



CAPE COD & MARTHA'S VINEYARD TOUR SEPTEMBER 3 - 8, 2024 (6 DAYS)

Tentative Tour Itinerary



Welcome aboard our annual escorted group tour to the stunning and serene Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard. This 6-day tour is guaranteed to be an experience filled with the perfect blend of excitement and relaxation - sure to kick off your autumn season in style! Enjoy the beautiful sandy beaches and laid-back atmosphere of Cape Cod, a popular vacation destination, with charming history dating back to the 17th century. Combine this with Martha's Vineyard that is truly known for its natural beauty - with cliffs, pristine beaches, marshland and two wildlife sanctuaries. There is so much to explore on this beautiful tour. Outlined below is the daily summary for this tour. Your tour manager is looking forward to meeting you and delivering a professional and well-managed tour. I hope you are ready for an enjoyable escape where all you have to do is sit back, relax, and enjoy.

Note: Please take a moment to read the information carefully, paying attention to the details surrounding Customs & Immigration section on the last page of this itinerary.

-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

PICKUP LOCATIONS

NOVA SCOTIA Guests

- Halifax Sobey's Lacewood Dr - TBA
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn - TBA
- Halifax Airport Hotel, Quality Inn - TBA
- Truro Heights, Irving Big Stop - TBA

PEI Guests

Charlottetown Mall - near Superstore Entrance - TBA

NEW BRUNSWICK Guests

- Aulac, Irving Big Stop - TBA
- Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonald's - TBA
- Saint John Route 1 Irving - TBA
- Fredericton, Lincoln Irving Big Stop - TBA

Day 1 - Tuesday, Sept 3 - Home to Courtyard Marriott, South Portland, ME

- Your exciting group getaway departs this morning from your scheduled pick-up location.
- Please arrive at your pick-up location 15 minutes before departure, so we can have your luggage stored and allow time for you to get comfortably situated in your seat.
- Enjoy morning snack/coffee breaks, as well as an hour lunch stop during today's drive. Prices for these meals are not included in your tour package.

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- We are pre-registered with Customs officials so expect minimal delays at all border crossings. Please read the *Customs & Immigration section (last page of itinerary) regarding official documentation required for entry into the United States, as well as Collins Tours policies surrounding any decisions to deny you entry into the country.
- We expect an evening arrival at the Courtyard Marriott in South Portland, ME. For those interested we will drop you off at the mall to allow you time for shopping (**at own expense**). Later, we will pick you up and shuttle you to our hotel where your luggage will be waiting in your room for you.
- Your tour manager will check the group in, distribute your room keys, and have bags (one per person included) sent to your room.
- Dinner this evening is at **your own expense**.

Day 2 - Wednesday, Sept 4 - Hampton Inn & Suites, West Yarmouth, MA (B, Welcome Dinner)

- Enjoy your complimentary hot breakfast this morning before our check-out.
- We will stop for a mid-morning break before arriving at Quincy Market & Faneuil Hall Marketplace, located in downtown historical Boston.
- Enjoy some time exploring over 100 fine shops, specialty pushcarts and delightful restaurants at Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Quincy Market. Lunch is **on your own** today with a multitude of fresh made-to-order dining options in Quincy Market.
- Once we have finished shopping, we make our way down to West Yarmouth, Mass. Expect an afternoon arrival at the all-new Hampton Inn & Suites hotel - our home for the next three nights. West Yarmouth is located 3 miles East of Hyannis, the largest and liveliest of the seven villages in the town of Barnstable, MA. It is the commercial and transportation hub of Cape Cod and what many refer to as the "Capital of the Cape". It boasts miles of pristine beaches, breathtaking scenery, museums, and where former president John F Kennedy and his family had their summer home. Enjoy easy access to many local gems from our hotel including salt marshes, kettle ponds, bike trails, whale watching, dune tours, and golf courses.
- Once again, relax and enjoy your Collins Tours signature hotel check-in service as your tour manager distributes your room keys and has your luggage delivered to your rooms.
- Tonight, we gather for our Group Welcome Dinner, complete with a glass of beer or wine. (**included**)
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.



Day 3 - Thursday, Sept 5 - Martha's Vineyard - Hyannis (B)

- Enjoy a delightful buffet breakfast (**included**) before boarding the coach for our start to a full day of sightseeing on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Our first stop is Oak Bluffs where we will board our ferry to Martha's Vineyard and meet our Step-On Guide for the day (**return ticket included**). This scenic ferry crossing puts us in Oak Bluffs in approximately 45 minutes after reaching the mainland port.
- Stops for treasure hunting, shopping as well as lunch (**on own**) are planned in the wonderful town and tourist destination, Edgartown.
- Other stops today include the cliffs at Gay Head (Aquinnah), a chance to see Chappaquiddick Island, Wood's Hole the Martha's Vineyard Campground Association, and West Tisbury. Keep your eyes peeled as you may see David Letterman, Carly Simon, Jake Gyllenhaal, Meg Ryan, Bill Murray, Michael J Fox, Spike Lee and Kelly Ripa to name a few.

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- We board the ferry again as we head back to our hotel for the evening.
- The remainder of the evening and dinner will be on your own and at your expense.

