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“Live Free and Celebrate” the Holidays in Festive New Hampshire

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Granite State serves up a full slate of hotel offerings and Holiday fun for visitors



Concord, NH – Visitors are invited to experience **New Hampshire** (www.visitnh.gov) in late November and early December to revel in the state’s merry atmosphere, classic New England charm and marquee slate of events that shows off the Granite State’s distinct holiday spirit. Travelers can also find hotel packages across New Hampshire catered to many different experiences, including Christmas Tree farming, seasonal train rides and the state’s trademark tax-free shopping. A full list of attraction and hotel deal offerings is detailed below:

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

Strawbery Banke Museum’s Candlelight Stroll – Portsmouth, N.H.

Now in its 35th year, the Strawbery Banke Museum’s candlelight stroll carries visitors into the glorious holidays of yester-year as the 10-acre outdoor history museum and its 40 historic buildings recreate December through the centuries in the waterfront Portsmouth neighborhood of Puddle Dock. Thousands of decorations, hand-crafted from natural materials grown in the museum’s gardens, flickering wood-and-glass candle lanterns, carolers around the bonfire and costumed role-players set the scene for “The Winter Visitor.” New for 2014 is the Puddle Dock Pond, which offers outdoor ice skating daily from

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Pickwick's at Strawberry Banke, which is an immersive 19th century shopping experience tailored to a Victorian holiday celebration. Tickets start at \$23 for adults, \$11.50 for children ages 5-17 and children under five are admitted free. Family four packs of tickets are available for \$58, consisting of two adult tickets and as well as admission for all accompanying children. Tickets and more information are available at www.strawberrybanke.org.

Christmas Tree Farm at The Rocks Estate – Bethlehem, N.H.

Described as a modern day scene from a Norman Rockwell painting, by visitors, The Rocks Estate is home to one of the most famed Christmas Tree farms in the country. Row upon neat row of scented fir trees grow in the fields. Guests may cut and choose their own Christmas tree if they wish. The holiday ambience permeates from the moment people arrive as they are treated to warm food and hot drinks while Christmas carols are sung along the walk to the estate's famous Scrapbook Trail. The Rocks Estate is open daily until December 24. For more information, please visit <http://therocks.org/>.

Remick Museum's Homestead Christmas – Tamworth Village, N.H.

Christmas past meets Christmas present when guests celebrate the holidays in Tamworth Village during the "Christmas in the Village" event on Saturday, December 6. Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm will offer an open house-style event from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. featuring tours of the seasonally decorated Captain Enoch Remick House, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, along with samples of Victorian Christmas cookies and syllabub. The Main Museum will feature seasonal exhibits and demonstrations, featuring take-home crafts, fiber art demonstrations, hands-on history activities, 19th century open-hearth and wood stove cooking (with samples). Farmhouse Kitchen foods and locally made goods will be for sale in the Museum Store. For more information, please visit www.remickmuseum.org.

Holiday Gift Double Special on the Mount Washington Snow Coach – Gorham, N.H.

The Mount Washington SnowCoach is offering a Holiday Gift Double Special for riders who want to escape the elements in this specially-constructed vehicle with an all-wheel-drive four-track. The snowcoach is perfect for those who wish to take a trip to the world above tree-line (4,200+ feet) on the Mt. Washington Auto Road during the mountain's brutal winter months. Guests can choose between two offers: a buy one, get one 50% off snowcoach ticket (no blackout dates) or a buy one, get one free special available only on Mondays and Fridays of the 2014/2015 season (Blackout dates: 12/29/14, 1/2/15, 2/20/15, 2/23/15). To purchase tickets during this online-only promotion, go to www.snowcoachnh.com/wow.

Conditions: Tours travel to 4,200 feet (weather permitting) on Mt. Washington. Pre-purchased tickets do not guarantee availability. Tours are available only on a first-come, first served basis each day. Advance reservations are not available due to unpredictable weather and snow conditions.

Holidays In Hanover at the Hanover Inn – Hanover, N.H.

