

TWO-DAY TOUR OF MYSTIC COUNTRY



Mystic Aquarium



Submarine Force Museum & Historic Ship Nautilus



Mystic Seaport

DAY 1: OPTION 1: SHIPS AND SHORES

STOP #1:

Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea, Mystic

Visit a 19th-century living history museum and exhibits that offer rare insight into past eras and distant cultures. Climb aboard the *Charles W. Morgan*, the world's last remaining wooden whaleship. The *Morgan* sails again May 17-August 3, 2014 for a tour of New England ports. Ride the *Sabina*, one of the oldest wooden, coal-fired steamboats in operation.

mysticseaport.org

LUNCH

Enjoy lunch at Mystic Seaport, where there are four options to suit all budgets, or dine at one of the many spots in Olde Mistick Village located next door to the Aquarium.

STOP #2:

Mystic Aquarium, Mystic

Explore one of the nation's top 15 aquariums, that hosts a permanent exhibit, *Titanic-12,450 Feet Below* as well as a renowned rehabilitation program for stranded sea animals. mysticaquarium.org

DINNER

Have an enjoyable dinner in Stonington Borough or Historic Downtown Mystic. Enjoy shopping, water views and a walk along the water, in both locales.

STAY THE NIGHT IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MYSTIC OR ONE OF THE MAJOR CHAIN HOTELS NEARBY.

OPTION 2: WALKABLE NEW ENGLAND COASTAL TOWNS

Downtown Niantic: Visit the 2013 winner of the Connecticut Fan Favorite Town Contest. Park and stroll through this pretty coastal downtown. Visit unique boutiques and dine in one of the 25 restaurants. Book lovers will want time to explore the Book Barn, Connecticut's out-of-the-ordinary used bookstore with more than 500,000 books at its three locations.

Sit ocean side at Hole in the Wall Beach, walk the Niantic Bay Boardwalk or head to sea for a fishing excursion aboard the *Mijoy* out of Niantic Bay Marina. For adventure hardy travelers, Three Belles Marina offers kayak rentals.

Stay at the Inn at Harbor Hill Marina, Niantic. Major chain hotels and casino hotels are also nearby.

Historic Downtown Mystic: This vibrant coastal town was made famous by the movie *Mystic Pizza*. It is within walking distance of Mystic Seaport (a water shuttle is available in season) and is where you can board the *Argia* for a day or sunset sail during warmer seasons.

Stroll this historic town brimming with unique shops, art galleries and restaurants. Look for the famous Bascule Bridge that opens for boat traffic hourly in warm weather. Walk down River Road for a healthy stroll. The view of Mystic Seaport is magical.

Stay at the Whaler's Inn or Steamboat Inn, both are located in Historic Downtown Mystic. The Taber Inn is just outside the downtown area. Chain hotels are available as well.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

- Rent kayaks in Downtown Mystic to explore the river by water.
- Use Community Bikes to explore outside of downtown.

Other Nearby Options

- Submarine Force Museum and Historic Ship Nautilus, Groton
- Lyman Allyn Museum, New London
- Ocean Beach Park, New London
- Fort Trumbull State Park, New London
- Custom House and Maritime Museum, New London
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy and Coast Guard Museum, New London

For more information on lodging and dining or help customizing your tour in Mystic Country, Connecticut, contact:

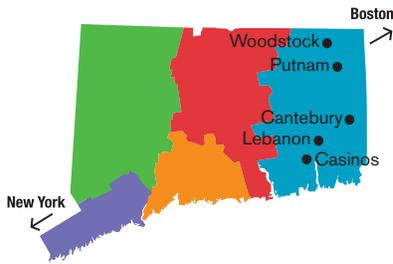
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For more information on special events and other seasonal add-ons, view the events calendar at mystic.org/events-discounts.

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Florence Griswold Museum



Roseland Cottage



Prudence Crandall Museum

DAY 2: OPTION 1: OFF THE BEATEN PATH

STOP #1:

Mashantucket Pequot Museum, Mashantucket

Visit the world's largest Native American museum that offers 4 acres of interactive exhibits. Be sure to go up in the tower to see an expansive view of the surrounding woodlands that is especially dramatic during the fall. pequotmuseum.org

Follow National Scenic Byway Route 169 from Lisbon off I 395. This road winds you through quintessential New England countryside and leads you to the next stops.

STOP #2:

Prudence Crandall Museum, Canterbury

Explore this National Historic Landmark and State Archaeological Preserve. It was on this site that Prudence Crandall, Connecticut's Official State Female Hero, founded the first academy in New England for African American women in 1833.

LUNCH AND SHOPPING IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PUTNAM

STOP #3:

Roseland Cottage, Woodstock

Take in the beauty of the Roseland Cottage, built in 1846 in the newly fashionable Gothic Revival style. This period-decorated house depicts the life of the Bowen's, a wealthy family, who spent summers in the home. Of special note are the gorgeous parterre gardens, the icehouse and the nation's oldest surviving bowling alley.

DINNER

View our *Foodie Finds* and *Sundae Drives* trails to find the perfect culinary adventure along the tour route.

OPTION 2: WALKABLE NEW ENGLAND COUNTRY TOWNS

Historic Downtown Putnam: Visit this reviving and thriving former mill town. Park and walk through shops that include craft sellers, boutiques and antiques dealers. Restaurants to suit all budgets dot the downtown area. The Bradley Playhouse is downtown for theatre right after dinner. Walk the beautiful river trail for added exercise.

Stay at the Comfort Inn in Dayville, the Inn at Woodstock Hill or Mansion at Bald Hill, both in Woodstock.

Lebanon: Explore this walkable town of a different nature. This 300 year old town was home to early American settlers and hosts a mile-long town green surrounded by buildings that have connections to the Revolutionary War. Stop in at the Lebanon Historical Society Museum and Visitor Center for a map and information. The Revolutionary War Office is not to be missed.

MYSTIC COUNTRY TRAILS:

Mystic Country's trails are a fun way to explore the region. View and print our *Foodie Finds*, *Sundae Drives*, *Antiques Trail* and *Pet Friendly* trails at mystic.org/country.

MYSTIC COUNTRY CASINOS:

Mystic Country's casinos offer 24/7 action and entertainment off the beaten path. Shopping, dining, dancing and gaming are all part of the experience at both destinations. Both casinos offer overnight lodging and spas.

- Mohegan Sun, mohegansun.com
- Foxwoods Resort Casino, foxwoods.com

Other Nearby Options

- Connecticut Audubon Center, Pomfret
- Grassland Bird Conservation Center, Pomfret
- Logee's Greenhouses, Danielson
- Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme

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