

NORTHEASTERN EXPLORER – 13 DAYS

Day 1: New York City

Welcome to the 'Big Apple', the city that never sleeps on the bustling island of Manhattan in New York State. This city needs no introduction and there's plenty to keep you entertained ahead of your welcome meeting at 18:00 hrs in your hotel. Wander around on foot, explore Manhattan and Brooklyn on a cruise, or simply grab yourself a central Manhattan view for a spot of people watching to acquaint yourself with this lively city.

Accommodation: Hotel included | Meals: Paid locally

Day 2/3: Philadelphia - Washington DC

Departing New York City, your first stop is Philadelphia, or 'Philly' as the locals call it. Visit the Liberty Bell, climb the famous 'Rocky Steps' and enjoy some free time to peruse the colourful Reading Terminal Market. Why not cast your eyes on Independence Hall where brave men gathered at the Pennsylvania State House and defied the King of England; an event which helped shape the US Constitution? Next you'll arrive in the nation's capital, Washington DC. Take in the city at your own pace; many of the famous icons such as the White House, Capitol Hill and Jefferson Memorial are easily reached on foot, or you might like to hire a bike for a great way to take in the city and reach some of the other famous monuments. When it comes to DC's museums, 'Land of the Free' and the sensational Smithsonian Museums are well worth a stop.

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Day 4: Finger Lakes

Leaving DC behind you head north through Pennsylvania, making your way towards the beloved Finger Lakes, a beautiful forested region filled with lakes and inland waterways - some of the deepest in USA. The area is also New York State's largest wine producing region with over 100 vineyards located around the lakes. A wine tasting experience at one of the vineyards is included, and there's also a chance to take a dip in the cool waters of one of the lakes.

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Day 5: Niagara Falls - Toronto

You reach the Canadian border, stopping to feel the thunder and bask in the spray of one of North America's best known natural attractions, Niagara Falls. These famous falls are located on the Niagara River, which drains from Lake Erie into Lake Ontario, forming the border between USA and Canada. There are two major falls - the American Falls and the iconic Horseshoe Falls, also known as the Canadian Falls. The Horseshoe Falls has a drop of 53 metres (173 ft.) and the American Falls has a drop of between 21-30 metres (70-100ft.). You can enjoy an included cruise on the 'Canadian Hornblower', which takes you right up to the base of the falls. Afterwards, continue along the shores of Lake Ontario to Canada's largest city, Toronto.

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Day 6: Toronto

Enjoy a free day exploring the cosmopolitan city of Toronto, which has a city population of 2.5 million and a metropolitan population of over 5 million, making it one of the largest cities in North America. Those with a head for heights and a passion for panoramic views can head up to the observation deck at the top of the CN Tower. When completed in 1976 it was the world's tallest tower with a height of 553 metres (1815 ft.) - a status it held for 34 years. For a taste of this truly multicultural city, we recommend a lunch of dim sum in Chinatown and dinner in Greektown, or taste your way through Kensington Market. Take the opportunity to visit the key sights in between - such as the Royal Ontario Museum, Art Gallery of Ontario, Hockey Hall of Fame, Eaton's shopping complex or Toronto Zoo.

There is so much to do here, you won't know where to start!
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Day 7/8: Montreal

Travel from Ontario to the French-speaking province of Quebec and Canada's cultural capital, Montréal. Well known for its music, museums and avant-garde artistic flair, Montreal is one classy city and in the summer you can often enjoy a huge selection of lively festivals. Montreal was also the site of the 1976 Olympic Games and it's possible to visit the stadium, which is the largest in Canada. Soak up the atmosphere of the narrow lanes, quirky cafés and world-class shopping, or scream across the Lachine Rapids on an extreme jet boat tour! Why not try a classic local meal of poutine, cheesy curds on top of thin French fries, topped with thick Canadian gravy? You'll quickly realise why this is a favourite with locals and tourists alike. One of the highlights in the city is an optional dinner in the dark at O'Noir restaurant, where you eat in the pitch black for a unique culinary experience.

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Day 9: Quebec City

Continue your journey of historic discovery by spending a day exploring the streets of North America's only surviving walled city, which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Quebec City. Founded in 1608 on the banks of the St Lawrence River, it's one of the oldest cities in North America and as a major French-speaking cultural centre, arguably one of its most European. Strolling around the Old Town feels like stepping back in time and has many important and iconic places to see including Place Royale, Plains of Abraham, Place d'Armes, the Chateau Frontenac Hotel and the old city walls. Along the way you can check out some of the local delicacies on sale. Just 8 miles (12km) from Québec City are the mighty Montmorency Falls, which are higher than Niagara Falls and well worth a visit. To see another side of Quebec, why not try a ghost walking tour where storytellers lead you through the streets of the Old Town by lantern, recounting the hangings and hauntings of days gone by?

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Day 10: Stowe

Perhaps better known as a fantastic winter destination, in summer visitors can head out hiking or mountain biking on the surrounding trails which the area is so famous for. You can also wander the stores for handicrafts and sample the local cuisine. With a half day in Stowe, you'll certainly have enough to fill your time.

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Day 11/12: Boston

In Boston, retrace the steps of the nation's forefathers with an included tour of the Freedom Trail or stroll the shops and stalls of Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market. Harvard University is nearby and as the oldest institution of higher learning in America, has plenty for history buffs to enjoy. After all this exploring why not hit the waterfront for a traditional seafood dinner?

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Day 13: Boston - New York City

Saying goodbye to Beantown, you make your way back towards 'the city that never sleeps' for the end of the tour.

This tour ends at our gateway hotel at approximately 17:00 hrs. We can book you post-tour accommodation at our gateway hotel if required. If you are planning to fly tonight, please do not book a flight that departs before 21:00 hrs.