

The Northeast Border Crossing EIGHT MAJOR CITIES AND MORE...

21 DAYS/2600 MILES

MOTORHOME ITINERARY

This itinerary can be booked to start/end in **Boston, New York, Washington DC, Montreal** or **Toronto** – simply re-arrange the campground bookings to fit. This tour is available Mid May to Mid October.

Day 1 On arrival into Boston, make your way to the airport area hotel you have booked and enjoy a relaxing overnight stay.

Day 2 Call Cruise America first thing to arrange the time for motorhome collection. Unless you have pre-purchased the 'Early Bird' departure special, you will make your own way by taxi to the rental office this afternoon. Once you have your motorhome, get yourself on to Interstate 95 North. You will be driving just under 100 miles to your first overnight campground, the **Saco/Portland South KOA** in Saco, Maine, near Old Orchard Beach, southern Maine's premier sandy strand! Great sightseeing advice, discounts to nearby attractions and whale-watching excursions to Kennebunkport are all available here.



Canoing at Bar Harbor

Day 3/4 A 184-mile, mainly coastal drive today, should have you at Bar Harbor by lunchtime – and here you will rest for two nights at the waterfront site of **Bar Harbor KOA**. The 3500 feet of Atlantic shoreline by the entrance to Acadia National Park includes a private swimming beach – and sometimes a display by the local seals! Drive, hike or bike to the top of Cadillac Mountain or rent a kayak for the view of Mount Desert Island. An hourly shuttle runs from the campground to Bar Harbor itself; go whale watching and fishing – and of course the specialty is Maine lobster.

Day 5 A 300 mile drive today, into New Hampshire, could take you up to 7 hours – so an early start is suggested to arrive mid-afternoon. En route, as you approach the White Mountains, the Kancamagus Scenic Byway is a showstopper – especially in autumn when 'Fall Foliage' bursts into color against the mountain pines. The road rises almost 3,000 feet, with scenic pull-offs and hiking trails. Your stop tonight is the **Woodstock KOA**.



Cog Railway



Day 6 After yesterday's long drive, just 50 miles today to the **Twin Mountains KOA** where you will stay overnight. Again an early start is recommended; all the attractions of the White Mountain National Forest area are available to you. Spectacular views, family theme parks, hiking and biking – and even moose-sighting tours! Take the Cog Railway up 6,288-foot Mount Washington – highest peak in the northeast.

Day 7/8 This is quite a long drive but it will be worth it when you end up in Quebec City, Canada, on the banks of the St Lawrence River. The suggestion is that you make an early start for this 200-mile, 5-hour trip so that you can make the very best of your first few days in Canada. You will cross the US/Canadian border at Beecher Falls; be sure everyone in the party has passports at the ready. **Quebec City KOA**, where you will spend the next two nights, is just a shuttle ride away from the winding lanes and stone buildings of one of North America's most charming cities. Imagine being in the streets of Paris? You got it – plus the Changing of the Guard on summer days at the Citadel. Your KOA hosts will provide Guidebooks and arrange any tours that take your fancy.

Day 9 Head south along the St Lawrence for another icon of Quebec – Montreal and the **Montreal South KOA**. Located just 15 freeway miles from the City Center, tours and a shuttle bus are available daily. Though so close to the City, Montreal South is located in a quiet rural setting. Your 166-mile drive today will be about 3 hours if you take the freeway; slightly longer if you meander along the southern shores of the St Lawrence.

Day 10 Drive 116 miles into Ontario today, stopping en route for a few hours at Canada's Capital, Ottawa. Watch the Changing of the Guard at Parliament Hill overlooking the Ottawa River but be sure to leave early enough to make the 65-mile, just over an hour, drive to get to the **Renfrew KOA** in time to hear the loons (they are birds!) herald the sunset over the lake! The action here centers on this large spring-fed lake where you can swim, fish, rent a paddleboat or rowboat or just soak up the sun on the beach.

Day 11/12 A long drive today, over 300 miles; but it is freeway all the way and should take little more than 5 hours. So, if you want to enjoy some more of that lakeside beach before setting off, you do have the time. You are headed for Toronto on the banks of Lake Ontario, home of the famous CN Tower. The **Toronto West KOA** will be your home for two nights – and Gray Line tours depart to Toronto every day. This campground is near the Niagara Escarpment, and International Biosphere; enjoy world-class hiking, rock climbing and nature centers.

Day 13 Just 80 miles today to stay 3 miles from that most amazing of natural attractions, Niagara Falls. You will cross back into the United States over the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge so, again, be sure to have your passports ready. **The Niagara Falls KOA** is on the USA side of the Falls. It has a heated indoor pool, a spa and two outdoor heated pools. A shuttle runs to The Falls regularly in season and a double-decker bus picks up every morning. Plan on a Maid of the Mist boat ride for sure – and ask your hosts about the combined IMAX film and dinner atop the Skylon Tower.



Maid of the Mist boat ride at Niagara Falls

Day 14/15 Next stop, Watkins Glen and the Corning Glass Museum. 190 miles today and if you leave at 8am, you'll be there at the **Watkins Glen/Corning KOA** by lunchtime. You will be staying here for two nights – though they do recommend double that because there is so much to see and do! This is the Finger Lakes region of New York State and the 2 miles long Watkins Glen Gorge is awesome. With 19 waterfalls, 300-foot cliffs and 80 steps going over and under the waterfalls, you'd better have your walking boots on! As well as Corning Glass –

Driving time: 54 hours (2.5 hrs per day average)

the place for buying a fabulous souvenir – there are over 40 wineries in this area.

Day 16 Like chocolate? There is none better than Hershey! And as you cross into Pennsylvania today, that is just where you are headed – to the land of chocolate. Your **Jonestown KOA** hosts provide a shuttle in season to 'Hersheypark', where Chocolate Kiss characters dispense hugs, and rides range from gentle to ultra-thrilling. Your drive today is 180 miles – easy to be there by lunchtime. Wonder what you will fancy eating..?

Day 17/18 Just 135 miles to Capital Hill! This certainly has been a varied trip; from Bar Harbor to Canada's 'Paris'; from the Changing of the Guard to Niagara Falls and from the Museum of Glass to the home of chocolate; from the Capital of Canada to the US Capital Building. For now we are headed to Washington DC, and the nearest KOA to the city: **Washington DC Northeast**. You are booked here for two nights. Guided tours depart for DC daily and free transportation takes you to DC's transit system. If you wish, there are also discount tickets available to Six Flags Amusement Park.



Ride the fire-truck at Newburgh KOA

Day 19/20 277 miles across southern Pennsylvania; if you want to add Philadelphia to your list of major cities on this trip, it will mean a detour and add 23 miles. Just over five hours will cover the basic trip, so a couple of hours in the City will break your journey about half-way. Spend a restful evening at the **Newburgh/New York City North KOA** where you are booked in for two nights. Swim in one of the two pools, play mini-golf, fish in the pond and enjoy the nightly fire-truck ride to cap off the day! This KOA is 70 miles north of New York City – be sure to book a guided city tour from the campground.

Day 21 Headed back to Boston today and because it is a 3-hour journey of just under 200 miles, if you are returning your motorhome by 11am, you will certainly need to make a very early start. But if you have taken the 'Early Bird' option, then you can have a more relaxed journey ready for a 3pm return to Cruise America.

