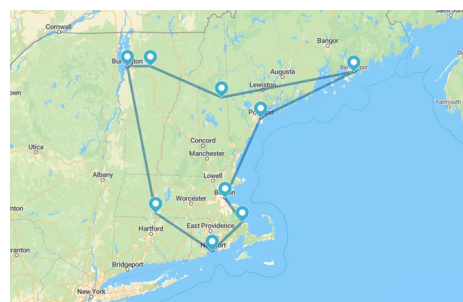




US, 13 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through New England, nature and history

This trip takes you to the northeast coast of the United States, passing through some of the first European settlements in the Americas from the seventeenth century. After discovering Boston and its role in the independence of the United States, you'll get to see some magnificent landscapes in Bar Harbor and other pocket-sized coastal towns. For basketball fans, a must-visit is Springfield, the town where this sport was invented and home to the Basketball Hall of Fame. Throughout the road trip, you'll experience stunning landscapes, exquisite cuisine and a vibrant cultural life.



Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - BOSTON

Flight departure from the city of origin to Boston.

Considered the unofficial capital of New England, this is without question the most dynamic city in the region, as well as being one of the most European. Arrival and rental car pick-up.

Rest of the day at your leisure to start feeling the pulse of this appealing and manageable city. One of the founding cities of the United States, this waterfront metropolis boasts an endless range of leisure and entertainment options that suit all tastes and budgets. Enjoy its unmistakable cosmopolitan atmosphere, a boat trip, a bike tour, a beer at its university bars...

For dinner, local specialities revolve around seafood. Try the lobster, clams and oysters at the historic "Union Oyster House", one of Boston's oldest restaurants.

Overnight stay in Boston.

DAY 2 · BOSTON

More time to explore this great American city. We recommend following the Freedom Trail to discover Boston's role in American independence and the emergence of a new nation. It's a path of around four kilometres marked out with a red line with stops at historical sites. You'll get to see and visit iconic places such as Boston Common (the oldest park in the country) and the Old State House. The number of tourist attractions in this city is huge. Must-sees include Quincy Market, the soul of downtown Boston, where you'll find a market, interesting restaurants, cute shops and lively bars. Its building is a true architectural icon! Another great option is the Prudential Tower, popularly known as "The Pru", Boston's tallest skyscraper and which offers 360° views of the entire city from the 50th floor. More unforgettable plans? Discover the secrets of the sea at the New England Aquarium, set sail for the marine sanctuary of Stellwagen Bank and observe whales, explore the world of Lego at the Legoland Discovery Center, or soak up the passion for sport at the legendary Fenway Park, home ground of the Red Sox...

If you fancy a trip out while in Boston, you can go to the town of Salem, located about 40 kilometres away. It's famous for the trials in which numerous people were accused of witchcraft in 1692, ending up with the execution of six men and fourteen women. The town has witchcraft museums and organises tours that would scare anyone.

Return and overnight stay in Boston.

DAY 3 · BOSTON - PORTLAND (OPTIONAL BOAT TRIP TO THE ISLANDS OF CASCO BAY)

Some 200 kilometres separate Boston from the city of Portland, in the state of Maine. Make sure you don't confuse it with the city of Portland, Oregon, in the west of the country. You'll love Portland, that's for sure. It's surrounded by water and boasts some stunning views. Its downtown has been redeveloped and is now a bustling urban centre. There are heaps of museums, fashion stores, bars, restaurants, clubs... The heart of Portland is the Old Port, a characterful area well worth discovering at a slow pace. It's a mix of nineteenth-century buildings and tempting restaurants and stores. It's still a fishing port, but it has been redeveloped to include an attractive area around the seafront Commercial Street. Stroll along its cobbled streets, where you can browse through bookstores, mooch around craft shops and savour local delicacies... Recommendations for dining? Try the "Maine" potato doughnuts. Something you shouldn't miss is the Portland Art Museum, where you can see works by artists such as Picasso, Hopper and Renoir. You can also head over to Fort Williams Park, about seven kilometres outside Portland. You'll see 19th-century artillery and World War Two bunkers there. Next to the park is Portland Head Light, built in 1791 and the oldest lighthouse in the United States still in use today. For dinner or a bite to eat, head to Fore Street and taste local specialities, especially the seafood. Then you can venture into Old Port and have a drink at a pub or craft distillery for a nightcap. (Note: Maine is also a great place for lovers of the sea, so if you're getting tired of being on dry land, you can head out on one of the popular whale-watching cruises or hop on a ferry to the islands of Casco Bay. Not included). Overnight stay in Portland.

