **(B)**

Day #11 – September 25, 2018

Breakfast again before we transfer to Boston Logan Airport for our return flight to the Midwest. A Tri-State Travel Motorcoach awaits at Chicago O’Hare to return us to our original departure point. **(B)**