

Natural Treasures of New Hampshire White Mountains and Beyond

Five Day Tour ~ October 12-16, 2026

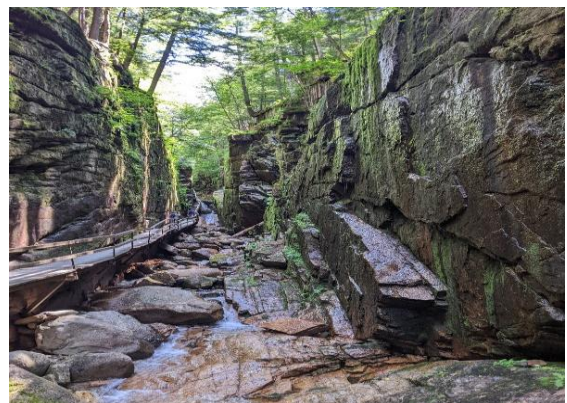
Highlights: Four Enchanting Nights at the Spellbinding Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa • Gorgeous Flume Gorge at Franconia Notch State Park • The Mysterious Basin • Glacial Erratic Boise Rock • White Mountains Scenic Drives • Lovely Littleton • Optional Wooded Walk to Scenic Kilburn Crags • Historic Curran Suspension Bridge • Diana's Baths • Glorious Fall Views From Cathedral Ledge Lookout • White Mountain Express Gondola to Loon Peak • Glacial Caves • Windy Ridge Orchard • Historic Covered Bridges • Vermontasaurus! • Charming Shelburne Falls & It's Bridge of Flowers • Quaint Pickity Place • All Breakfasts • Three Lunches • Two Dinners • Fully Escorted

New Hampshire holds many special treasures from its expansive wilderness of the scenic White Mountains to stunning natural gorges with cascading waterfalls and gigantic glacial boulder caves formed by the power of water, wind, weather, and time. A beautiful tapestry of experiences awaits, all filled with fun exploratory adventure and relaxation with deep breaths of fresh mountain air. We'll follow the colorful natural beauty of wild landscapes along winding mountain roads from charming main streets to tranquil wooded trails leading to awe inspiring wonders. Each day will end at the spellbinding Mountain View Grand, a Historic Hotel of America that has been a place of warm hospitality since 1865. Step onto the sprawling, yet cozy grand porch for sweeping views of the distant White Mountains and moments of quiet peacefulness. Once you set eyes upon its classic beauty and spend time among the historic spaces, you may just fall in love with its timelessness. So why not swap out those familiar walls of home for an elegant grand dame of history on a few fun days away from the usual and refresh in the beauty of New Hampshire's nature.

Day 1. Fall is in the air so let's follow the colors north into New England where the charming town of Shelburne Falls is nestled in the foothills of the Berkshires. Take a wander along the quaint historic streets where there's a perfect place for a tasty lunch then explore the geological wonders of the Deerfield River where nature artistically carved glacial potholes over the last 14,000 years. Don't miss a stroll along the amazingly colorful Bridge of Flowers with its cheery welcome across a once abandoned trolley bridge. Along our route north, we'll take a dip into Vermont for a special, quirky surprise. A ramshackle representation of a prehistoric beast craftily made from scraps of anything from old lattice and broken bed frames to guitars, crutches, Tiki torches, and toboggans stands proudly among the small Post Mills Airport. Meet Vermontasaurus, a whimsical creation from one man's wild imagination. Soon we will be among the elegance of



Mountain View Grand



Franconia's Flume Gorge

the Mountain View Grand as it peeks out from around the winding wooded bend. Wander the historic hallways, some filled with bookshelves and even a piano, as you hopefully don't get lost trying to find your room. Enjoy a leisurely, relaxing included dinner at the hotel's Harvest Tavern when you please. Then, have a great night's sleep among history!