DAY 4 · PORTLAND - BAR HARBOR

Get ready for a slightly longer drive today, some 300 kilometres in total, between Portland and Bar Harbor. This is a natural paradise by the sea and surrounded by the mountains of Acadia National Park, including the spectacular Cadillac Mountain. It's located on Mount Desert Island, in the area of the Maine coast known as Down East. Initially a fishing village, it later became a summer resort for the wealthy. It's commonplace to see cruise ships docking on their journey from New England to Canada. Today, Bar Harbor is a popular tourist resort. Your first stop should be at the visitor centre of the Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce, located on the wharf. You'll find information here about places to visit, maps, restaurants and everything related to the town. (Note: it's open from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm between May and October). The old quarter features summer houses from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, although most have been converted into bed and breakfasts. One of the most popular activities is to take a cruise for a couple of hours to spot whales and seals. (Note: Activity not included. These cruises usually cost around \$30 per person). To dine, one of the best value-for-money restaurants is the "Mâche Bistro". Try their delicious French food and some fresh local products such as scallops or lobster. By the way, a trip to "Mount Desert Island Ice Cream" is a must. This small place in Bar Harbor was named one of the top twenty-five ice cream parlours in the United States by the renowned magazine "Food and Wine". And to round off the day, enjoy a "lobster roll", a very typical snack of the Maine coast. Overnight stay in Bar Harbor.

● DAY 5 · BAR HARBOR - ACADIA NATIONAL PARK - BAR HARBOR

Set out from Bar Harbor for a day at one with nature in Acadia National Park. The area includes mountains, forests and lakes... Get ready for some jaw-dropping views! The park covers "Mount Desert Island", part of "Isle au Haut", "Baker Island", and part of "Schoodic Peninsula" on the mainland. You can take part in a range of activities such as hiking, cycling, climbing, kayaking or fishing... Choose the one that you fancy the most! One of the most recommended attractions is to climb the 466-metre Cadillac Mountain that marks the highest point on the US Atlantic coast. The views are fantastic at any time of day, but it's truly amazing to admire the sunrise from the summit. Green Mountain, as it used to be known, is also the first place where it dawns in the United States. (Note: You can reach the summit along a 3,5 miles road. There are several observation points en route. From the top you'll get incredible views of Bar Harbor, Frenchman Bay, Porcupine Islands and Bar Island). More unforgettable plans? In Bar Harbor, you can set out on whale-watching trips or explore the lighthouses that are scattered across small islands off the coast. Overnight stay in Bar Harbor.

● DAY 6 · BAR HARBOR - CONWAY

Leave Bar Harbor behind and set off for Conway. This is one of the longest drives of the entire trip, with just over 300 kilometres until your final destination. Once in Conway, you can decide whether you want to spend the day in the city or head into the White Mountains. Tourism in Conway tends to centre around cycling, skiing, hiking and climbing in the mountains. The magnificent scenery makes it a pleasure to drive in this area. With the wealth of outdoor activities on offer, both in winter and summer, the White Mountains are fascinating in all seasons. Overnight stay in Conway.

