

Student Trip to Boston

3 Nights / 4 Days

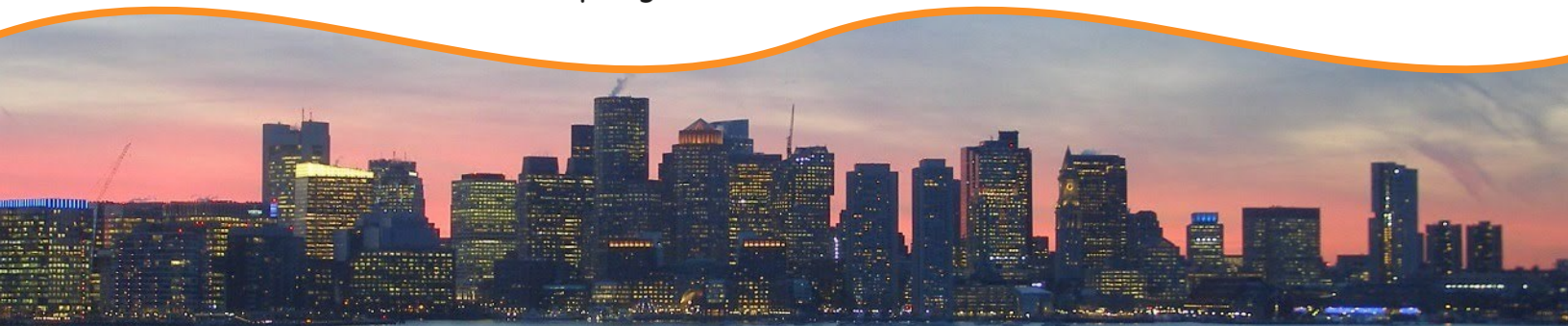
Day One - Aquarium, Museum, & University Tours

- Arrive in **Boston, MA**, meet your **Full Time Escort**, board your motorcoach, and visit the **New England Aquarium** located right on Boston's scenic waterfront. Colorful & educational exhibits feature more than 8,000 aquatic creatures, including the playful penguin pool. A unique central tank as the main attraction complete with small sharks, many varieties of fish, and a huge sea turtle.
- Enjoy **lunch included** via vouchers while visiting today at **Harbor View Café**.
- Arrive at the **Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum**. An interactive, high tech, floating museum. Unlike anything you've ever experienced before, this unique museum sits on a barge in the water, includes tours on restored tea ships, and a stunning, interactive documentary that immerses you into the events leading up to the American Revolution.
- Drive by **Massachusetts Institute for Technology**. Founded by William Barton Rogers in 1861 in response to the increasing industrialization of the United States, the university adopted the European university model and emphasized laboratory instruction from an early date.
- Arrive at **Harvard University**. The name Harvard comes from the college's first benefactor, the young minister John Harvard of Charlestown. Upon his death in 1638, he left his library and half his estate to the institution established in 1636 by vote of the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
- Stop at **Harvard Square** and **Harvard Yard**. Harvard Square began in 1630 as the Colonial village of Newtowne, which was chosen by the Proprietors of Massachusetts Bay to be the capital of their new colony. The village was the first planned town in English North America, and the streets laid out in 1631 are still in use today. Important structures survive from almost every period since the early 18th century.
- Enjoy **dinner included** this evening at a local favorite prior to checking in to your hotel for the night. **(Meals: L, D)**



Day Two - Freedom Trail Tour

- Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to a **tour** of the **Freedom Trail**.
- Begin your tour at the **State House** atop **Beacon Hill**. Walk through the **Boston Common**, America's oldest public park, where cows grazed, the militia was trained, witches and pirates were hanged, and nagging wives were dunked in the local pond! Continue past **Park Street Church** (1809) where William Lloyd Garrison gave his first public anti-slavery speech and "America" was sung by schoolchildren. Visit the **Old Granary Burial Ground**, Resting place of Paul Revere, Sam Adams, John Hancock, the Boston Massacre Victims, and Mother Goose. Have fun learning the meanings of the headstone symbols.
- Walk through **the Colonial Section of Old Boston**. Learn of the events, protests, and town meetings that took place in the Old South Meeting House where the Sons of Liberty rallied to debate the famous Boston Tea Party! View the **Old South Meeting House** - No tax on tea! That was the decision on December 16, 1773, when 5,000 angry colonists gathered at the Old South Meeting House to protest a tax and started a revolution with the Boston Tea Party. View the **Old State House**, stand on the Boston Massacre site where men lost their lives in an act of defiance. As the oldest surviving public building in Boston, it was built in 1713 to house the government offices of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. It stands on the site of Boston's first Town House of 1657-8, which burned in 1711.
- Enjoy **lunch** at **Faneuil Hall Market Place**, known as **Quincy Market**. It's the seat of American history and the site of one of America's most famous shopping and dining experiences. For over 250 years, the marketplace has played an integral role in the life of Boston's residents. So if you are ready to see, taste, and touch a true Boston experience, come to this historic and exciting place. Continue along the waterfront to **Boston's first neighborhood**, the **North End** (Little Italy).
- View the **Paul Revere House**. It was from here he departed one night to ride out across the countryside to Lexington and into American history books to warn the Patriot leaders John Hancock and Sam Adams that the British Regulars were marching! Visit the **Old North Church**. Sit in box pews, highest in



