Footprints from Southern NH’s Past

4 DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

◦ New Hampshire
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OVERVIEW

History buffs looking for a getaway don’t have to travel far distances to be culturally enriched. See below for a sample of ways travelers can experience “living history” in each region of the Granite State on this 4 day tour:

ITALINERARY TIMELINE

DAY 1
   #1 Strawbery Banke Museum
   #2 Fort Constitution
   #3 Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse
   #4 Music Hall Theatre

DAY 2
   #5 Gundalow Cruise
   #6 American Independance Museum

DAY 3
   #7 Millyard Museum
   #8 Currier Museum of Art's Winter Garden Cafe
   #9 New Hampshire State House
   #10 Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum

DAY 4
   #11 Mount Sunapee
   #12 Saint Gaudens National Historic Site
   #13 The Fort at No. 4
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Day 1

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Begin your tour in Portsmouth, an active and thriving seaside community with fishing, shipping, and trade and also where Paul Revere was riding to warn that the British were coming.

Walk back in time through a historic village with four centuries of preserved history at Strawberry Banke Museum (1) where actors remain in character for the era they represent.

Head a few minutes down the road to New Castle, a town that is its own island, to tour Fort Constitution (2) and the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse (3). This is the site of the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War in which colonists raided the fort to steal gun powder and weapons.

Take an evening walking tour through the Greater Portsmouth Chamber’s Visitor Center. They’ll captivate you with tales of ghosts and maritime folklore and a journey to the enslaved American memorial site.

In the evening, catch a live show at the Music Hall Theatre (4), listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Groups can enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour.

Day 2

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Wake up in the morning to set the sail of a Gundalow Cruise (5), learn to navigate, troll for plankton, or learn about the human impact on marine ecosystems and water quality on this exact replica of a flat bottom barge ship from the 1700’s.

After lunch, head to Exeter for the American Independence Museum (6) to see two rare drafts of the U.S. Constitution.

Continue west to overnight in Manchester, a city that was once the textile capital of the world. It is now a cultural, urban hub in New England known for its signature beautiful brick structures that line the Merrimack River.
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Day 3

Tour the Millyard Museum (7) or arrange for the Museum to do a city step-on tour.

Have lunch at the Currier Museum of Art’s Winter Garden Café (8). After lunch, the group will split into two where half will tour the museum’s collection and the other will tour the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Zimmerman House offsite before swapping.

After, head up the road to tour the New Hampshire State House (9) in Concord, the only state house in the country that still uses its original chambers from 1818.

Day 4

Wake up fast with Mount Sunapee’s (11) 1000’ dual ziplines or test your balance with their Aerial Challenge Course.

Work your way to the Connecticut River Byway part of New Hampshire where you will find Saint Gaudens National Historic Site (12), named for its former resident Irish born Augustus Saint Gaudens the world famous sculptor of the Beaux-Arts generation. This property is stunning and filled with trails, gardens, sculptures, working artists, and galleries.

Loop down to The Fort at No.4 (13), once the northwestern-most village within the British colonies where colonists once lived with the Abenaki tribe.