



Northern New Hampshire Tour History Buffs Part 2 – 5 days

New Hampshire was the first vacation destination in the United States that flourished with the dawn of train travel. Stately resorts and lakeside and mountain towns dotted the entire northern half of the state. This tour will take you through the first “footprints” of its kind in our country as you follow the path of those who traveled here centuries before.

Day 1

Enter New Hampshire through [Littleton](#), a mountain town that epitomizes the New England setting. This is also the hometown of Eleanor Porter, the creator of Pollyanna and visitors can see the famous statue in front of the town Library on Main Street.

Deeper into New Hampshire, you will find [The Rocks Estate](#) in Bethlehem. This beautiful property is managed by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire’s Forests. Enjoy a maple experience tour through their sugar shack and see how it was done back in the day. End the tour with a horse drawn ride through their tree farm with the White Mountains laid out before you.

Day 2

Wake up with the help of gravity at [Cranmore Mountain](#) where you will dive into ziplines, canopy tours, mountain coasters, chairlifts and more! Cranmore was one of the very first ski areas in the United States, the site of the first skimobile lift and trestle, and the playground for the famous Hannes Schneider in the 1940’s.

Option #1: You’ll never have another lunch experience like the one at the [Omni Mount Washington Resort](#). Enjoy lunch at this Spanish Renaissance grand resort, the largest wooden structure in New England.

After lunch, head 10 minutes up Base Road to the [Mount Washington Cog Railway](#). The first ever mountain climbing train in the world summits the northeast’s highest peak Mt. Washington at 6,288’. There used to be a resort at this summit that has a reputation of having the “worst weather in the world.” Now, visitors can enjoy this dramatic peak in the comforts of a summit observatory with a café, museum and gift shop.

Option #2: Enjoy an old fashioned railroading experience with trains departing from an 1874 train station in North Conway Village. The [Conway Scenic Railroad’s Mountaineer](#) offers a supremely scenic 4 to 5 ½ hour rail journey through the Mount Washington Valley and over the rugged Crawford Notch. The *Mountaineer* consists of 1950s-era streamlined passenger cars to recreate the experience of a post-World War II Transcontinental streamlined train. Choose from a variety of different experiences including premier class travel in our deluxe upper dome dining cars: Rhonda Lee and Leslie Anne.

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Group Dining: <https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do/food-drink/restaurants>



Day 3

Complete your mountain loop by circling back to Franconia Notch State Park, which is the site of the [Old Man of the Mountain](#) memorial, [Cannon Mountain Tramway](#), and the impressive [Flume Gorge](#).

Work your way to the Lakes Region of New Hampshire for lunch aboard the [Winnepesaukee Railroad](#) which brought tourists to the lake in the 1800's.

Enjoy some downtime shopping at [Mill Falls Marketplace](#) or [Tanger Outlets](#).

Day 4

Time to cross the lake aboard the [M/S Mount Washington Cruises](#) on their one-way lunch option to Wolfeboro. If possible, your coach can drive around to meet you on the other side. This cruise originally toured the lake in 1872.

The [Wright Museum](#) in Wolfeboro is a home front time travel experience with its exhibits that take guests back to everyday life during the World Wars in the United States. Headline articles, pop culture, and everyday household items create the scene. This museum has an amazing collection of war vehicles and a captivating propaganda art poster gallery as well.

In late afternoon, scoot up the road to [Castle in the Clouds](#) an estate set high in the Ossipee Mountain Range overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. This was the home of Thomas Plant who made a fortune in the shoe manufacturing industry but lost it all.

Check out the [New Hampshire Boat Museum's](#) new facility in Moultonborough The new, year-round, museum facility boasts extraordinary exhibition of historic boats, motors, and stories about the Granite state's freshwater boating heritage.