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Amtrak Downeaster

Explore Fall In New England

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Brian MacKenzie Teepell/USPA 24 News - If you were to ask any New Englander, the best time to visit, most would tell you that the fall is the best time to experience the charms that the region has to offer. New England is known for some of the most picturesque portraits of fall landscapes that are famous throughout America and around the world. A great way to enjoy and explore these breathtaking views, is to park your car and hop on the Amtrak Downeaster.

The Amtrak Downeaster provides 5 round trips daily between Brunswick, Maine and Boston, Massachusetts (North Station) The Downeaster is operated by Amtrak and managed by the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) The name Downeaster was chosen to honor the Down East region of Maine. The route spans 145 miles(233 km) and services 12 stops throughout 3 New England States.

During the three hour journey, passengers onboard the Amtrak Downeaster will see quaint rural villages, charming small towns, and larger metropolitan areas as it makes it's way through parts of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Whether planing a day trip, a weekend getaway or a longer vacation, it is important to keep in mind that it is not just the final destination that is important, but the journey to get there can be just as exciting. Whether traveling to Portland, Maine to take in some fine dining and museums, Old Orchard Beach to catch some sun and experience beach life, destinations in New Hampshire for some great outlet shopping or Boston for a professional sporting event or concert, the Downeaster is a relaxing and worry free way to make the journey. The Downeaster services the following stations in Maine: Brunswick, Freeport, Portland, Old Orchard Beach, Saco and Wells. In New Hampshire the Downeaster Services the following stations: Dover, Durham, and Exeter. In Massachusetts the Downeater services the following stations: Haverhill, Woburn, and Boston.

When stepping onto the Downeaster passengers will find large reclining seats with lots of legroom. Each seat has access to an oversized window which treats the guest to an amazing viewing experience which showcases some of the best scenery that New England has to offer. Each seat is equipped with power outlets which allows guests to keep devices charged and connected with complimentary wifi. There is also a Cafe where guests may purchase a drink of choice(including an alcoholic beverage), many tasty snacks and small meals.

The Amtrak Downeaster provides a safe and comfortable environment to stay connected to work, enjoy the solitude of watching the world go by while listening to a favorite album, or maybe even make a new friend.

Each station on the Downeaster route is equipped with Park & Ride options making it easier to leave the car behind and enjoy stress free traveling while experiencing an adventure that only the train can provide. As many New Englanders prepare for Thankgiving weekend, many will face congested highways and extremely busy airports. Why not park the car, step onto the Amtrak Downeaster and enjoy a relaxing journey. With many connections in Boston, Amtrak can offer service throughout the entire United States.

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