In conjunction with the lighting of the tree on the Dartmouth Green, The Hanover Inn Dartmouth welcomes the season with family holiday fun throughout the weekend of December 5-7. On Friday night, families can enjoy a Gingerbread Showcase and Story Book Winter Castle as a special reading of *Flight of the Reindeer* by author and Dartmouth alum Robert Sullivan, followed by hot chocolate and s'mores. On Saturday, families can enjoy a kid-friendly holiday movie festival followed by adult fun in the form of a pub crawl or a wine pairing dinner. The weekend concludes with a Gingerbread Candy Contest, Champagne Holiday Brunch and Holiday tea. For more information on their holiday events, please visit www.hanoverinn.com.

Wentworth By The Sea's "Illumination" – New Castle, N.H.

A free, family event December 2, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Wentworth's "Illumination" makes a festive occasion of lighting up the grand Victorian hotel, symbolizing the beginning of the holiday season in New Castle. The Wentworth By The Sea welcomes strolling carolers, a horse-drawn carriage with Santa, the Portsmouth High School Marching Band Ensemble, glittering ice sculptures, costumed members of the Great Bay Ballet "An 1836 Portsmouth Nutcracker" cast and complimentary holiday refreshments. The hotel is partnering with the New Castle Fire Department to collect new toys for disadvantaged children on the Seacoast. The cherished tradition among the hotel's holiday decorations, its 6-foot tall Wentworth Gingerbread House will be unveiled in time for the Illumination and is a popular spot for photos throughout the holiday season. Each day in the decorated Lobby, Wentworth offers complimentary holiday-inspired treats, including roasted chestnuts, sugar cookies and hot-mulled cider. For more information, please visit www.wentworth.com.

HOTEL PACKAGES

The Bartlett Inn – Bartlett, N.H.

Polar Express Package

Guests can come to the Granite State and experience Christmas magic on the Polar Express train (modeled after famous book and movie) with this package, starting at \$530 for two nights, and includes:

- Two nights' accommodations in an Inn room
- Three tickets for the Polar Express train
- Complimentary hot cocoa, cookies and movie showing in the evening

Please note that this package is subject to availability. Alternative packages with a greater number of tickets are available upon request at different price points. For more information, please visit www.bartlettinn.com.

Omni Mount Washington – Bretton Woods, N.H.

Holiday Traditions Package

Stay at the prestigious Omni Mount Washington this holiday season for a classic experience, starting at \$799 per night, which includes:

- Luxurious accommodations
- One (1) hand-picked, cut-your-own Christmas tree, per room, per stay
 - In lieu of cut-your-own tree, a \$45 credit toward purchase of pre-cut tree or purchases at The Rocks gift shop
- One (1) fresh, fully decorated wreath, per room, per stay
- On the following weekends, a complimentary group wagon ride at Rocks Estate. Available dates include:
 - November 22
 - November 28–30
 - December 6–7
 - December 13–14
 - December 20

Please note that this package is subject to availability and blackout dates. Package rate does not include

daily resort service charge, tax or gratuity. No credit or refund will be issued for any unused portion of this package. For more information, please visit www.omnihotels.com/hotels/bretton-woods-mount-washington.

Squam Lake Inn – Holderness, N.H.

Holiday Shop + Stay Package: Available on December 5-7 and 12-14,

Come and enjoy the holidays at the Squam Lake Inn with a day of tax-free shopping and return to the Inn for Wraps + Apps: the hotel wraps gifts while guests enjoy holiday-inspired appetizers and cocktails by the fireplace. This two-night package starts at \$420 and includes:

- Two nights in one of our Cozy Rooms or Suites
- 15% off Any Purchases at Squam Lake MarketPlace
- Exclusive Coupon Book for the Tanger Outlets
- Cocktail Hour and Appetizers on Saturday from 5-7pm
- Complimentary Gift Wrapping for up to 6 gifts per guest

For more information, please visit www.squamlakeinn.com.

The Inn at East Hill Farm – Troy, N.H.

Christmas Tree Package

Overnight guests to The Inn at East Hill Farm can add on a special Christmas experience for just \$60 that includes:

- Opportunity to pick-your-own Christmas Tree
- 12" Decorative Wreath
- N.H. Commemorative Tree Ornament

For more information, please visit www.east-hill-farm.com.

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