

NORTHEASTERN TREASURES: CANADA & NEW ENGLAND

Your 9-night journey includes: 7-night small ship cruise to Halifax, Saint John (New Brunswick), Portland; 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Boston (1 pre- and 1 post-cruise)

Join Vantage Deluxe World Travel on a spectacular 9-night small ship cruise through Canada and New England's most scenic ports. Beginning and ending in Boston, this voyage is filled with cultural explorations through Halifax, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick; and Portland, Maine.

Uncover iconic Revolutionary War sites in Boston, Lexington, and Concord, and follow in the footsteps of Paul Revere at the site of his famous midnight ride. In Halifax, you'll visit Fairview Lawn Cemetery and hear the compelling tale of the 121 victims of the RMS Titanic that are interred there. You'll also tour the city's picturesque Citadel, a star-shaped fortress constructed in 1856 to defend the city from invading forces. Portland's long history as an important maritime port comes to light during an enlightening tour. Your small ship cruise also allows time for you to explore more of these destinations at your leisure.

Throughout your small ship voyage, you'll enjoy the personalized service and luxury amenities found aboard the Vantage Deluxe World Travel's 5-star Ocean Explorer. Pamper yourself with a relaxing spa treatment, try your hand at hot rock cooking at the onboard specialty restaurant, pop into the fully-stocked library to borrow a bestseller, or simply sit back and unwind on the top-level observation deck while taking in the sweeping vistas. Your days on board are yours to spend as you wish.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

OCEAN EXPLORER CRUISING



Cruise on the Ocean Explorer, a stateof-the-art vessel that can navigate to places larger ships can't

HALIFAX



There is much to love about the beautiful city of Halifax, from its historical sites to its regional cuisine



Call on this historic New England city, brimming with maritime culture and classic architecture

BOSTON



Walk in the footsteps of early patriots as you explore important Revolutionary sites

SAINT JOHN, NB



Get a front-row seat to the unspoiled nature and historical significance of this charming city

LEXINGTON & CONCORD



Delve into the nation's revolutionary history with an included tour of Lexington and Concord

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Purchase your airfare from Vantage and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- Accommodations: 7 nights on board the Ocean
 Explorer, 1 night at The Westin Copley Place Boston
 (or similar) prior to your cruise, and an additional night
 at The Westin Copley Place Boston (or similar)
 following your cruise
- 22 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 7 dinners, with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner on board
- 7 included features and Cultural Discoveries
- The services of a Vantage Cruise Director and Program Manager, plus shipboard commentary, regional experts, and private motorcoach for excursions
- Complimentary Destination Manager service on

- **board** ship to assist with all your personal requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and other special requests in port
- Complimentary Vantage Deluxe Concierge Service
 prior to your journey, to plan celebrations, activities, or
 provide regional expertise. Log into My Portfolio and
 submit a request, or send an email any time up to two
 weeks prior to your departure at
 Concierge@vantagetravel.com
- Complimentary unlimited Wi-Fi
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- All transfers and baggage handling overseas
- Vantage 5% Travel Reward, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour Boston and visit the Old North Church, from where Paul Revere hung the tell-tale lanterns
- Visit Halifax and tour its picturesque Citadel, a star-shaped fortress constructed in 1856 to defend the city from invading forces
- While in Saint John, New Brunswick, see the Carleton Martello Tower, constructed during the War of 1812
- Follow in the footsteps of America's first patriots during a tour of

Lexington and Concord

• View the homes of literary icons Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott, and Ralph Waldo Emerson



NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend time in Rockwood Park, a massive park spanning over 2,000 acres, located in the heart of Saint John
- Witness the natural phenomenon of Saint John's Reversing Falls Rapids
- Enjoy Canada's scenic beauty as you sail through the Bay of Fundy



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS You'll enjoy a spectrum of picturesque sights and scenes on this journey. Here are a few tips to help you photograph them along the way:

- Change your perspective. Try shooting from a different angle, for example. Climb a stairwell and shoot a landscape from up high or, alternately, get low and shoot a scene from the ground.
 Wherever you are, embrace this artistic challenge by getting out of your comfort zone!
- Take a selfie! You'll be glad to have a few portraits of yourself at the distinctive landmarks you'll find on this journey

• Look beyond the landmarks — sometimes everyday scenes are just as inspiring, and provide a lesson in embracing the unexpected and seizing the moment in front of you



