

Beaches, Bluffs & Glorious Views

Block Island, Rhode Island

Four Day Tour ~ May 23-26, 2022

Highlights: Three Serene Nights at the Victorian, National Hotel • High Speed Catamaran Ferry Ride • Mohegan Bluffs • Southeast Light • North Light • Glass Floats Project • Rodman's Hollow • 1661 Inn Farm & Gardens • Painted Rock • Sacred Labyrinth • Vaill Beach • Native American Burial Ground • "Smilin' Through" Cottage • Block Island Historical Society • All Breakfasts • Two Lunches • One Dinner • Fully Escorted

Let's step out of the ordinary and through a door that will take us on an adventure to the peaceful and serene Block Island, Rhode Island. A high-speed ferry will whisk us across the Sound to an island comprised of 17 miles of pristine beaches safely protected by lighthouses with spectacular bluffs surrounded by green rolling hills and winding paths. Here we'll have the quintessential island experience filled with food and drinks overlooking the ocean, boutique lined streets, picturesque lighthouses, unspoiled white sand beaches, charming streets, dramatic cliffs, and wandering nature trails. What a perfect place to take a break from the world and find pure relaxation. There are few cars in use on the island and buses are restricted. The best way to get around and enjoy the sights and sounds of the island is by foot or bicycle. Mopeds are available to rent for those interested and taxis will take you anywhere you like to go. *There is more walking than usual on this tour, but as with all our tours, you may walk as much or as little as you like, as taxis are always available.

Day 1. Time to make our way north to the high-speed catamaran ferry that will carry us swiftly across the water to the magnificent Block Island. Once there, we'll take a short walk through the charming downtown to our home for the next two nights, Block Island's Premiere Victorian Hotel, The National. Located in the heart of downtown, we'll be in close walking distance to the quaint, unique shops and restaurants and of course, beaches. The backyard of our new home has been transformed into a comfortable, relaxation space with fire pits, food service and nightly entertainment and houses the Tap & Grille Restaurant for your dining pleasure. Tonight, we'll enjoy each other's company with an included dinner. *In the next few days as we're out and about exploring the island, be on the lookout for the Glass Floats Project, where 550 glass orbs will be hidden around the island. All are clear except for 22 special colored ones, so keep your eyes peeled!

Day 2. Beautiful vistas await us atop Mohegan Bluffs! You will have the option to walk a 2-mile scenic path at your own pace, ride a bike or grab a cab to the southern shore of the island where the dramatically spectacular Mohegan Bluffs are an impressive sight to see. Named after a Native American battle dating to 1590, these 150 feet clay cliffs offer a vista that can extend all the way to Montauk on Long Island. Southeast Light, an architecturally distinctive gem sitting atop the



Mohegan Bluffs



Southeast Light

magnificent bluffs is our first stop. As we walk the grounds surrounding this 1875 lighthouse, amazing Atlantic views will capture your eye and you can catch a glimpse of the new Block Island Windfarm about three miles offshore. The 52-foot brick and granite tower, now a National Historic Landmark, was moved 300 feet inland due to erosion, and today, a giant boulder close to the bluffs marks its original location. It's only a 10-minute walk to our next stop along these stunning cliffs that offers more breathtaking views and a serene spot to take it all in. The enticing beach at the base of these towering bluffs is claimed to be the most beautiful on the island, but you'll need to traverse the 141 steps down until your feet hit the warm sand. It's well worth the climb down and back, and don't worry you won't be the only one panting! Every 20 steps or so offers a landing to rest and gaze upon the naturally beauty, so go as far as you like. The view from the bottom on this impressive beach gives a different, yet still dramatically superb perspective and offers a place to rest, relax and dream the rest of the day away at your leisure. If you plan on spending the afternoon here, grab some lunch at the Southeast Light Delights food truck, offering lobster rolls and grilled cheese! Don't miss the interesting and informative Block Island Historical Society in Bridgegate Square on your travels and enjoy a leisurely dinner tonight on your own.

Day 3. Today we'll take an adventurous moped tour of the northern part of the island and place we didn't get to by foot or bike. If you aren't comfortable on a moped, we can set you up with a taxi tour instead. Our scenic route will take us past the major sights of the island including the famous painted rock that's been painted over hundreds, if not thousands of times with random messages from locals; the rugged seas along Vaill Beach; a Native American Burial Ground; the cottage of composer and poet Arthur Penn who wrote the song "Smilin' Through"; Rodman's Hollow; North Light; Sacred Labyrinth; 1661 Animal Farm. After our ride around the island, you'll have your moped for the entire day in case there are places you'd like to go back to for further exploration on your own.

Day 4. This morning we have time to take a stroll and breathe in the fresh, salty air once more before saying goodbye while hopping on the ferry back to the mainland. Lunch will be included before our departure. Even though we left the island behind, the one memorable thing you can always bring back with you is the peace and serenity you found while on Block Island. © 2021 Group Tours & Travel

Departs Ridgewood's Graydon Pool at the corner of Linwood Ave & Northern Parkway at 9:00 AM and returns approximately 7:30 PM

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