● DAY 7 · CONWAY - STOWE - BURLINGTON

Vermont is today's destination. The first leg is a 200-kilometre drive up to Stowe and then a further 60 kilometres over to Burlington. With Mt. Mansfield in the background, Stowe is famous for its skiing. You can make a brief stop here, wander through its streets and admire the attractive scenery. If skiing isn't your thing, you could always pamper yourself at a spa or improve your swing at one of the magnificent golf courses in the area. Peace and quiet, relaxation and adventure are guaranteed here. To eat, head to the Harvest Market and try some of the local products. Simply, delicious! After the visit, it's back on the road to Burlington, the most cosmopolitan city in Vermont and which will undoubtedly exceed your expectations. Despite its small size, Burlington is full of life and things to do. With its early-twentieth-century downtown architecture, its restaurants, its entertainment options and its unique stores, Burlington is ideal for visitors looking for the laid-back atmosphere of a small city but with the attractions of a big city. Nestled on the shores of Lake Champlain, between the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks, Burlington is one of those places it's impossible not to fall in love with. The city is famous for its perfect combination of art, culture, nature and charm of the old New England. In the spring and summer, the streets come alive with festivals and outdoor concerts. The picnic benches, swings and bike paths in Ledy Park are always full of life, and there are plenty of opportunities to have a swim, go fishing or simply unwind on the beach. In autumn, Burlington's bike lanes are packed with nature lovers who come to witness the colourful seasonal spectacle. Winter is the ideal time to put on your ice skates and visit the Paquette Arena or go skiing at the local resorts. We recommend a ride along the Burlington Bike Path or a boat trip on Lake Champlain. For dinner, if you fancy some Italian food you can go to the Pizzeria Verita, which serves some of the city's best pizzas. Meanwhile, chocolate lovers are in luck. Any time of the year is good for eating chocolate, but make sure you visit Lake Champlain Chocolates for some delicious treats. Soak up the city's nightlife at places such as the Vermont Pub. Overnight stay in Burlington.

● DAY 8 · BURLINGTON - SPRINGFIELD

Today's drive, just over 300 kilometres in total, will take you from Burlington to Springfield. When you turn on your GPS, bear in mind that there are several cities in the United States called Springfield. This one in particular, located in the state of Massachusetts, was the first city in the country to take the name.

Springfield is probably best known for being the birthplace of basketball. Locals say that the PE teacher James Naismith invented it to give children a sport to play between the American football and baseball seasons. Today, the city attracts thousands of travellers to the Basketball Hall of Fame, a ball-shaped building that stages an annual event to add legendary former players and coaches to its list of legends. (Note: The building can be visited every day from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm for a price of approximately \$22/adults and \$15/children). This historic city, perched on the banks of the Connecticut River, is also famous for many other reasons. Another thing you can do in Springfield is to stroll through the Sculpture Garden, built in memory of the author and illustrator Dr. Seuss, known across the world for having written such endearing children's books as 'The Cat in the Hat'. You can see some of his most famous characters in the garden. Meanwhile, history buffs should head to the Springfield Armory National Historic Site and the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

And lovers of thrills and spills can visit the Six Flags New England, a theme park located in Agawam.

Overnight stay in Springfield.

● DAY 9 · SPRINGFIELD - NEWPORT

From Springfield, head towards the coast for some 200 kilometres to enter the tiny state of Rhode Island, where highlights include the town of Newport, with an impressive array of palaces, mansions and buildings from the colonial era. You can take tours around the mansions or admire them from above on Cliff Walk. With a privileged location and the Atlantic Ocean at its feet, this was the refuge chosen by well-heeled families, such as the Vanderbilts or the Astors, who in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries would decamp from their luxurious homes in New York and Philadelphia to enjoy the summer in Newport. In fact, the city is still considered one of the epicentres of American high society. Some of these mansions have been declared national historical heritage sites and are open to the public. A must-visit is the Vanderbilt mansion: The Breakers. (Note: Admission not included. Opening hours vary according to the season). Newport is also famous for playing host to the "America's Cup". Boating lovers can take a cruise around the harbour. For lunch or dinner, there are several places where lobster is the speciality, so make sure you savour some of this local treasure. Overnight stay in Newport.

