



What's New in Discover New England for 2023

Connecticut

[Aer Lingus](#) will resume its popular nonstop flight from Bradley International Airport (Hartford) to Dublin, Ireland beginning March 26, 2023, bringing transatlantic service back to Connecticut's largest airport. The service will operate daily through October and offer connectivity to 28 key UK and European airports, including London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid, Barcelona, Rome and Prague and many more.

Recent accolades:

- [Hartford's Bradley International Airport](#) was just named one of the top ten airports in America.
- [Mohegan Sun](#) (Montville) was voted #1 "Best Casino Hotel for fifth consecutive year by USA TODAY's [10Best.com](#) Readers' Choice Awards
- [Winvian Farm](#) (Litchfield Hills) was named among the "[top destination spa resorts in the U.S.](#)" by Conde Nast Traveler.
- The [Mayflower Inn & Spa](#) (Washington) was named one of the "[top 30 hotels in the northeast](#)" by Conde Nast Traveler.

Maine

[Acadia GEM](#) (Bar Harbor/Acadia National Park)

Acadia GEM vehicles are now available for rent in Acadia National Park. The 100% electric, low-speed vehicles are available in two, four or six-seat models, and the all-glass roofs and removeable doors offer unrestricted views of the beauty of Bar Harbor and Acadia without leaving a carbon footprint. They are also pet friendly.

[Saddleback](#) (Rangeley)

Saddleback Ski Resort recently unveiled lift-serviced mountain biking. The Bike Park also includes the South Branch Bike trails. The Saddleback Bike Shop offers a full fleet of rentals, bike accessories, service and repairs. Saddleback joins [Mt. Abram](#) for lift-serviced biking. Saddleback is also in the midst of building its new Mid Mountain Lodge, which is planned to be finished in 2023. The lodge is located in Bicknell's thrush habitat and the resort is working with the Maine Audubon Society to protect the birds' habitat.

New Accessibility

[Popham Beach State Park](#) (Phippsburg) unveiled new accessibility upgrades in August. The park now has a 350-foot, blue mobility pathway made of recycled plastic and polyester that runs down the beach. It provides easier access to the beach for those with limited mobility as well as wheelchair users and people with baby strollers and wheeled coolers. [Old Orchard Beach](#) is offering free beach wheelchairs on a first-come, first-serve basis, despite each costing \$2,000. The ten specialized wheelchairs are available to check out at beachside hotels and the Old Orchard Beach Recreation Office.

[Maine Oyster Trail](#) (Statewide)

Whether you want to shuck, taste, learn from the experts or just grab and go, there's no better way to appreciate the fresh reward of Maine oysters than following along the Maine Oyster Trail. The interactive guide allows you to pick your desired oyster experience and explore the different coastal

New Hampshire

[Portsmouth Turns 400 in 2023](#) (Portsmouth)

Settled in 1623, the city of Portsmouth is celebrating its 400th birthday in 2023. The city will celebrate the milestone by honoring its diverse and dynamic history from the time of the early Native American settlements to the present. Programs, events, exhibits, and legacy projects have been planned throughout the year.

[Rhythm Craft Ciders](#) (Lincoln)

Seven Birches Winery has expanded into the hard/craft cider market with the development of an all-new brand, called Rhythm Craft Ciders. In addition to developing an all-new, natural cider line, Rhythm Ciders has opened a new tasting experience in downtown Lincoln, called the Rhythm Ciders Studio. Indoor and outdoor seating is available.

[Huttopia White Mountains](#) (Albany)

Huttopia now has accommodations that can house up to five people. Their Vista tiny houses offer comfort and a connection to the outdoors in an unforgettable glamping experience. Another new addition is the installation of an intimate activity hub, located on the beach where guests can sign up for canoe and paddle board rentals.

