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CAPE COD & MARTHA'S VINEYARD TOUR
SEPTEMBER 8–13, 2027 (6 DAYS)

TENTATIVE ITINERARY



Welcome aboard our annual escorted group tour to the serene Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard. This 6-day tour is guaranteed to be an experience filled with the perfect blend of excitement and relaxation - sure to kick off your early fall season in style! Enjoy the beautiful sandy beaches and laid-back atmosphere of Cape Cod, a popular vacation destination, with charming history. Combine this with the island of Martha's Vineyard that is truly known for its natural beauty – with its dramatic cliffs, pristine beaches, marshland and two wildlife sanctuaries. There is so much to explore on this beautiful tour. Your tour manager is looking forward to meeting you and delivering a professional and well-managed vacation. Outlined below is the daily summary - I hope you are ready for an enjoyable escape where all you have to do is sit back, relax, and enjoy.
Note: Please take a moment to read the information carefully, paying attention to the details surrounding Customs & Immigration section on the last page of this itinerary.

-Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Tentative Pickup Times

NOVA SCOTIA Guests
- Sobey's Lacewood Dr – 6:00am
- Dartmouth Crossing-Hampton Inn- 6:30am
- Halifax Airport Hotel – 6:50am
- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 7:35am

PEI Guests

Royalty Crossing Mall (near Superstore entrance) – 6:30am

NEW BRUNSWICK Guests
- Aulac, Irving Big Stop – 8:45am - 9:05am (20-minute rest stop)
- Moncton, McDonalds Magnetic Hill – 9:35am
- Saint John, (shuttle to Lincoln) - 9:45am (shuttle to Lincoln Irving Big Stop)
- Fredericton, Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 11:15am – 12:15pm (1-hour lunch stop)

Day 1 - Wednesday, September 8 – Home to Courtyard Marriott, South Portland, ME
- Your exciting group getaway departs this morning from your scheduled pick-up location.
- Please arrive at your pick-up location 15 minutes before departure, so we can have your luggage stored and allow time for you to get comfortably situated in your seat.
- Rest stops will be made as well as an hour lunch stop during today's drive. Costs for these meals are not included in your tour package (your expense).

- We are pre-registered with Customs officials so expect minimal delays at all border crossings. Please read the *Customs & Immigration section (last page of itinerary) regarding official documentation required for entry into the United States, as well as Collins Tours policies surrounding any decisions to deny you entry into the country.
- We expect an evening arrival at the Courtyard Marriott in South Portland, ME. For those interested we will drop you off at the Maine Mall to allow you time for shopping and dining on your own. Later, we will pick you up and shuttle you to our hotel where your luggage will be waiting in your room for you.
- Your tour manager will handle checking the group in, distribute your room keys, and have your bags (one per person) sent to your room.
- The remainder of the evening and dinner are on your own tonight (your expense). Options for dinner are close to our hotel, with a small bistro inside our hotel offering a limited menu for those who wish to relax in our hotel.

Day 2 – Thursday, September 9 – South Portland – Hampton Inn & Suites, West Yarmouth, MA (B, Welcome Dinner)



- Enjoy your complimentary breakfast this morning before our early morning check-out **(included)**. Be sure to cover any personal incidentals (i.e., movie rental, phone charges) before checking out of the hotel.
- We will stop for a mid-morning break before arriving at Quincy Market & Faneuil Hall Marketplace, located in downtown historical Boston.
- Enjoy some time exploring over 100 fine shops, specialty pushcarts and delightful restaurants at Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Quincy Market.
- Lunch is on your own today with a multitude of fresh made-to-order dining options in Quincy Market (your expense).
- Following lunch, we welcome our professional local step-on guide who will showcase the history of this impressive city, Boston – a colonial and modern-day gem.
- Once we have finished our tour, we make our way down to West Yarmouth, Mass in "The Cape". Expect a late afternoon arrival at the Hampton Inn & Suites - our home for the next three nights. West Yarmouth is located 3 miles East of Hyannis, the largest and liveliest of the seven villages in the town of Barnstable, MA. It is the commercial and transportation hub of Cape Cod and what many refer to as the "Capital of the Cape". It boasts miles of pristine beaches, breathtaking scenery, museums, and where former president John F Kennedy and his family had their summer home.
- Once again, relax and enjoy your Collins Tours signature hotel check-in service as your tour manager handles the groups check in, distributes your room keys and has your luggage delivered to your room.
- Tonight, join your tour manager and fellow travellers as we gather for our Group Welcome Dinner, complete with a glass of beer or wine **(included)**. Toast to our adventures ahead and the new friends we'll make along the way!
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure

