



CAPE COD & MARTHA’S VINEYARD TOUR SEPTEMBER 9 - 14, 2026 (6 DAYS)

Tentative Itinerary



Welcome aboard our annual escorted group tour to the stunning and 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 dating back to the 17th century. Combine this with the island of Martha’s Vineyard that is truly known for its natural beauty – with dramatic cliffs, pristine beaches, marshland and two wildlife sanctuaries. There is so much to explore on this beautiful tour. Outlined below is the daily summary. Your tour manager is looking forward to meeting you and delivering a professional and well-managed vacation. 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

Final Pickup Times

NOVA SCOTIA Guests

- Halifax Sobey’s Lacewood Dr – 6:15am
- Dartmouth Crossing-Hampton Inn- 6:45am
- Truro Hampton Inn – 7:45am

NEW BRUNSWICK Guests

- Aulac, Irving Big Stop – 8:55am -9:20am (25-minute rest stop)
- Saint John, Route 1 Irving (shuttle to Lincoln)- 9:45am
- Fredericton, Lincoln Irving Big Stop – 11:20am – 12:20pm (1-hour lunch stop)

PEI Guests

Royalty Crossing (formerly Charlottetown Mall) Superstore Entrance – 7:00am

Day 1 - Wednesday, September 9 – 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.
- Enjoy morning snack/coffee breaks, as well as an hour lunch stop during today’s drive. Prices for these meals are not included in your tour package (**at your expense**).

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- 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 **(at own expense)**. 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.
- Dinner this evening is at **your own 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 10 - South Portland - Hampton Inn & Suites, West Yarmouth, MA (B, Welcome Dinner)

- Enjoy your complimentary breakfast this morning before our check-out.
- 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 free time is followed by our local step-on guide showcasing 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. Expect a late afternoon arrival at the all-new Hampton Inn & Suites hotel - 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 distributes your room keys and has your luggage delivered to your rooms.
- Tonight, we gather for our Group Welcome Dinner, complete with a glass of beer or wine **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.



Day 3 - Friday, September 11 - 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), a chance to see Chappaquiddick Island, Wood's Hole the Martha's Vineyard Campground Association, and West Tisbury. Keep your eyes peeled

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as you may see David Letterman, Carly Simon, Jake Gyllenhaal, Meg Ryan, Bill Murray, Michael J Fox,
Spike Lee and Kelly Ripa to name a few.

- We board the ferry again as we head back to the mainland.
- Before reaching our hotel, we make a convenience stop at the Cape Cod Mall with its options for dining establishments and shopping.
- After reaching our hotel, the remainder of the evening will be on your own.

Day 4 - Saturday, September 12 – Hyannis - Provincetown (B, Group Lobster Dinner- Seafood substitute available)

- Start your day with another beautiful buffet breakfast (**included**) at the hotel.
- We begin our guided tour with the “Highlights of Hyannis,” featuring historic Main Street, Hyannis Port, the Kennedy Memorial & museum. (**Tour price included**, but gratuities are additional and at your discretion).
- Enjoy shopping and lunch (**on your own**) during our stop in Provincetown. Many stores/souvenir shops are within walking distance!
- Next, we travel to the historical lighthouses, quaint towns, and 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.



Day 5 - Sunday, September 13 – Hyannis – Hampton Inn, Augusta ME (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Your hot buffet breakfast 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.
- We have more exciting stops of exploring along our route today.
- Our first stop 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 and rest stop are built into this afternoon’s drive.
- This evening as we arrive in Augusta, 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 / beer included**).
- 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.
- Following dinner, the rest of the evening is on your own.

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Day 6 – Monday, September 14 – Home (B)

- Enjoy your complimentary full hot breakfast before checking out of your room **(included)**.
- We will have rest stops at locations and a lunch stop (on own) location convenient to our route.
- We make our way this morning to the Duty-Free Store and then to the Canadian Border for our appointment at the Duty-Free Store. Your duty-free allowance is \$800 per person.
- Your tour manager will represent the group at Canadian Customs and Immigration.
- All guests can expect to **return to their original pick-up points**. Arrival times will be sent to you at least two weeks before the tour departs.
- **NOTE:** All arrival and departure times are estimates and may change.

TENTATIVE DROP-OFF TIMES

New Brunswick Guests:

- Murray’s Irving: 12:45pm-1:45pm (1 hour lunch)
- Lincoln, Irving Big Stop – 2:50pm
- Saint John, Route 1 Irving (shuttle from Lincoln) – 4:30pm
- Aulac Big Stop – 5:10pm (Meet shuttle to PEI) 24-min rest stop

Nova Scotia Guests:

- Truro Hampton Inn – 6:40pm
- Dartmouth Crossing Hampton Inn - 7:45pm
- Halifax Sobeys Lacewood Dr. – 8:15pm

PEI Guests:

Royalty Crossing - Superstore Entrance – 7:15pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Hotel Contact Information:

Sep 9	Courtyard by Marriott – 100 Southborough Dr, South Portland, ME	Ph: 207-774-7301
Sep 10,11,12	Hampton Inn & Suites – 99 Route 28, West Yarmouth, MA	Ph: 508-862-9010
Sep 13	Hampton Inn – 388 Western Avenue, Augusta, ME	Ph: 207-622-4077

- *Tour itineraries are a **guideline and may need to be adjusted** by CTC or your tour manager if impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, changes to concert or sporting event times, emergencies and/or an act of God. **Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable for any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any area due to unforeseen events described above.**
- *Seat Rotation Policy will be in effect for this tour and will be explained by your tour manager once on board. Please note front seats are not guaranteed with note from physician. To be fair to all, you will be rotated through the front half of the coach only with a physician’s note, or where possible closer to the front. The first 2 seats on the coach are not possible to be reserved even with doctor’s notice.
- We ask that everyone respect timelines, as determined by your tour manager, as well as keeping scents to a minimum due to some passenger having allergies. This will help ensure **ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.**
- **U.S. Customs and Immigration – All people must present a **valid passport to enter the country**. 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.

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- 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.
- Please remove all personal belongings when departing the bus.
- Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any delays of transportation, schedule 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 that may cause similar outcomes or delays. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind or credits, for these potential or actual 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 persons travel insurance for reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage. 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.
- **REMEMBER:** Your Collins Tours & Consulting tour manager handles your bags, check in/checkout, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary development) & represents the group during Customs & Immigrations. All this to ensure you enjoy your experience to the fullest!
Gratuities for your Tour Manager & Driver are **NOT** included in the tour price.

Here are 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



Thank you for choosing to travel with Collins Tours!
We look forward to assisting you with all your future travel needs.

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