SMALL SHIP CRUISING HIGHLIGHTS

Our 5-star fleet offers an authentic sailing experience to make your journey unforgettable. While onboard, indulge in a relaxing massage at the spa, or try hot-rock cooking at the onboard restaurant. Then, disembark for an eye-opening visit to a local winery or a walking tour of some of the world's most iconic cities and undiscovered gems. All the while, enjoy these world-class ship amenities:

- 77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins, most of which have full walk-out balconies, for the most flexible style of travel
- plus, suites designed for comfortable triple-occupancy as well as adjoining room options
- A culinary program offering gourmet dining incorporating regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager
- Knowledgeable staff by region
- Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- Gift Shop
- Library with over 200 titles
- Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- Entertainment programming with 100 movie titles
- Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption
- Dynamic positioning technology
- State-of-the-art safety technology, Polar Code 6 compliant, and fully compliant with the latest SOLAS requirements in expedition cruising
- Rolls-Royce stabilizer system; "Safe Return to Port" technology



a gym

SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

On this small ship ocean cruise, independent travelers will enjoy solo-friendly features, such as:

- Onboard Destination Manager to personalize your expedition
- Water-sport opportunities, depending on the location
- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer
- Onboard entertainment, lectures, and cooking demonstrations
- Health and wellness options, including onboard spa, jacuzzis, and



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS Prior to your cruise, our complimentary Concierge service will be available to help you customize your journey. Here are just a few services your Concierge can provide:

 Do you have a special birthday, anniversary, family reunion or other important event you want to celebrate on board? Let your Concierge know, and he or she can make all the special arrangements, whether it's a private reception in your suite, a

gathering in the lounge, and more

- Restaurant reservations. Just notify your Concierge of your interests, and he or she will be happy to make recommendations, and will call ahead to reserve your table
- Special excursions. Would you like a limo to take you for a special night in the city? Perhaps you'd like to look up long-lost relatives. Your Concierge is here to help!
- Extend your stay! Your Concierge can help modify your hotel reservations and flights if you decide to stay on
- Tickets to local concerts, exhibits, theater, sporting events, and more

Take advantage of this free, start-to-finish service by making your requests prior to your journey or during your journey. We are one of the only companies to offer this level of service! Call 1-888-982-6824 or email Concierge@vantagetravel.com to speak to a Concierge today, or simply log into My Portfolio up to two weeks prior to departure. During your journey, your onboard Destination Manager can assist with any special requests such as spa reservations, hotel reservations, and more.

GLOUCESTER TO BOSTON

DAY 1:	Depart for Boston, Massachusetts The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar
DAY 2:	Uncover Boston's historical layers and embark the Ocean Explorer Ocean Explorer >
DAY 3:	Enjoy a day of scenic sailing on board Ocean Explorer >
DAY 4:	Visit historic Halifax and savor the local cuisine Ocean Explorer >
DAY 5:	Explore more of Halifax at your leisure Ocean Explorer >
DAY 6:	Enjoy another leisurely day on board Ocean Explorer >
DAY 7:	Take in the beauty and history of Saint John, New Brunswick Ocean Explorer >
DAY 8:	Full day Portland Tour Ocean Explorer >
DAY 9:	Disembark the Ocean Explorer and explore America's revolutionary history The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar
DAY 10:	Return home today





DAY 1: Depart for Boston, Massachusetts

Fly to Boston, New England's sophisticated center of culture. Upon arrival, a Vantage representative will meet you at the airport to assist with transfers to your hotel. After check-in, you'll have time to explore the city at your leisure. The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar

DAY 2: Uncover Boston's historical layers and embark the Ocean Explorer

As the birthplace of the nation, Boston is steeped in American history. You'll head out to see its major sites, including Back Bay, Trinity Church, the Boston Public Library, the Public Garden, Boston Common, and the brick-lined lanes of

Beacon Hill. After time to browse the Italian North End and its renowned Old North Church, from where Paul Revere hung the tell-tale lanterns, you'll cross the Charles River and head to Cambridge for a stroll through Harvard Yard.

Following your tour, you'll head to Gloucester and embark the Ocean Explorer to begin your small ship ocean cruise. Relax in your sumptuous stateroom, or enjoy a drink on deck as you set off on your adventure.

Include Feature:

• Half-day Boston highlights tour Included meals: Breakfast & dinner Ocean Explorer >

DAY 3: Enjoy a day of scenic sailing on board

You'll have a full day of scenic sailing to indulge in your ship's 5-star amenities. Relax on the sundeck, visit the spa for a soothing treatment, and shop for souvenirs at the onboard gift shop. At mealtimes, savor culinary creations prepared by your skilled onboard chefs. In the evening, head up to the Observation Deck for magnificent stargazing.