Day 3 – Friday, September 10 – Martha's Vineyard – Hyannis (B)

- Enjoy a delightful hot buffet breakfast **(included)** before boarding the coach for our start to a full day of sightseeing on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Our first stop on the mainland is Woods Hole where we will

board our ferry to Martha's Vineyard and meet our Step-On Guide for the day **(return ticket included)**. This scenic ferry crossing puts us in Oak Bluffs in approximately 45 minutes after leaving the mainland port.

- Stops for treasure hunting, shopping as well as lunch (on own) are planned in the wonderful town and tourist destination, Edgartown.
- Other stops today include the cliffs at Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association – an 1800s campground noted for its colourful "gingerbread" cottages, and more! Keep your eyes peeled, as you may just spot some of the rich and famous who call the area home—including Barack & Michelle Obama, Dan Aykroyd, Diane Sawyer, Carly Simon, Bill Murray, and director Spike Lee to name a few!
- We board the ferry again in Oak Bluffs as we bid farewell to Martha's Vineyard and head back to the mainland.
- Before arriving back at our hotel, we will make a convenience stop at the Cape Cod Mall where you will have may options for dinner and enjoy some shopping (your expense).
- Following our time at the mall, we will make our way back to the hotel where you can enjoy the remainder of the evening at your leisure (your expense).

Day 4 - Saturday, September 11 – Hyannis - Provincetown (B, Group Lobster Dinner- Alternative Substitute Available)



- Start your day with another buffet breakfast **(included)** at the hotel.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers as we begin our professionally guided "Highlights of Hyannis and Provincetown" tour, featuring historic Main Street, Hyannis Port, the Kennedy Memorial & museum (**included**). Note: gratuities are additional and at your discretion.
- Enjoy shopping and lunch (your expense) during our stop in Provincetown in the many stores/souvenir shops that are within walking distance.
- Next, we make a brief stop at a historic lighthouse, and the world-famous beaches of the Cape Cod National Seashore.
- We head back to the hotel for some time to freshen up before enjoying our group dinner in Hyannis.
- This evening, the coach will drive the group from our hotel to a fabulous local restaurant, where we will enjoy a tasty **lobster dinner (price included)!** (Alternate dish will also be available for those who do not wish to have lobster).
- After our dinner, the coach will shuttle us back to the hotel, leaving you time to relax and enjoy the rest of the evening on your own (your expense).

Day 5 - Sunday, September 12 – Hyannis – Hampton Inn, Augusta ME (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Your hot buffet breakfast **(included)** is served inside the hotel once again this morning.
- Be sure to cover any personal incidentals (i.e., movie rental, phone charges) before checking out of the hotel.
- Our first stop this morning is a visit to the Sandwich Glass Museum where we are treated to an educational glass blowing demonstration and find out about the history of glassmaking (**included**).
- Next up is a stop at Plymouth Rock. This waterfront monument showcases the storied rock where the Mayflower Pilgrims first landed in 1620.
- Following Plymouth Rock, we head to the historical and newly restored Mayflower II replica of the original ship that brought the Pilgrims to America over 400 years ago. **(included)**!

- Lunch will be on your own and at your own expense today.
- After lunch, meet your coach and bid farewell to beautiful Cape Cod! A short snack break/ rest stop are built into this afternoon's drive.
- We'll arrive this evening at the Hampton Inn Augusta, our hotel for the evening. Relax during our group check in service as your tour manager distributes room keys and has your luggage delivered to each room.
- Take time to freshen up this evening to join your tour manager and fellow travellers as we gather for our "Farewell Dinner" complete with a glass of complimentary wine or beer. Share stories of time together and start planning our next getaway! **(Meal and 1 glass of wine or beer included)**.
- Following dinner, the rest of the evening is on your own.

