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Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Black Trumpet Bistro (p329)
- ➔ Cider Company Restaurant (p359)
- ➔ Burdick Chocolate (p334)
- ➔ Libby's Bistro & Saalt Pub (p363)
- ➔ Schilling Beer Co (p354)

Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Ale House Inn (p327)
- ➔ Snowflake Inn (p359)
- ➔ Omni Mt Washington Hotel & Resort (p361)
- ➔ The Notch Hostel (p347)
- ➔ Hancock Campground (p350)

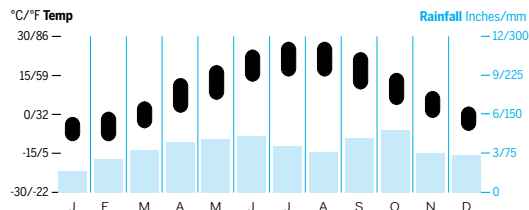
Why Go?

New Hampshire bleeds jagged mountains, scenic valleys and forest-lined lakes – they lurk in every corner of this rugged state. It all begs you to embrace the outdoors, from kayaking the hidden coves of the Lakes Region to trekking the upper peaks surrounding Mt Washington. Each season yields a bounty of adrenaline and activity: skiing and snowshoeing in winter, magnificent walks and drives through autumn's fiery colors, and swimming in crisp mountain streams and berry-picking in summer. Jewel-box colonial settlements like Portsmouth buzz a sophisticated tune, while historic attraction and small-town culture live on in pristine villages like Keene and Peterborough.

But there's a relaxing whiff in the air too – you're encouraged to gaze out at a loon-filled lake, recline on a scenic railway trip or chug across a waterway on a sunset cruise – all while digging into a fried-clam platter or a lobster roll, of course.

When to Go

Concord



Dec Glide across trails on a horse-driven sleigh ride.

Jul Watch Exeter's American Independence Festival.

Oct Witness the technicolor brilliance of fall foliage in the White Mountains.



New Hampshire Highlights

- 1 Franconia**
(p353) Walking in the footsteps of Robert Frost at his former farm.
- 2 Mount Washington Cog Railway** (p360)
Trundling up the world's second-steepest railway track.
- 3 Hanover** (p337)
Taking a free walking tour of Dartmouth College and discovering renowned Mexican muralist José Clemente Orozco's riveting mural in the depths of the library.
- 4 Portsmouth Black Heritage Trail** (p327)
Getting a new perspective on New England's history.
- 5 North Conway** (p355)
Canoeing the Saco River or pitting your rock-climbing skills against the sheer granite face of Cathedral Ledge.
- 6 Peterborough** (p333)
Experiencing the creative energy of one of New England's oldest art colonies in this charming riverside town.
- 7 Kancamagus Highway** (p349)
Camping by a rushing river, surrounded by White Mountain grandeur.
- 8 Wolfeboro** (p343)
Settling into the soothing pace of lakeside living.