Onboard Enhancement: Customize your journey

when you add an optional onboard experience. Enhance your time on board with one of our Vantage-exclusive activities, including wine and whiskey tastings, a multicourse Chef's Table Dinner, or an exclusive wine-pairing dinner.

Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Ocean Explorer >

DAY 4: Visit historic Halifax and savor the local cuisine

Start your day in Halifax with a photo stop on top of Citadel Hill, a must-see stop on any itinerary that visits Halifax. Set atop an expansive hilltop overlooking the city, this strategic fort is a National Historic Site on which four fortifications have been constructed since the time of the city's founding in 1749. Step back in time to the mid-18th century, and immerse yourself in the military history of Halifax's 78th Highlanders and the 3rd Brigade Royal Artillery. Explore the manicured grounds and meticulously recreated period rooms, including the barracks, tailor shop, and school. On your return to the ship for lunch, you'll be able to take in more of Halifax's scenic sites. Enjoy a tasty lunch on board, followed by leisure time to continue your Halifax explorations on your own. This evening, enjoy dinner on the ship, followed by local onboard entertainment.

Included Feature:

Half-day Halifax tour

Cultural Discovery:

• Evening onboard entertainment Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Explorer >

DAY 5: Explore more of Halifax at your leisure

You'll have a full day at leisure to explore Halifax at your own pace. This lovely city is packed with

interesting museums, exciting attractions, great dining options, and world-class shopping. Your onboard Destination Manager can help you craft your own itinerary today.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Explorer >

DAY 6: Enjoy another leisurely day on board

Enjoy another day at sea aboard your elegant small ship. Visit the spa, relax in the well-stocked library, sip a cocktail as you take in the panoramic views from the sundeck, or perhaps get a workout in the gym. At mealtime, dine on delectable culinary creations prepared by your skilled onboard chefs.

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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner *Ocean Explorer* >

DAY 7: Take in the beauty and history of Saint John, New Brunswick

Located on the Bay of Fundy, Saint John is the oldest incorporated city in the New Brunswick province of Canada. Established in the late 18th century, the city is known for its incredible Reversing Falls Rapids, a phenomenon caused when the tides from the bay collide with the Saint John River. Today, you'll witness this natural wonder for yourself when you set out on a guided tour of this charming city. You'll be able to step out onto the large rooftop deck and the Skywalk observation platform to get a first-hand look. Don't forget your camera!

Next, you'll visit Carleton Martello Tower, one of nine such towers still in existence in Canada. These towers were constructed during the War of 1812 to defend Canada from overland invasion by the U.S. Together with Fort Howe and Fort Dufferin, the Carleton Martello Tower served as the third link in the defense of Saint John. The tower remained in use by the Canadian military through several notable conflicts, including both World Wars, until it was decommissioned in 1944.

Your next stop will be Rockwood Park. Located in the heart of Saint John, this massive park spans over 2,000 acres. In addition to its unspoiled beauty, the park's ten lakes and more than fifty walking trails, make it a favorite spot for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. Your tour will continue with a scenic drive through Saint John, with your knowledgeable guide pointing out historic places of interest, such as King's Square and the Loyalist Burial Ground.

At the conclusion of the tour, you'll return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure before sailing on to your next destination.

Included Feature:

 Half-day Saint John city tour Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Explorer >

DAY 8: Full day Portland Tour

This morning, you'll call on the historic city of Portland, Maine. Known for its long history as a strategic New England shipping hub, the city brims with maritime culture, great restaurants, and classic architecture. You'll embark on a full-day scenic tour of the city and its surrounding area, including a stop at its famous lighthouse.

Later, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your ship.

Included Feature:

Full-day Portland tour

Cultural Discovery:

 Local lecture Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner Ocean Explorer >

DAY 9: Disembark the Ocean Explorer and explore America's revolutionary history

The cruise portion of your journey comes to an end in Gloucester today. Say goodbye to the Ocean Explorer and head to your centrally located Boston hotel. Along the way, you'll enjoy an exploration of America's revolutionary past.