Day 2. A stunning natural wonder formed by erosion over the last 200 million years is hidden away in Franconia Notch State Park, the amazing Flume Gorge. This geological spectacle was incredibly discovered by accident in 1808 by a 93-year-old woman while fishing, imagine her surprise! Strolling along the pathways will leave you spellbound as you pass towering moss-covered granite walls rising to a spectacular height of 90 feet, cascading waterfalls, historic covered bridges, glacial pools and enormous boulders moved by the Ice Age. Take your time to immerse in the natural scenery and follow your own comfortable pace. After we've worked up a good appetite, we'll relax for an included lunch at a great local spot nearby. More natural wonders await among the beauty of Franconia Notch so let's get exploring! An easy wander takes us to The Basin, an enormous pothole whirled into shape by thousands of years of river action that caught the eye and heart of Henry David Thoreau. You'll be mesmerized as thunderous icy blue water pours into the smooth bowl of rock and gently curves around its shape in an endless cycle of serenity. A few minutes drive down the road will bring us to Boise Rock, a very special, uniquely shaped glacial erratic with quite a story to tell. Once back home at the Mountain View Grand, enjoy the rest of your night among timeless history and take in the relaxing evening views from the cozy grand porch.

Day 3. Enjoy a leisurely morning in the lovely surroundings of the Mountain View Grand as you please. As lunchtime approaches, we can't miss Littleton, a gem of a small town where we'll spend the afternoon strolling the Main Street's friendly merchants and casual cafes and restaurants for lunch on your own. Don't miss the bright purple and pink Chutters with its world's longest candy counter backed by the Guinness Book of World Records, the scenic Riverwalk accessed by a covered bridge and historic Curran Suspension Bridge, and whimsical bronze sculpture of Pollyanna on the library lawn. If you're up for one of Littleton's best kept secrets, join us for an optional walk to the Kilburn Crags. A short, easy, scenic trail guides up through a quiet wooded forest to the crags where picturesque views are worth each step. Sit back and relax and take in the glorious fall colors as we drive through the heart of the White Mountain National Forest. Let's stop for a leg stretch to get out into the fall mountain air and experience nature at its finest on a stroll to Diana's Baths. Sounds of cascading falls surround us as Lucy Brook gently glides over gigantic rocks and ledges along its tranquil path, and if you're up for a bath go right ahead! Our scenic drive continues through colorful nature, straight to the top of 700-foot Cathedral Ledge. Get those cameras ready for gorgeous panoramic views over a sheer cliff top that stretches across the Saco River Valley into the endless treetops of the White Mountains. Enjoy more scenery on our drive back home to the Mountain View Grand where you can relax the evening away then be lulled to sleep by its quiet setting.

Day 4. We start the day above an expanse of colorful trees with a vertical ascent to 2700 feet! Hop aboard as the White Mountain Express Gondola sweeps us across the treetops of the forest to the summit of Loon Peak where the most amazing views await in every direction. Take a stroll along the wooden boardwalk nature path leading to expansive mountain landscapes filled with colors of Fall and get even higher to the top of Herberts' Observation Tower to take in more marvelous mountain peak views. If you're up for an adventure, follow the path through mazes of gigantic granite boulders thrown at random by the last Ice Age creating narrow passageways, glacial caves, and unique crevices. An included lunch will be here at the Summit Café where we can unwind and take in the scenery. Sit back and relax as the colorful scenery glides by along a drive through the winding mountain roads with surprises around every bend. As the road climbs up to Kinsman Notch, beautiful Beaver Pond catches the autumn colors in its clear reflective waters from surrounding mountain slopes. The scenery leads to Windy Ridge Orchard for some homemade goodies and tastes of the season. Step out onto the picturesque Water Works Bridge to capture the serene beauty of the Wild Ammonoosuc River and get swept back in time as we drive over the river through the Historic Swiftwater Covered Bridge. We'll follow the snaking scenic riverside to the small, rural town of Bath where a trip across the Historic Bath Covered Bridge will be a delightful way to once again cross the rushing river. Our drive ends back home at the Mountain View Grand where you can enjoy your last night of elegance and grandeur and sleep tight!

Day 5. As we wave goodbye to the Mountain View Grand and the lovely White Mountain scenery, we can't leave New Hampshire before stopping at a quaint little red cottage nestled the hills of southern hills seemingly untouched by time.

Enchanting Pickity Place was chosen as the model for the illustrations in Little Red Riding Hood and today is a mecca for anyone looking for quiet place of relaxation and inspiration. Lighten your spirit while strolling through the themed gardens and take in the sweet smell of freshly growing herbs and lavender. The culinary garden is where the inspiration for our seasonal, included lunch was derived. Now sit back and relax, perhaps take a snooze and before you know it, New Jersey will be upon us. © 2026 The Educated Wanderer

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