Day 6 – Monday, September 13 – Home (B)

- Enjoy your complimentary full hot breakfast before checking out of your room **(included).**
- We will have rest stops along our route today with a lunch stop (your expense) along the way.
- We make our way this morning to the Duty-Free Store, where you will have the opportunity to make your purchases before continuing to the Canadian border. Your duty-free allowance is $800 per person.
- Your tour manager will assist the group through Canadian Customs and Immigration, helping to ensure a smooth and organized border crossing.
- All guests can expect to **return to their original pick-up points**. Estimated arrival times can be found below. **NOTE:** All arrival and departure times are estimates and may change.

RETURN DROP-OFF TIMES

New Brunswick Guests:

- Murray's Irving: 1:00pm-2:00pm (1 hour lunch stop)
- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – 3:00pm (15-min rest stop)
- Saint John, (shuttle from Lincoln) – 4:30pm
- Moncton, McDonalds Magnetic Hill – 4:45pm (25 minute dinner stop if required)
- Aulac Big Stop – 5:45pm - 6:10pm, 25-min rest stop

Nova Scotia Guests:

- Truro Heights Irving Big Stop – 6:50pm
- Halifax Airport Hotel – 7:40pm
- Dartmouth Crossing Hampton Inn - 8:00pm
- Halifax Sobeys – Lacewood Dr – 8:25pm

PEI Guests:

Charlottetown, Royalty Crossing - Superstore Entrance – 7:15pm

Hotel Contact Information:

Sep 8	Courtyard by Marriott – 100 Southborough Dr, South Portland, ME	Ph: 207-774-7301
Sep 9, 10,11	Hampton Inn & Suites – 99 Route 28, West Yarmouth, MA	Ph: 508-862-9010
Sep 12	Hampton Inn – 388 Western Avenue, Augusta, ME	Ph: 207-622-4077

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are **a guideline and may need to be adjusted** by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd operations or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, construction on roads, changes to concert or sporting event times, ferry crossings, bridge closers, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable, due to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due to any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above.**
- Seat rotation policy is in effect for this group motor coach tour. **Front seats are not guaranteed**; however, the front rotation of motorcoach can be accommodated with notice from physicians.
- We ask that everyone respects timelines, as determined by your tour manager, as well as keeping scents to a minimum due to some passengers having allergies. This will help ensure ALL **clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.**
- Tour prices do NOT include people's incidental room charges, such as movie rentals, internet, phone calls, etc. Give the front desk your credit card information to cover these fees.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage or personal items. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delay, motor coach delays, ferry delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above yet may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind for these additional expenses, loss of use, loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate person's travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage. It is highly recommended to purchase trip interruption or cancellation coverage in case of any interruptions once travel has begun. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchased in advance.
- **U.S. Customs and Immigration – All guest's must present a **valid passport that does not expire during your visit to the USA**. The U.S. has the right to refuse entry to anyone with a past record. Please check with them to clarify your status BEFORE departing. Collins Tours is not responsible for decisions by U.S. Customs & Immigration; Collins Tours is not responsible for any expenses associated with being denied entry at the border, any return transportation costs, or losses of tour due to the above or any similar occurrences not described above, with similar outcomes.
- Crossing the border with Prescription Medication: All prescription medication needs to be clearly labeled for Customs Immigration to clear it.
- Duty Free Rules allow you to claim $800pp when you are out of the country for at least 48 hours.

➢ **REMEMBER**: Your Tour Manager handles hotel check in/checkout procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at events, hotels, ferry terminals, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or their experience to the fullest.

➢ **Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying 'Thank You," for a job well done.

- **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette***:
  - Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from $7.00 - $8.50 per person, per day.
  - Bus driver- $5.00 - $6.00 per person, per day.
  - Private city tour guides- $3.00 per person, per day