

# Western Mass

## BIG GROUPS GET A BIG WELCOME IN WESTERN MASS!

If you're coming to the Pioneer Valley with a motor coach or two, or even three or four, you've picked the right destination. This compact place is jam-packed with one-of-a-kind attractions, so there'll be no shortage of sights and experiences. We're smack at the Crossroads of New England, so it's a hub-and-spoker's heaven, too. In less than two hours, you can easily reach historic Boston, Newport RI's lush mansions, Vermont's famed Green Mountains and Massachusetts' own scenic Berkshires and still be back "home" by dinnertime. Plus, the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitor's Bureau [loves working with group tour planners!](#)

And speaking of dinnertime (and other meals, for that matter) you'll find plenty of large banquet rooms, ideal for serving hungry folks by the coach-load.

### Special Spots in Springfield

Springfield, the Pioneer Valley's largest city, welcomes hundreds of large travel groups per year and its hotels boast outstanding group tour accommodations, along with abundant space for just about any type of gathering:

- The [Springfield Marriott](#), in the heart of downtown immediately off I-91, offers 13 event rooms and 11,000+ s.f. of event space; its largest room accommodates 900.
- Literally across the street and equally convenient, [The Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel](#) lists 22 meeting spaces and over 30,000 s.f. of event space; its largest room features nearly 10,000 s.f. alone.
- A literal stone's throw from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the [Hilton Garden Inn Springfield](#) has multiple rooms capable of seating up to 200 persons.

### Just up the Valley

Slightly farther north one comes to Hampshire County and its twin college towns, Northampton and Amherst. In the former, the classic [Hotel Northampton](#) is just one mile off the highway, offering its Grand and Junior Ballrooms and a classic ambience. In Amherst center, another grandly historic property, the [Lord Jeffery Inn](#) provides a new 2,360 s.f. ballroom accommodating functions for up to 160 guests. Between them, the town of Hadley offers the Marriott –branded Courtyard Hadley Amherst, with 3000+ s.f. of meeting space, two event rooms and a top capacity of 220 persons.

Group tour planners count on Western Massachusetts for its dependable blend of value, access and outstanding facilities. Whether land-based or intermodal, any New England itinerary will benefit by making our region part of the trip!