Essex Steam Train Riverboat Lunch Excursion

Essex, CT

Thursday, June 12, 2025

COST: \$168 per person (Coach Seating)



Nashua Senior For more information and reservations, call Martha ACTIVITY at the Nashua Senior Center at 603-609-7989.

Departs Exit 8 Park & Ride: 8:00 am//Returns: 5:30 pm Lunch Choices:

Braised Porchetta over Mashed Potatoes Chicken Francaise with White Wine Sauce and Fingerling Potatoes Eggplant Rollatini w/Whipped Ricotta & Fresh Mozzarella over Angel Hair Garden Salad and Peach Crisp

About the Train: The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat's

2 1/2-hour train and riverboat journey begins at the historic 1892 Essex Station for a 12-mile, narrated round trip into the heart of the unspoiled Connecticut River Valley. The steam locomotive pulls vintage coaches through the quintessential New England towns of Deep River and Chester. A natural highlight is the undeveloped Selden Neck State Park, accessible



only by boat. Essex Steam Train offers unique access to several coves and preserves, immersing passengers in an on-board eco-excursion. The train travels near the tidal wetlands of Pratt Cove and Chester Creek — bountiful, natural habitats for birds including cormorants, ducks, swans, Greenland geese, Blue Heron egrets, and redwinged blackbirds. In February and March, the majestic Bald Eagle is the star of the show when it migrates south to the Connecticut River Valley from Canada and Maine.

About the Riverboat: At Deep River Landing, passengers are escorted onto the Becky Thatcher riverboat for a 1 1/4-hour cruise along the Connecticut River.

The visual serenity of the river valley is on full display from Becky's multiple decks. The deep water, coves, inlets, marshes, wildlife, and rocky shoreline are, all at once,

simply breathtaking!

Just as impressive are the historic sites, including Gillette Castle, Goodspeed Opera House and the Haddam Swing Bridge. Upon Becky's return to Deep River Landing, the steam train welcomes passengers for the return trip back to Essex Station.