Follow the trail of the nation's first patriots during a morning tour to Lexington and Concord and learn how these former farming communities played a pivotal role in the early days of the American Revolution. Visit Lexington Green, where Paul Revere made his midnight ride to warn the minutemen that the British were coming and where the "shot heard 'round the world" was fired. Stop at the Old North Bridge, and then get a glimpse of the region's literary past when you drive by the homes of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott, and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Following your tour, you'll check into your hotel and have the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Included Feature:

• Historical tour of Lexington and Concord Included meals: Breakfast

The Westin Copley Place Boston or similar

DAY 10: Return home today

Following breakfast at the hotel, you will transfer

to the airport and board your return flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

Please Note: Ocean cruising is not the same experience as river cruising; as such, you may experience fluctuating tides and weather patterns that may involve some rocking of your vessel. Itineraries will include all activities as planned except in extreme cases that can't be controlled by your shipboard crew. Day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Cruise Director or regional expert.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Ocean Explorer

Quick facts

Launch: 2021

Length: 104.4 Meters

Max Capacity: 162 guests — 134 for polar expeditions

Cabins: 77, including a landmark 15 solo cabins — 80% of all cabins feature a private veranda The intimate Ocean Explorer and Ocean Odyssey are the cruise industry's newest and most premier small ships built for global expedition travel, and ready to go to some of the world's most far-reaching destinations. Accommodating just 134 guests, the ship is outfitted with the latest satellite, sustainability, and navigation capabilities, including SOLAS "Safe Return to Port" requirements and ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology, a significant enhancement for smooth sailing in polar seas. On all Vantage expedition cruises, education is an essential component of the journey. Enjoy talks from notable scholars, onboard historians who travel alongside you, and handpicked regional experts. On polar expeditions with Vantage, you'll attend lectures, lessons, and activities offered by a 17member Expedition Team of experts in fields ranging from biology to oceanography. In your downtime, you'll find relaxation and luxury aboard the Ocean Explorer and Ocean Odyssey. Visit the gym or onboard spa for a facial, massage, even a haircut. Soak in the hot tub after a rewarding day of sightseeing. Enjoy gourmet fare for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus outstanding culinary experiences built into your journey. And because there's no more than 134 fellow travelers on expedition cruises, you'll enjoy small group outings by day and share meals, stories, and fun with new friends by night. These fabulous expedition vessels offer:

- •77 cabins, including a landmark 15 solo cabins
- •30 triple-ready cabins available
- •Vantage offers FREE roommate-matching services if you'd like to be paired while you travel

- Spacious, all outside-facing cabins
- •134-quest capacity
- •Zodiac trips to get as close as possible to nature
- •The latest satellite and navigation capabilities, including ULSTEIN X-BOW® technology
- •Intimate crew-to-passenger ration, plus onboard Destination Manager
- •Environmentally friendly standards with reduced emissions into air and sea and lower energy consumption

Amenities:

- •A culinary program offering gourmet dining and regional fare, with wine and beer included at dinner
- Hot-rock cooking restaurant
- Multistory lounge and lobby
- Three bars and various lounges
- •Top deck observation deck for gatherings, lecturers, performances, and more
- Spa, massage, and hair services available at the onboard spa
- •Sauna
- Two hot tubs
- Fitness center
- •Curated lectures, programs, musical performances, and cultural events
- •Low passenger-to-crew ratio, plus onboard Destination Manager (not available on expeditions)
- •On expeditions, enjoy the services and curated lectures of a 5- or 17-person Expedition Team, comprised of experts in their field
- •Knowledgeable staff by region; expedition cruises will be led by an experienced Expedition Team
- •Onboard medical doctor (travelers are responsible for medical fees associated with doctor visit and medications)
- •Gift Shop
- •Library with over 200 titles
- •Separate, intimate dining space for groups or special events (available upon request)
- •Complimentary unlimited WiFi (WiFi on certain segments of trips may not be available)
- •20+ live TV channels featuring popular US news channels, the Food Network, the Travel Channel, and National Geographic
- •Entertainment and video on demand for 250 classic movies

Ocean Explorer Gallery



The Westin Copley Place Boston ★★★★★

A downtown location in the celebrated Back Bay neighborhood makes this upscale hotel the perfect base from which you can explore Boston. Back Bay Station and the Boston Public Library are a 4-minute walk away, while the boutiques and restaurants of Newbury Street are 0.5 miles from the hotel. Each spacious room features contemporary interiors with city or river views, flat-screen TVs, minibars, and coffee/tea service. Suites add living areas. Room service is available 24/7. Other amenities include an on-site fitness studio and spa, and four dining options including a bar and a Brazilian...