

*North Reading Rec Dept. & Best of Times Travel Proudly Present*



# **Break for Moose**

## **At The Grand Resort Hotel**

# **Sunday River Resort**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Thursday - Saturday**



**Special  
Foliage  
Date**

Join Best of Times Travel as we travel to the Mountains of Maine during the peak of Fall Foliage season. Our program is packed with Tons of Fun and Tons of Value. Stay at the Grand Summit Resort at Sunday River and visit Maine's oldest and largest agricultural fair the Fryeburg Fair. On our Moose Safari learn about the official mascot of Maine, the Moose. Take in the spectacle of the Fall Foliage from the Summit of Sunday River via our included Chondola ride. Add in 2 Nights of fantastic fun, delicious meals, even more touring and some of the finest accommodations in the state and you are sure to experience one of the most comprehensive fall foliage trips you could ever imagine.

**\*\*Added Bonus for 2019 - Sunday River Fall Festival \*\***

### **Program Highlights Include:**

- Rountrip Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 2 Nights Deluxe Accommodations at the Grand Resort Hotel at Sunday River
- 4 Meals - 2 Full American Buffet Breakfasts, 2 Scrumptious Plated Dinners
- Admission to the World Famous Fryeburg Fair - Maines Largest Agricultural Fair
- Chondola Ride to the top of North Peak for great views of the Mahoosuc Mountain Range
- Moose Safari (Riding Tour with incredible photo stops)
- SUNDAY RIVER FALL FESTIVAL with the International WIFE CARRYING CHAMPIONSHIP
- Best of Times Travel Tour Director Throughout w/ Gratuity Included



**Day One:** Board your deluxe lavatory equipped motorcoach this morning to begin our journey to the heartland of Maine. On our way north we will arrive at the famous Fryeburg Fair in Fryeburg, Maine. It was a chilly day in March of 1851 when a few local farmers and merchants got together and decided to show off their produce, cattle and wares to the community. Since those humble beginnings, **Fryeburg Fair** has grown to become Maine's largest agricultural fair complete with harness racing, a farm museum second to none, the world's largest steer and oxen show and a reputation known throughout North America. Enjoy lunch on your own here at the fair and take in some of the great events such as Ox Pulling, Beef & Lamb Auctions, the Flower Show, Horse Pulling, and everyone's favorite Harness Racing. Difficulty walking? No problem! The fair offers the ability to rent wheelchairs (your own expense) for our time here. This afternoon we arrive for our deluxe accommodations for the next two nights, the beautiful **Grand Resort Hotel at Sunday River Resort**. This evening we **Dine at the resort**.

**Day Two:** This morning wake rested and ready for another exciting day. We start our day with a **Full American Buffet Breakfast**. Then take advantage of all of the amenities this great resort has to offer. Included in your package is the **Chondola ride** that takes us to the top of North Peak at Sunday River, giving visitors spectacular views of the Mahoosuc Mountains and across the Sunday River Valley. Visible within a short walk from the top are all eight of Sunday River's peaks, along with the entire Mahoosuc Range including Old Speck Mountain - the third highest peak in Maine with an elevation over 4,000 ft. For the ride up, guests can choose between open chairs or enclosed gondola cabins, then for the return trip can choose to ride down in a gondola cabin or hike down one of our recommended trails. Take some time to enjoy the hotel amenities including the wonderful **heated outdoor swimming pool and jacuzzi**. You don't even have to step outside to get into the pool! Enjoy the health and fitness center complete with sauna. The hotel is proud to offer a plethora of massage treatments and enhancements at their Jordan Spa. They offer everything from manicures and pedicures to maple sugar body scrubs and hands and feet paraffin treatments. Lunch is on our own at the Resorts Restaurant. Then as the day starts to settle get in touch with nature as you sit back and view some of the most picturesque locations of the Mahoosuc Mountain Range and Grafton Notch State Park on our included **Moose Safari**. Our journey begins with a stop at the **Artist Bridge**. This bridge, built in 1872, is named the Artist's Bridge because of its reputation as being the most photographed and painted of the venerable covered bridges in Maine. Have your cameras ready as we head to Grafton Notch State Park, stopping at **Screw Auger Falls**, where we will spot feeding areas and learn about moose mating rituals. While there is no guarantee you'll see a moose, we have a 98% success rate! Other wildlife we have encountered in the past are bear, bobcats, coyotes, eagles, hawks, fox, fisher, and of course, deer. Throughout the tour, our experienced local tour guide will tell you all you need to know about moose, their habits and even some fun facts you won't hear anywhere else. Our final stop to take photos and stretch your legs is at the foot of **Umbagog Lake**, which is the largest lake to border Maine and New Hampshire. Here we turn around to hopefully spot more four legged friends on our return back to Sunday River. This evening we **Dine again at the resort** and enjoy a relaxing evening in the pub located in the hotel.

**Day Three:** We wake this morning with another **Full American Buffet Breakfast**. Then enjoy the **Sunday River Fall Festival Voted one of the Top 100 Events in the Country**. *Come and celebrate the end of summer with live music, the always-entertaining 15th Annual North American Wife Carrying Championship, the 31st Annual Blue Mountain Arts & Crafts Fair, and a full array of activities including wagon rides, chainsaw demonstrations, and wine tent.* **About Wife Carrying:** The legend behind the North American Wife Carrying Championship is based on 19th century Finnish legend "Ronkainen the Robber" who had high qualifications for the men he accepted into his band. To prove their worth, men had to compete through a difficult course with a heavy sack (or woman grabbed from neighboring villages) on their back. Today Sunday River continues the tradition with the 15th annual North American Wife Carrying Championship. Wife-carrying is based on husband-and-wife teams racing with the husband carrying the wife through a regulation length 278-yard obstacle course featuring log hurdles, sand traps, and the always popular "widow maker" water hazard. Enjoy as teams compete for fame, fortune, and a chance to compete at the World Championships in Finland the following summer. The winning couple takes home the wife's weight in beer, five times her weight in cash, and an entry into the World Championship. We then return home late afternoon with terrific memories of your Maine Adventure.

**Price: \$479pp Double Occupancy, \$649 Single Occupancy**

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**Deposits:** A \$50 per person deposit confirms your reservation. **Final Payment is due by August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.** If paying by credit card payment in full is due upon registration. **Trip Protection is Available** for a fee of \$50 per person and ensures a full refund, less trip protection fee, regardless of cancellation date. If elected this fee must accompany your deposit. For those without trip protection, cancellations received between 9/3/19-9/25/19 will be charged a 75% cancellation fee per person. Cancellations after 9/25/19 will be assessed 100% of the total fare paid.