

# Gateway to New England

Suggested itinerary as you travel between New York  
and other New England destinations

**Thrill your guests with an overnight and two enjoyable days going either direction!**

From New York ( 2.5 hours from Time Square)

**Day 1** (Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays are the days of the matinee although Saturday and Sunday sell out quickly)\*

Begin exploring Southern Connecticut at **The Essex Steam Train and Riverboat** adventure for a scenic cruise. Enjoy a beautiful train ride to the docks of *The Becky Thatcher* riverboat followed by a relaxing cruise on the Connecticut River and a return train ride back to Essex Station.

We will pack you a box lunch and send you up to the historic **Goodspeed Opera House** for a 2:00 matinee where you will experience Broadway quality musicals. 2019 season includes *The Music Man*, *Because of Winn Dixie* and *Billy Elliot the Musical*.

\*On other days join us at the Steam Train for a 3-course lunch aboard restored 1920's Pullman dining cars as part of a lunch, train and riverboat sightseeing excursion.

Less than an hour away is an overnight in Mystic at either the **Hampton Inn and Suites** or the **Mystic Marriott** with several dinner choices in town. Your group will also enjoy a stroll through this quintessential New England community packed with art galleries and shops.

## **Day 2**

Choose your adventure at **Mystic Aquarium!** Enjoy the liberty of exploring both indoor and outdoor exhibits year-round. With thousands of animals including New England's only beluga whales, African penguins frogs fish and more there are countless opportunities to "dive deeper" into discovery.

You will also not want to miss the **Mystic Seaport Museum**. Experience a recreated New England Seafaring village with homes, gardens, and demonstrations. Climb aboard historic vessels or take your group out on the water in the 1908 steamboat *Sabino* or the launch *Liberty*.

Continue your adventure to Boston, Cape Cod and may other beautiful destinations around New England. And, of course, you can reverse this trip while going from Boston to New York.

**We hope you'll visit soon!**

## Contact information for the aforementioned locations.

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### **Suggested Lodging**

**The Hampton Inn & Suites** offers a fine standard of convenience among Mystic, CT hotels. This hotel is within walking distance to the areas top attractions such as Mystic Seaport, Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration and Olde Mistick Village.

Your group will enjoy free in-room WiFi, free access to the indoor heated pool and fitness center, and Hamptons free hot breakfast with our signature waffles and oatmeal.

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**The Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa**, located in Groton, CT features newly renovated space including 285 guestrooms, lobby, lounge bar, Starbucks, fitness center, and pool. With over 20,000 square feet of flexible meeting Their expert Banquet, Culinary, and Event Management teams are ready to serve you and your group with the service you have come to expect from the Marriott brand.

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