the country, designed that way for warmth. It was in this steeple that two lanterns were placed on the night of April 18th, 1775, which helped spark, the American Revolutionary War! "One if by land and two if by sea!"

- Board your motorcoach and drive across the Charles River to the **Charlestown Navy Yard**. Board the oldest commissioned warship in the United States Navy, the **U.S.S. Constitution**, "Old Ironsides"!
- Visit **Breed's Hill**, where on the 17th of June, 1775, the American militia were told "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" You will have the opportunity to climb 294 stairs to the top of the Bunker Hill Monument, which commemorates the courage of those brave men who fought and died that day to "Keep our Liberties." Return to **Faneuil Hall Market Place** for additional free time on your own prior to an **included dinner**. (Meals: B, L, D)

Day Three - Lexington & Concord Tour, Museums, & Ghost Tour

- Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel prior to a **tour** of **Lexington and Concord**. Ride along the historic Battle Road while your escort recounts the exciting events of April 19, 1775, and the literary legacy that defined American identity and culture. Some sites we will see include: **Lexington Battle Green**, where the Lexington militia confronted 800 British Regulars as the sun rose on April 19, 1775. **Lexington Visitors Center**, offering information and hospitality, plus a diorama of the Battle of Lexington. Visit the **Minute Man National Historical Park**. View "The Road to Revolution" (a moving multimedia presentation) and exhibits at the Visitor Center. Depart with **box lunch**.
- Visit the **Peabody Essex Museum**. Explore 200 years of extraordinary art, architecture, and culture from New England and the world! Described by The New York Times as "a cross-cultural marvel," the museum's preeminent collections contain over 1,000,000 objects to excite your curiosity and broaden your horizons. View the finest maritime art in the United States, art and cultures of North America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands, and three centuries of American life in historic period houses. **The Phillips Library** houses the original court documents of the Salem Witch Trials.
- Visit the **Salem Witch Museum**. Follow the history of witches, witchcraft, and witch hunts through the ages. The main presentation takes you back to the events of the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. After a historically accurate look at the Salem Witch Trials, visitors are invited to challenge their beliefs about the word "witch". "WITCHES: Evolving Perceptions" traces the evolution of the stereotypical witch and presents the beliefs of wicca as they are practiced today.
- Enjoy **dinner included** at a **Local Tavern**. Depart and walk to **Salem Common**, founded in the 17th century, this village green with monuments was once used for militia training.
- Enjoy a **Guided Ghost Tour of Salem**. Salem was home to the infamous Salem Witch Trials, the first National Murder in the U.S.A., as well as Hawthorn, Houdini, and The Parker Brothers....Are you Ready? (Meals: B, L, D)

Day Four - Plymouth Exploring & Mayflower II

- Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel this prior to checking out.
- Depart for **Plymouth, MA**, and visit the **Plimoth Plantation**. This plantation is as it was in the 17th century: a centuries-old Wampanoag home site, a welcoming bench covered in furs, bluefish roasting slowly over a bed of hot coals, and a man dressed in traditional deerskin clothing. It is townspeople speaking the poetic language of Shakespeare's England, the sharp smell of gunpowder during a military drill, the sound of laughter around a glowing hearth, and the salty breeze blowing across a wooden ship's deck. While visiting, enjoy an **included themed lunch**.
- Come aboard the **Mayflower II**. The details of the ship, from the solid oak timbers and tarred hemp rigging, to the wood and horn lanterns and hand-colored maps, have all been carefully recreated to give you a sense of what the original 17th-century vessel was like.
- Walk to **Plymouth Rock**. This famous rock marks the spot where the Pilgrims first set foot in the New World in their quest for religious freedom and tolerance, while holding the high ideal of building a country that would stand as a "light on the hill," a beacon of Godliness to the world. Depart for home. (Meals: B, L)



Inclusions:

3 nights' accommodation, 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners, admissions, and guide service as stated in the itinerary, plus all applicable taxes and gratuity; including gratuity for guide/s.

Rates From:

\$785/pp/dbl occupancy
\$699/pp/quad occupancy