

MC HOG's Great Northern Ride. May 26 - June 3

Come take a 9 day, 8 night trip with MC HOG up to Maine and Canada. This trip leaves on Saturday May 26 on Memorial Day weekend and returns the next Sunday afternoon. It is a long trip, but we cover a lot of ground and we see a lot of things. With the holiday being Monday, you only take 4 days off work for a 9 day trip.

Our ride north has us shoot up into New York State on day 1 before getting onto scenic back roads and by-ways.

Day 2 has us taking a ferry across Lake Champlain, touring Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory, and going up Mt Washington in Vermont.

Day 3 crosses New Hampshire, enters Maine, and we stay 2 nights in Bar Harbor. We will go on a whale watching boat, ride Acadia National Park, and be the first people in the US to watch the sunrise from Cadillac Mountain.

Day 5 we head east along the shoreline to Canada. We'll cross at Lubec, see the beautiful gardens of Campobello, then take 2 ferries to the mainland.

Day 6 we reach Prince Edward Island and take a riding tour of its many lighthouses.

Day 7 we start our long trip home leaving Canada and making it to Freeport, Maine where LL Bean's headquarters is open 24 hours a day.

Day 8 and Day 9 are used to travel home. We'll take 2 days so it will still be a pleasant ride.

YOU MUST HAVE A PASSPORT TO TAKE THIS TRIP. The US requires you to

have a passport to re-enter the States from Canada.

With 8 nights in hotels, that will be our biggest expense, so we have tried our best to find affordable hotels and motels each night. *Approximately \$660 if you are travelling alone.* We also recommend splitting a room with another person to cut your costs in half. Otherwise expect to spend money on gas and food, (the whale watching boat is \$45 per person and the lumberjack show is \$13). Room blocks have been setup at each of the hotels on the list. **You must call each hotel individually, identify yourself as part of the block, and reserve your room.**

Trip Itinerary.

Day ONE: Saturday May 26. Depart the Waffle House / 7-11 gas station on Rt 80 in Urbana, MD at 8am sharp. We stay the night at the Red Roof Inn in Herkimer, NY. (315) 866-0490 Under MC HOG. Rate (includes tax) will be \$90 (single or double). Ask for Paul.

Day TWO: Sunday May 27. We cross Lake Champlain, tour Ben & Jerry's, ride up Mt Washington and stay at the Town & Country Hotel (800)-325-4386. Ask for Scott, under MC HOG Rate is \$83 (single) or \$98 (double) includes tax.

Day THREE: Monday May 28 we finish our leisurely ride across Maine and stay in Bar Harbor for **2 nights**. Hotel is Belle Isle Motel. Call Camille at (207) 537-3546. Rate for TWO nights is \$152.60 (includes tax) for a single, \$172.22 (includes tax) for a double. This hotel charges a non-refundable \$25 deposit when making the reservation.

Day FOUR: Tuesday May 29. We take a whale watching ship for \$45 at 12noon and spend the rest of the day riding Acadia National Park. Hotel info is same as Day 3.

Day FIVE: Wednesday May 30. We head to Canada by way of Lubec and two free ferries. We'll stop at Campobello, childhood residence of FDR (free). Hotel is Canada's Best in St John's. (506) 657-7320 Rate is \$89 plus tax (\$105 Includes tax) *in Canadian dollars.* Speak to Carol if any problems arise.

Day SIX: Thursday May 31. We head to Prince Edward Island and take a riding tour of the lighthouses. Hotel is Canada's Best in Charlottetown. (902) 892-2481 Rate is \$71.99 (\$84.23 Includes tax) *in Canadian dollars.* Speak to Nancy if any problems arise.

Day SEVEN: Friday June 1. Depart PEI and head to the US and almost out of Maine. We'll spend the night in Freeport, home of LL Bean (their huge flagship store is open 24 hours a day). Hotel is Maine Idyll Motor Court. Cabins from \$61 to \$79 before tax. Group under MC HOG (207) 865-4201

Day EIGHT: Saturday June 2. We drive on byways and small highways across New York, spending the night at the Best Western Johnson City. Rooms under MCHOG \$100.69 (includes tax). (607) 729-9194

Day NINE: Sunday June 3. Head for home taking back roads and some highway south through PA into MD. Expect to be home around 5pm.

If you are going on this ride, or have any questions, please let John Hardison know at trekkiejohn@gmail.com