



## Southern New Hampshire History Buffs Tour Part 1 – 4 days

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History buffs looking for a getaway don't have to travel far distances to be culturally enriched. See below for a sample of ways travelers can experience "living history" in different regions of the Granite State on this 4 day Southern New Hampshire History Buffs tour.

### Day 1

Begin your tour in Portsmouth, an active and thriving seaside community with fishing, shipping, and trade and also where Paul Revere was riding to warn that the British were coming. Walk back in time through a historic village with four centuries of preserved history at [Strawbery Banke Museum](#) where actors remain in character for the era they represent.

Head a few minutes down the road to New Castle, a town that is its own island, to tour [Fort Constitution](#) and the [Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse](#). This is the site of the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War in which colonists raided the fort to steal gun powder and weapons.

Take an evening walking tour through the [Go Portsmouth](#). They'll captivate you with tales of ghosts and maritime folklore and a journey to the enslaved American memorial site.

In the evening, catch live music, show or event at the [The Press Room](#), located in downtown Portsmouth

### Day 2

Wake up and head to the water. Head to [Portsmouth Harbor Cruises](#) for a fully narrated Harbor Cruise that will take you through nearly 400 years of local and American history. From the settlement of the region in 1623 to Portsmouth Harbor's modern day role in the economy and defense of our country.

After lunch, head to Exeter for the [American Independence Museum](#) to see two rare drafts of the U.S. Constitution.

Continue west to overnight in Manchester, a city that was once the textile capital of the world. It is now a cultural, urban hub in New England known for its signature beautiful brick structures that line the Merrimack River.

### Day 3

Tour the [Millyard Museum](#) or arrange for the Museum to do a city step-on tour. The Millyard Museum is in the historic Amoskeag Millyard. The museum has exhibits that detail life of early inhabitants who lived, worked and fished at Amoskeag Falls 11,000 years ago onward.

Enjoy lunch at the [Puritan Backroom](#), a Manchester family owned restaurant since 1917.

Group Lodging: <https://www.visitnh.gov/places-to-stay>

Group Dining: <https://www.visitnh.gov/things-to-do/food-drink/restaurants>



After, head up north to tour the [New Hampshire State House](#) in Concord, the only state house in the country that still uses its original chambers from 1818. Guided tours are available upon request, please call 603-271-2665 for more information.

Work your way to Newbury for an overnight near Mount Sunapee, stopping along the way at the [Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum](#) for a guided walk through Medicine Woods Nature Trail.

#### Day 4

Wake up and head to [Mount Sunapee's](#) 1000' dual ziplines or test your balance with their Aerial Challenge Course. Or jump on board the Sunapee Express chairlift and enjoy the trip as you ascend to the summit.

Work your way to the Connecticut River Byway part of New Hampshire where you will find [Saint Gaudens National Historic Site](#), named for its former resident Irish born Augustus Saint Gaudens the world famous sculptor of the Beaux-Arts generation. This property is stunning and filled with trails, gardens, sculptures, working artists, and galleries.

Loop down to [The Fort at No.4](#), once the northwestern-most village within the British colonies where colonists once lived with the Abenaki tribe.