[Mount Washington Observatory EduTrip](#) (North Conway)

Fully experience the summit of Mount Washington by spending a night in their weather station at 6,288 feet above sea level. You'll get to enjoy a full day of sightseeing and alpine adventure, then join their staff scientists for a hearty dinner in the comfort of our heated weather station. NEW for 2023: The Mount Washington Observatory is offering six overnight experiences featuring a dedicated observatory leader in addition to a program instructor with two programs offered in January, February and March. Programs will have folks going up Mount Washington on Mondays and returning to the base on Tuesdays (weather permitting of course!).

Massachusetts

[The Embrace](#) (Boston)

Boston Common, America's first public park, has a vibrant 400-year-old history and a tradition of civic gatherings. The King Boston memorial, [The Embrace](#), will be anchored here in 2023, where in 1965 Dr. King called Boston to live by its highest ideals. The Embrace will provide a living space for conversation, education and reflection on the racial and economic justice ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and serve as a permanent monument to the Kings' time in Boston. More [info](#).

[Massachusetts Lighthouse Trail](#)

The Massachusetts Lighthouse Trail invites visitors to take a scenic road trip through the Bay State. Massachusetts is home to the first lighthouse site in the U.S., and now home to over 45 lighthouses. From Cape Ann to Cape Cod, travelers can journey along the trail to explore coastal communities and the maritime history of the Commonwealth.

[Massachusetts Sports Trail](#)

The Massachusetts Sports Trail invites folks to journey through our long and storied sports history—from Greater Boston, where one can cheer on our championship sports teams, to Western Massachusetts, which celebrates the birthplace of two popular American sports — basketball and volleyball. You can also up your game by trying out our trails, rivers, tracks, fields, and greens for yourself.

[Gloucester 400+™](#) (Gloucester)

This year-long celebration of city-wide educational programs, activities, and events commemorates Gloucester's founding in 1623. Throughout the year 2023, programs, activities, and events will highlight Gloucester's rich history, culture and heritage which will showcase Gloucester's diverse community, its extraordinary contributions to art and culture, remarkable industrial achievements, and wealth of natural resources that surround the City of Gloucester.

Rhode Island

[White Horse Tavern](#) (Newport)

The oldest tavern in America turns 350 in 2023. Chef Kevin DeMarco understands the importance of local provisioning and infusing flavor with fresh. Immerse yourself in history at an America's landmark and experience centuries of culture and inspired cuisine.

[Food Hall](#) (Providence)

The \$23.5 million project in the lower level of Union Station and will redevelop the historical space to deliver a diverse, inclusive and approachable hospitality experience that reflects the many cultural influences of Rhode Island. The food hall will be home to 13 separate restaurants and bars and is expected to open in May 2023.

[Newport Aquarium](#) (Newport)

The Newport Aquarium will move to the first floor of the Gateway Transportation and Visitors Center on America's Cup Avenue. The new location will increase the square footage of the aquarium five-fold and, with 6,500 square feet to work with, they plan to enhance and enrich its educational programs while bringing a new family-friendly experience to downtown Newport. The new facility is on track to open in Summer 2023.

[Rhode Island Red Food Tours](#) (Newport and Providence)

Choose from the Newport Neighborhood Food Tour and the Downcity Providence Food Tour. Tours in Newport (Thurs., Fri., Sat. and Sun.) and Providence (Fri., Sat. and Sun) include stops at six locally owned restaurants and eateries and about three hours. Guests learn about the history, art, architecture, and culinary culture of each city.

Vermont

[Amtrak's Ethan Allen Express](#)

Service expansion to three new stations began in 2022. Visitors from NYC and beyond are now able to visit Middlebury, Vergennes, and Burlington via train.

[Tälta Mountain Lodge](#) (Stowe)

Bluebird Hotels has opened a new property in Stowe. Most of its 51 rooms include private desks and modular gear walls.

[Parker Hill Farm and Boutique Campground](#) (Springfield)

This newly opened campground offers visitors a unique glamping experience on their alpaca farm.

[Café Mamajuana](#) (Burlington)

Named a best new restaurant semifinalist by the James Beard Foundation, this restaurant fuses Dominican, Afro-Caribbean, Italian and Spanish cuisines for a truly unique dining experience.

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