

Walking the Fall Foliage of New England

Adventure Memo

Greetings from the WAI Travel Team,

We're excited to bring you 2 departures of our Fall Foliage of New England Walking Adventure in 2011! This trip comprises our most popular domestic Adventure and explores the heritage of the United States during New England's most beautiful season. Travelers will get hands-on exposure to New England: the coastal heritage at Mystic Seaport and Newport, Rhode Island; the Revolutionary War story at Concord and Boston, Massachusetts; the charm of small New England villages in New Hampshire and Vermont; the heritage of our military and the "land of the free" at New York's West Point Academy, our country's oldest military academy — all this against a multi-hued backdrop of autumnal shades!

How do I lock in my place on this Adventure?

To save yourself a spot on either departure, contact us to register with a \$500 payment as soon as possible. Reservations for will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis!

How do we arrange airfare for this Adventure?

This Adventure begins and ends at the Newark International Airport in New Jersey. Airfare to and from the start points is not included in the package price. We recommend that you contact the travel agent we work with to help book your flight arrangements. In this age of airfare complications and airport uncertainty, using a travel agent is a good investment! More details about flight arrangements and travel agent contact information will be provided in the *Adventure Advice* flyer which will be mailed to you after you register for the Adventure. **Please do not book your airfare prior to receiving the Adventure Advice flyer!**

Group Travel Credit

If you are part of a Group, remember that your full deposit of \$500 is still required to hold your spot on this Adventure. Your group leader is responsible to submit your name in writing to us before you pre-register, qualifying you for the Group Travel Credit, but a full deposit is needed to officially reserve your place.

Travel Insurance

Walking Adventures has negotiated with an insurance carrier to provide travel insurance in the form of a Preferred Benefits™ policy. We are pleased to make this package available and believe that it will provide travelers with an important element of security at a reasonable price. (See the back of the General Tour Conditions sheet for more detailed information.)

IMPORTANT: The insurance policy includes time-sensitive coverage provisions for some benefits, including pre-existing conditions and trip cancellation coverage for any reason (with additional fee), **provided you purchase the insurance within 14 days of your registration.** Should you choose to add the cost of

your airline tickets to your insurance policy, contact our office after you purchase your airfare.

What Happens Next?

Upon registering for this Adventure, you will receive a welcome letter, initial invoice, and Adventure Advice flyer with important information about steps to take in the months before your trip.

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The final payment for the program is due 90 days before departure, and you will receive a final billing about 2 weeks prior to that point, along with a factsheet of additional information about the Adventure to help you get prepared! Then, about 3 weeks before departure, you will receive a final packet with all the details of the program, including hotel names and contact information, a list of fellow travelers, and a more detailed daily schedule.

Sometimes, as travelers, we tend to explore every other region before delving into the delights our own "backyard" has to offer! Our East Coast, where America was founded and where the principles upon which our institutions were first laid down and tested, offers a wonderful opportunity to get reconnected to America, the Beautiful! Join us next fall as we *Walk the Fall Foliage of New England* together!

Insurance – What if I need to place a claim?

Jumping through hoops to get results from large, bureaucratic organizations can be enough to try the patience of Job! Travel insurance companies, unfortunately, are not immune to bureaucracy. Ambiguity and forms-overload sometimes seem to outweigh reason and logic. Ultimately, however, travelers are paid and the *Preferred Benefits* policy we recommend works! Though it is easy to view insurance as a necessary evil, we have seen the benefits of travel insurance time and again. We believe it is worth the cost... and hoop-jumping required!



More than a vacation...it's an Adventure!