● DAY 10 · NEWPORT - PLYMOUTH

Head back into Massachusetts on a 100-kilometre drive to Plymouth, a city with a special role in the history of the United States. It was the first settlement established by Puritan pilgrims in 1620, who travelled over on the mythical "Mayflower" and arrived in Plymouth Rock. Nearing its four hundredth anniversary, this city is the oldest in New England and perhaps one of the oldest in the United States. What's more, it played host to several important events in history, such as the first ever "Thanksgiving" celebration. In the nineteenth century, the city boomed as a hub for maritime traffic, fishing and shipping. While it continues to be an active port, today the major industry of Plymouth is tourism. There are several museums that recall the times when the first settlers arrived. There's also a replica of the ship on which the first pilgrims landed, which sometimes is open to visitors. (Note: check dates and opening hours in advance. Not included). Another highlight is the Pilgrim Hall Museum, one of the oldest in the country. Plimoth Plantation, a few kilometres away from the city, is a living history museum that replicates the actual seventeenth-century village. Overnight stay in Plymouth.

● DAY 11 · PLYMOUTH - BOSTON

After enjoying the charms of this city, head back towards Boston, located about 60 kilometres away. Once there, take the opportunity to see some of the things that you didn't have time at the start of the trip. North of the Charles River is Harvard University, which is part of the Ivy League of America's leading universities. Harvard offers free guided tours. (Note: available Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm). Make sure you visit some of Boston's excellent museums, such as the Museum of Fine Arts (remember to check opening hours, admission between 10 and 25 dollars), the public library or the Italian neighbourhood in the north of the city. If you're in Boston during the baseball or basketball season, an unforgettable experience would be to catch a Red Sox or Celtics game. Overnight stay in Boston.

● DAY 12 · BOSTON - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

● DAY 13 · CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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| ✓ Return flight. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Boston. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Boston. |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Portland - I. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Portland - I. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Bar Harbor - Me. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Bar Harbor - Me. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Conway. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Conway. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Burlington - Vt. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Burlington - Vt. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Springfield - Ma. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Springfield - Ma. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Newport - Ri. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Newport - Ri. | |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Plymouth - Ma. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Plymouth - Ma. | ✓ Rent-a-car. |

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| ✗ Electronic Authorization (ESTA/ETA) to enter in US. | ✗ Resort fee US. | ✗ Possible toll charges. |
| ✗ Insolvency protection. | | |

Destinations Visited

Boston



Portland - I



Bar Harbor - Me



Conway



Stowe - Vt



Burlington - Vt



Springfield - Ma



Newport - Ri



Plymouth - Ma



Important remarks

- Tips in US are a common practice.
- Generally in US the accommodation in the triple rooms have two double beds or one double and one single bed and the quadruple accommodation has two double beds.
- Driving in the USA: 1. Overtaking on the right is not only legal but everyone does it. And the sooner you get used to roads with more than five lanes, the better. 2. It is legal (and mandatory) to turn right on a red light when there is a signal to do so. 3. With regard to parking, make sure you check when you can park on the street and never park in front of a fire hydrant (even though there are no signs prohibiting it). If there are lines painted on the road to mark out parking spaces, leave the car right in the middle of them, however huge the gap may seem. Be especially careful in the centre of big cities and don't let the parking meter go over by even one minute (check before paying because there are days of the week or certain times when you don't have to pay). 4. Beware of tolls. They will be indicated with the words toll or turnpike and don't usually have a barrier, so you can drive through them without realising and then receive a fine a few weeks later. Don't drive in FasTrak Only lanes and make sure you have some cash on you, as some tolls are cash-only. 5. Unless you want a ticket and a stern chat from a Highway Patrol Officer, it's best not to drive more than five or ten miles above the maximum speed allowed for the road. If the police end up stopping you, keep your hands on the steering wheel and in sight at all times and don't even think about trying to be funny. 6. We recommend signing up to roadside assistance services and a GPS when you hire a car.
- Consult the entry restrictions and additional requirements for people who have previously traveled to destinations such as Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, etc.
- Hotels may charge a Resort Fee charge that must be paid directly at the destination. The amount can vary between approximately \$15 and \$65 per room per night. This charge is indicative and may be modified depending on the establishment's policy.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before

3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- You must give notice that you are going to cross the border while collecting the vehicle. Authorisation may be required to drive through certain countries or areas/states (as is the case in the US and Canada). Depending on the conditions set out in the rental contract and the company hired, you might be charged a surcharge payable at the destination office.