Day 4 - Friday, Sept 6 – Hyannis - Provincetown (B, Group Lobster Dinner-seafood substitute available)

- Start your day with another fantastic buffet breakfast **(included)** at the hotel.
- We begin our guided tour with the “Highlights of Hyannis,” featuring historic Main Street, Hyannis Port, the Kennedy Memorial & museum, and a drive by look at St. Francis Xavier church. **(Tour price included gratuities are additional and at your discretion).**
- Next, on to the Lower Cape, featuring historical lighthouses, quaint towns, and world-famous beaches of the Cape Cod National Seashore.
- Enjoy shopping and a delightful lunch **(on your own)** during our afternoon stop in Provincetown. Many stores/souvenir shops are within walking distance!
- This evening, the coach will drive the group from our hotel to a fabulous local restaurant where we will enjoy a tasty **lobster dinner (price included)!** (Chicken option also available. Your tour manager will take your order.)
- After our dinner, the coach will shuttle us back to the hotel, leaving you time to relax and enjoy the rest of the evening on your own.



Day 5 - Saturday, Sept 7 – Hyannis - Maine Evergreen Hotel, Augusta ME (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Your buffet breakfast is served inside the hotel restaurant before another exciting morning of exploring.
- Be sure to cover any personal incidentals (i.e., movie rental, phone charges) before checking out of the hotel this morning.
- Our first stop today is a visit to the Sandwich Glass Museum where we are treated to an educational glass blowing demonstration and film on the history of glassmaking **(included)**.
- Next up is a stop at Plymouth Rock. This waterfront monument showcases the storied rock where the Mayflower Pilgrims first landed in 1620.
- Following Plymouth Rock, we head to the historical and newly restored Mayflower II replica of the original ship that brought the Pilgrims to America 400 year. **(included)!**
- Lunch will be on your own and at your own expense.
- After lunch, meet your coach and bid farewell to beautiful Cape Cod! A short snack break and rest stop are built into this afternoon’s drive.
- This evening as we arrive in Augusta, we gather for our “Farewell Dinner” complete with a glass of complimentary wine or beer. Share stories of time together and start planning our next getaway! **(Meal included)**.
- We’ll arrive this evening at the Maine Evergreen Hotel, our hotel for the evening. Relax during our group check in service as your tour manager distributes room keys and has your luggage delivered to each room.
- Following dinner, the rest of the evening is on your own. **(your expense)**

Day 6 - Sunday, Sept 8 – Home (B)

- Enjoy your complimentary hot breakfast before checking out of your room **(included)**.
- We will have rest stops at locations and a lunch stop location convenient to our route.

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- We make our way this morning to the Duty-Free Store and the Canadian Border for our appointment at the Duty-Free Store. Your duty-free allowance is \$800 per person.
- Your tour manager will represent the group at Canadian Customs and Immigration.
- All guests can expect to **return to their original pick-up points**. Arrival times will be sent to you at least two weeks before the tour departs. **NOTE:** All arrival and departure times are estimates and may change.

New Brunswick Guests:

- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – TBA
- Saint John Route 1 Irving – TBA
- Moncton Magnetic Hill McDonalds - TBA

PEI Guests:

Charlottetown Mall (Superstore Entrance) – TBA

Nova Scotia Guests:

- Truro Heights, Irving Big Stop – TBA
- Halifax Airport, Quality Inn – TBA
- Dartmouth Crossing, Hampton Inn – TBA
- Halifax, Sobeys's Lacewood – TBA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are **ONLY a guideline (estimate)** and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times are subject to change due to various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, construction on highways, "Acts of God", or other events causing similar circumstances described above. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds, credits, or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.
- Seat Rotation Policy will be in effect for this tour and will be explained by your tour manager once on board. There are **no exceptions to seat policy unless you have a written notice from a physician**. A written notice will only allow you to be rotated near the front of the motorcoach.
- We ask that everyone respect the final timelines, as determined by your tour manager, **to ensure all our clients enjoy themselves to the fullest**.

Hotel Contact Information:

Sept 3	Courtyard by Marriott – 100 Southborough Dr, South Portland, ME	Ph: 207-774-7301
Sept 4, 5 & 6	Hampton Inn & Suites – 99 Route 28, West Yarmouth, MA	Ph: 508-862-9010
Sept 7	Maine Evergreen Hotel – 65 Whitten Road, Augusta, ME	Ph:207-622-3776

- ****U.S. Customs and Immigration requires a Valid Passport to enter the country. They have the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. Please check with them to clarify your status before leaving New Brunswick.** Collins Tours is not responsible for any decisions by U.S. Customs & Immigration officials or expenses if you are refused entry into the country.
- Please note all **medications must be in original containers** and labeled with names. Daily medication containers are not permitted into the USA without proper identification of each drug.
- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 when you are out of the country for at least 48 hours.
- To simplify shopping experiences, you can purchase American currency in advance. Many U.S. banks will not exchange your money unless you have an account with them. Debit cards must be VISA or MasterCard flagged to be accepted at stores.
- Bring along your favourite CD's and DVDs as our Motor Coach has capabilities for both.
- Please remove all personal belongings when departing the bus. We are not responsible for items left behind so please **double check your seat!**

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REMEMBER: Your Collins Tours tour manager is responsible for: hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g, timely transitions), group representation at sports and concert venues as well as Customs and Immigration. They work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or her experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying "Thank You," for a job well done. **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**

- Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$6.00-\$8.00 per person, per day.
- Bus driver-\$4.00-\$6.00 per person, per day.
- Tip private city tours guides \$3.00 per person **per day**.



Thank you for choosing to travel with Collins Tours!
We look forward to assisting you with all your future travel needs.

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