

CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

Featuring

The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat

4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS

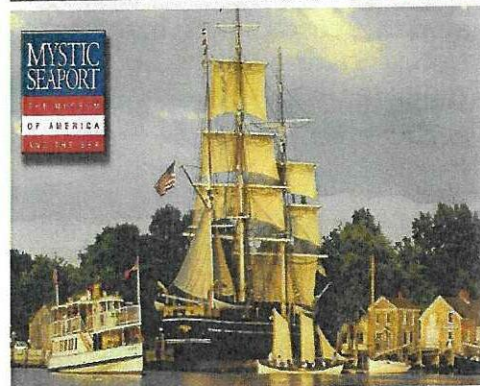
OCTOBER 13 - 16, 2026

\$749 Per Person *Double Occupancy*
\$1,019 Per Person *Single Occupancy*



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * 3 Night's lodging
- * 3 Breakfasts
- * 3 Dinners
- * Essex Steam Train & Riverboat Excursion
- * Olde Mistick Village
- * Mystic Seaport Living History Museum
- * Connecticut River Museum
- * Florence Griswold Museum
- * Souvenir gift
- * Baggage handling
- * Taxes and meal gratuities
- * Motorcoach transportation



Cancellation insurance available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.



FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

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The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

Day 1 - A morning departure has you heading for the **Connecticut River Valley**. Arrive at your hotel where you will check into your rooms and prepare for **dinner** at a local restaurant.

Day 2 - After breakfast, you will depart for Essex, CT for the **Connecticut River Museum** to discover the heritage and natural beauty of the Connecticut River. Explore the exhibits that focus on the marine environment and maritime heritage of the area. Enjoy lunch on your own and some window shopping in downtown Essex, then proceed to the 1891 Essex Station for the **Essex Steam Train & Riverboat**. This spectacular, 2 1/2-hour, 12-mile, narrated round-trip journey will take you into the heart of the unspoiled Connecticut River Valley which is designated by the Nature Conservancy as "one of the last great places on earth". Experience an authentic journey back to the days of steam as the steam locomotive pulls the vintage coaches at 20 mph through the quintessential New England towns of Deep River and Chester. The picturesque countryside includes nostalgic towns, forests, streams, pristine meadows, a quaint farm, a millpond with waterfall, and trestles and bridges over rivers and creeks. A natural highlight is the undeveloped Selden Neck State Park, accessible only by boat. Your train ride passes several coves and preserves and travels near the tidal wetlands of Pratt Cove and Chester Creek, natural habitats for birds. At Deep River Landing, passengers are escorted onto the **Becky Thatcher Riverboat** for a cruise along the Connecticut River. Learn about the history that makes the Connecticut River special. The visual serenity of the river valley is on full display from the riverboat's multiple decks. The deep water, coves, inlets, marshes, wildlife, and rocky shoreline are all breathtaking! You will also pass historic sights including Gillette Castle, Goodspeed Opera House, and the Haddam Swing Bridge. Your cruise will return to Deep River Landing where you will board the steam train for the return trip back to Essex Station. After your scenic excursion, continue to **dinner** at an area restaurant.

Day 3 - Enjoy breakfast, depart for **Old Lyme, CT** for admission to the **Florence Griswold Museum** which once was a boardinghouse run by Florence Griswold for American Impressionist artists who often painted on the walls and doors of the house. It was the center of the Old Lyme Art Colony and is noted for its collection of paintings. The entire first floor has been furnished to reflect its appearance in about 1910. The second floor is exhibition space in five galleries with rotating selections from the permanent collection, as well new acquisitions. From here, continue to **Mystic, CT** to visit **Olde Mistick Village**, an outdoor venue with shops, boutiques, eateries, and seasonal events in a throwback village setting. Enjoy lunch on your own while at Olde Mistick Village before visiting nearby **Mystic Seaport Museum** where you can visit the exhibits and historic vessels. This living history museum is the nation's leading maritime museum and features a permanent collection and new acquisitions in their exhibits. It is notable for its collection of sailing ships and boats and for the re-creation of the crafts and fabric of an entire 19th-century seafaring village. **Dinner** will once again be included at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 4 - Breakfast this morning, then check and and depart for home with lasting memories of the **Connecticut River Valley**.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVELS!

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

*Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.*