

## The Great Northern Ride 2 July 17 – 25, 2021

Come take a 9-day, 8-night trip with DistrictHOG up to Maine and Canada. This trip leaves on Saturday July 17 and returns the next Sunday afternoon, July 25. 9 days sounds like a lot of time off, but 4 days are weekends!

Our ride north has us shoot up into New York State on day 1 before getting onto scenic back roads and by-ways.

Day 2 has us taking a ferry across Lake Champlain, your choice of touring Ft Ticonderoga or the original Star Trek sets, and then into the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Day 3 we start out by heading up Mt Washington then head to Maine, and we stay 3 nights in Bar Harbor. We will go on a whale watching boat, ride Acadia National Park, see a lumberjack show, and be the first people in the US to watch the sunrise from Cadillac Mountain.

Day 6 we head east along the shoreline to Canada. We'll cross at Lubec, see the beautiful gardens of Campobello, then take 2 ferries to the mainland.

Day 7 we start our day by visiting an aquarium and ride through the longest covered bridge in the world.

Day 8 and Day 9 are used to travel home. We'll take 2 days so it will still be a pleasant ride.

**YOU MUST HAVE A PASSPORT TO TAKE THIS TRIP.** The US requires you to have a passport to re-enter the States from Canada.

With 8 nights in hotels, that will be our biggest expense, so

we have tried our best to find affordable hotels and motels each night. *Approximately \$700 if you are travelling alone.* We also recommend splitting a room with another person to cut your costs in half. Otherwise expect to spend money on gas and food, (the whale watching boat is \$45 per person and the lumberjack show is \$13). Ft Ticonderoga and the Star Trek tour are both about \$25. Room blocks have been setup at each of the hotels on the list. **You must call each hotel individually, identify yourself as part of the block, and reserve your room.**

### Trip Itinerary.

**Day ONE:** Saturday July 17. Depart the Waffle House / 7-11 gas station on Rt 80 in Urbana, MD at 8am sharp. We stay the night at the Red Roof Inn in Utica, NY. (800) 733-7663 Under code B180DISHAS. Rate (includes tax) will be \$116.28 (room with 2 full beds).

**Day TWO:** Sunday July 18. We cross Lake Champlain, tour Ticonderoga, and stay at the Town & Country Hotel (800)-325-4386. Ask for Scott, under District HOG Rate is \$101.10 (single) or \$120.72 (double) includes tax.

**Day THREE:** Monday July 19. We head up Mt Washington and take a leisurely ride across Maine. Stay in Bar Harbor for **3 nights**. Belle Isle Motel. Call Benita at (207) 288-5726. Rate for THREE nights is \$225.63 (includes tax) for a single, \$258.33 (includes tax) for a double. This hotel may charge a non-refundable \$25 deposit when making the reservation.

**Day FOUR:** Tuesday July 20. Whale watching (if you can stomach it) for \$45 at 12noon

and spend the rest of the day riding Acadia National Park. Hotel info is same as Day 3.

**Day FIVE:** Wednesday July 21. We spend the day riding and exploring Acadia national park. Hotel info is same as Day 3.

**Day SIX:** Thursday July 22. We head to Canada. We'll stop at Campobello, childhood residence of FDR (free). Our hotel is the Greenside Motel in St. Andrews. Call Daniel or Kelly at 888-529-3039. Room rates vary depending on bed type (and remember, this is in Canadian dollars). If they are sold out, call the Picket Fence Motel right down the street at (506)-529-8985 (no room block setup).

**Day SEVEN:** Friday July 23. We ride across the world's longest covered bridge then head back to the USA. Maine Idyll Motel (207) 865-4201 (call Mika, Mon-Fri 7am-3pm) Go to maineidyll.com/cottages to view cottages FIRST, then call. Some cottages have two and three rooms, so consider splitting a cottage. Prices are not set yet for 2021, just call and reserve.

**Day EIGHT:** Saturday July 24. We drive on byways and small highways across New York, spending the night at the La Quinta Johnson City. Rooms are \$85.49 (includes tax). Call (800) 753-3757 and give reservation number 5136B126120535

**Day NINE:** Sunday July 25. Head for home taking back roads and some highway south through PA into MD. Expect to be home around 5pm.

If you are going on this ride, or have any questions, please let John Hardison know at trekkiejohn@gmail.com