

# NEW ENGLAND CULINARY ADVENTURE

10 days

*Suggested time for tour: May - October*

*Take your palate on an escape to New England to savor Boston's North End, Rhode Island's Johnny cakes, Vermont's maple syrup, Maine's lobster and enjoy many culinary adventures along the way.*

**Day 1 Boston.** Welcome to "Bean Town!" This evening enjoy dinner at THE UNION OYSTER HOUSE, the oldest restaurant in Boston and the oldest restaurant in continuous service in the U.S. — the doors have always been open to diners since 1826. Afterwards, enjoy some free time for browsing in Faneuil Hall. Built in 1742 as a home for merchants, fishermen, and meat and produce sellers, Faneuil Hall is still Boston's central meeting place, offering an unparalleled urban marketplace. (D)

**Day 2 Boston.** This morning learn the history of Boston's Italian neighborhood on the NORTH END MARKET TOUR as you taste authentic foods and learn secrets on where to find authentic ingredients and how to buy and prepare them for your own cooking adventures. Enjoy lunch and some free time for shopping in the North End. This afternoon, tour of Boston highlights historic sites near Boston Common, Old State House, Old North Church, and the Freedom Trail. This evening will be at leisure to explore Boston's restaurant scene. From pub fare at Cheers to boutique restaurants on Newbury Street, the choice is yours. (B,L)

**Day 3 Boston-Newport-Providence.** This morning depart Boston for Newport. Upon arrival enjoy an orientation tour of this historic city. See the first state house, the nation's oldest synagogue, and the city's oldest meeting house and library. Afterwards explore the extravagant lifestyle of a bygone era when visiting THE BREAKERS, shipping magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt's turn-of-the-century mansion. Since the microclimate and soil conditions found along the Southeastern New England coast closely resemble some of the great wine regions of the world, we will visit a local WINERY for a tour and tasting to discover some of New England's wine. Continue to Providence, where you will spend the next two nights. (B)

**Day 4 Providence.** This morning, tour Benefit Street "Mile of History," the most impressive concentration of original Colonial homes in America. Next visit the JOHN BROWN HOUSE for a guided tour of this 1786 mansion described by John Quincy Adams as the "most magnificent mansion I have ever seen." Enjoy lunch on your own at The Arcade, the oldest shopping "mall" in America. Then rediscover impassioned memories of your experiences with food at the CULINARY ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM at Johnson & Wales University. This renowned museum has a remarkable and invaluable collection representing the preservation of five millennia of food and cooking development, traditions, and anecdotes. Be sure not to miss seeing the life-size diner! Tonight, have dinner at a beloved Rhode Island institution — WRIGHT'S FARM RESTAURANT. Try the famous family-style chicken dinner. (B,D) **Note:** Culinary Archives and Museum is closed on Mondays. Wrights Farm open Thursday through Sunday.

**Day 5 Providence-Stockbridge-Killington.** This morning depart for the SMITH APPLEBY HOUSE, a beautifully restored mid 18th Century farmhouse where you will be treated to a traditional Rhode Island breakfast, featuring Johnny cakes. Continue into Massachusetts for a visit to the NORMAN ROCKWELL STUDIO AND MUSEUM, housing a large collection of works by one of America's favorite artists. By late afternoon, arrive in Killington, VT. (B,D)

**Day 6 Killington-Woodstock-Waterbury-Burlington.** Learn about Vermont's agriculture with your guided tour of BILLINGS FARM AND MUSEUM, a living museum of Vermont's rural past, as well as a working dairy farm - the oldest continuously operating Jersey farm in America! Next continue north for to visit MORSE FARM SUGAR WORKS for a sugar house tour and tasting. The soils of the greater Champlain Valley produce some of the finest McIntosh apples in North America. Finish off your tour of Vermont's wonderful agriculture with an apple cider tasting and tour at the COLD HOLLOW CIDER MILL. Perhaps try a cider donut, featured in Gourmet Magazine as one of the top four in the country. Continue to Burlington, VT where you will spend the next two nights. (B)

**Day 7 Burlington.** Situated in the stunning Champlain Valley, the highly acclaimed NEW ENGLAND CULINARY INSTITUTE is our destination for today as we enjoy a cooking demonstration and relish in New England's best cuisine. (B,D)

**Day 8 Burlington-Montpelier-Cabot-North Conway.** After a break in Montpelier, Vermont's capital, head for New Hampshire's White Mountains via Cabot, VT. When you're home to the world's best cheddar, you're on the map. Even if you're just the little town of Cabot, Vermont, population around 1,200. So if you like cheese, you'll love our stop at CABOT CREMERY. Upon arrival in North Conway, enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon, perhaps shopping at some of New England's premier outlets. (B)

**Day 9 North Conway-Portland-Kennebunkport.** At Pinkham Notch board the Wildcat Mountain GONDOLA for a thrilling ride to the 4,397-foot summit. Then travel through the densely wooded, lake-strewn landscape of Maine to Portland, one of New England's most famous cities. Stroll down the cobblestone streets of Portland's Old Port Exchange, lined with its many boutiques, coffee houses and art galleries. Early afternoon arrival in Kennebunkport, with time to explore the quaint shops and galleries of Dock Square. Tonight your Tour Director hosts an eat-in-the-rough LOBSTER DINNER. Wonderful conversation and cuisine make the perfect finale for your vacation. (B,D)

**Day 10 Kennebunkport-Salem-Boston.** A scenic drive along the rocky coastline of Maine to Massachusetts with a call at Salem, infamous for the largest witch hunt in American history. You'll have time to visit the many historic landmarks. Perhaps make a visit to Harbor Sweets, for a perfect chocolate souvenir. Return to Boston with a stop at the airport for tour guests with homebound flights. (Please schedule flights after 3 p.m.) (B)

**Meals:** B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner