

## **Boston, New York, Washington DC and Orlando**

**Packages Offered:** Spring, summer and fall

**Tour Length:** 11 Days/10 Nights

### **Day One:**



Arrive in Boston's early afternoon. Your full-time tour manager will meet you in Boston.

Travel to the Faneuil Hall Marketplace and enjoy time to stretch your legs in this historic Marketplace. Visit the shops and street vendors' carts and have lunch on your own in the food court or one of the many eateries that line the Marketplace.

After lunch, visit the Museum of Fine Arts, the fourth largest museum in the United States. It contains more than 450,000 works of art, making it one of the most comprehensive collections in the Americas.

Your last visit this afternoon is a tour of Fenway Park, the oldest ballpark in Major League Baseball and home to the Boston Red Sox. (schedule pending)

Arrive at your Boston area hotel, your home for two nights. There will be time to relax and refresh or take a swim in the indoor pool.

Gather for an included welcome dinner at a restaurant near the hotel.

### **Day Two:**

Start your day with a hearty breakfast served in the hotel.

Your first stop of the day is at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a private research institute in Cambridge. The Institute is traditionally known for its research and education in the physical sciences and engineering, and more recently in biology, economics, linguistics and management as well. Your tour manager will lead you on a campus tour.

Next, arrive at Harvard University where you will embark on a student-led tour of this prestigious learning establishment. (Pending approval of application. If application for reservation is declined, the tour manager will lead a campus tour.)

Arrive in Harvard Square after the tour. Explore the shops, learn about this historic area and have lunch on your own.

This afternoon, travel south to the historic town of Plymouth where you will visit Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum. Learn of the original settlement of the Plymouth Colony established in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Meet costumed guides as you explore the Plantation.

Your next stop is at Plymouth Rock. Plymouth Rock is the traditional site of disembarkation of William Bradford and the Mayflower Pilgrims who founded Plymouth Colony. This is the perfect spot for a group photo!

Next, visit the National Monument to the Forefathers, dedicated to the 102 Mayflower passengers. This 81-foot monument is considered to be the world's largest solid granite monument and is the fourth tallest statue in the United States. There will be time to debark the coach, walk around the monument and take photos.

Travel back into Boston and arrive at the renowned Prudential Tower, an international skyscraper. At the Prudential Center, enjoy time to shop in over 75 name-brand stores.

Visit the Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center. Ascent to the 50th-floor and enjoy spectacular views of Boston and the harbor.

An included dinner is served at one of Boston's oldest dining establishments, Durgan Park.

After dinner, enjoy time in the Faneuil Hall Marketplace. This is the perfect place to pick up your Boston souvenirs.

### **Day Three:**

Pack your luggage and check out of the hotel after breakfast.

Before you leave Boston, embark on a DUCK Tour. Board your "DUCK", a W.W.II style amphibious landing vehicle and head off on a journey like you've never had before. And just when you think you've seen it all, there's more. It's time for "Splashdown" as your ConDUCKtor splashes your DUCK right into the Charles River.

After the tour, board the coach and travel to New York City. On the way, you will drive through New Haven, CT.

Arrive for an included lunch at Louis' Lunch, home of the American Hamburger Sandwich. The beginnings of the hamburger sandwich as we all know it today was really quite simple. One day in 1900, a gentleman hurriedly walked into Louis' Lunch and told proprietor Louis Lassen he was in a rush and wanted something he could eat on the run. In an instant, Louis placed his own blend of ground steak trimmings between two slices

of toast and sent the gentleman on his way. And so, the most recognizable American sandwich was born.

While in New Haven, visit Yale University, where your tour manager will lead you on a campus tour. This private, Ivy League research university is the third-oldest institution of higher education in the United States.



Continue on to New York City, where you will arrive late afternoon. Check into your Midtown Manhattan Hotel for a 3-night stay. (Holiday Inn Midtown or similar.)

After you have settled in, walk to Times Square, iconified as the “crossroads of the world.” It is one of the world’s busiest pedestrian intersections and a major center of the world’s entertainment industry. It is also the world’s most visited tourist attraction. Enjoy time to explore the shops, witness the amazing billboards and immerse yourself in the fast pace of the city.

Dinner is served at a Times Square restaurant renowned for their “all-you-can-eat” pizza.

#### **Day Four:**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast in the hotel’s restaurant before you head out on a busy day in the Big Apple.



Start the day with a New York Highlights Tour. During this windshield tour, your tour manager will point out sites such as Lincoln Center, the American Museum of Natural History, Museum Mile, The Plaza Hotel, Trump Tower, Tiffany’s, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the Empire State Building, Square Park, Little Italy, TriBeCa, City Hall, and St. Paul’s Chapel (the 9/11 “Little Chapel that Stood.”)

Your tour will end in Central Park where you will have time to walk around this amazing city-landscape. Have lunch on your own at one of the food trucks that line the park’s parameter.

St. Patrick’s Cathedral is your next stop. Gaze in awe as you witness this New-Gothic style Roman Catholic cathedral that is a landmark in New York City.

Continue your education in the visual arts with a visit to the Museum of Modern Art. The museum is often identified as the most influential museum of modern art in the world. The museum's collection offers an overview of modern and contemporary art.

From the visual arts, enter the world of the performing arts with a tour of Radio City Music Hall, "The Showplace of the Nation." During the tour you will get an insider's look at this legendary entertainment venue. Discover art deco masterpieces, learn the secrets of the Great State and meet a Rockette!

Dinner is served in a retro, 1950's diner. Entertainment abounds as singing waitstaff deliver your meals.

After dinner there will be time to attend a Broadway Show. (Once the performance is selected, Notch Above Tours will gladly purchase tickets on behalf of the group. For budgeting purposes, plan on a range in prices from 65.00 to 85.00 per person. Tickets are not included in the prices below.)

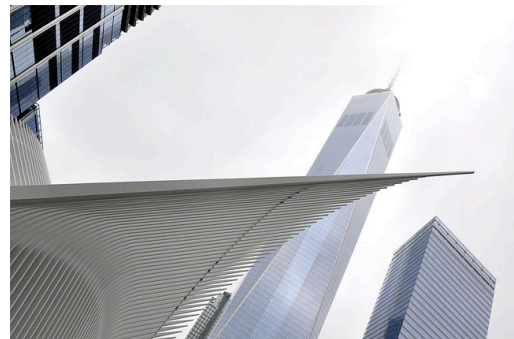
#### **Day Five:**

Breakfast prepares you for a very active day, for today you'll feel like a true New Yorker when you travel via the city's metro, or subway system.

Travel down to the southernmost tip of Manhattan and board the Staten Island Ferry. Enjoy this cruise that affords amazing views of the New York Harbor, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

When you return to Manhattan, embark on a tour of the Financial District. Stop for a photo at Wall Street's and Charging Bull.

Your next stop will perhaps be the one of the most meaningful ones when you visit the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum, both dedicated to commemorate the September 11, 2001 attacks of the World Trade Center.



Have lunch on your own in one of the many eateries in the Financial District.

While in the Financial District, visit the One World Trade Center, the main building of the rebuilt World Trade Center. It is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere and the sixth tallest in the world. Your visit included admission to the Observatory, an enclosed observation deck rising 1,250 feet above street level.

Next, you're in for a workout when you walk across the Brooklyn Bridge that soars over the East River and connects Manhattan and Brooklyn. The sounds will amaze you, as you



listen to boats, buses, birds, helicopters and cars. Feel the cool breeze and take in aromas of the city.

Walk to DUMBO (down under the Brooklyn Bridge) and stop for ice cream at the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory located in a converted 1922 fireboat house.

Before you depart Brooklyn, join your tour manager on a walk through sights of amazing graffiti and street art in the Bushwick Collective. Witness the industrial warehouse area, as it becomes a center for “Do It Yourself Energy” through art.

Once back in lower Manhattan, stop in SoHo, one of the prime shopping districts in the city. Walk along cobblestone streets to discover a host of bargain shopping opportunities.

Your busy day comes to an end when you arrive in Chinatown. Chinatown, Manhattan is home to the largest enclave of Chinese people in the Western Hemisphere. With an estimated population of 90,000 to 100,000 people, Manhattan's Chinatown is also one of the oldest ethnic Chinese enclaves outside of Asia, with most of its residents now Mandarin, Min, or Cantonese-speaking and originating from various regions of China. Your tour manager will guide you on a tour of this amazing ethnic community and to enjoy an included dinner at one of its renowned restaurants.

### **Day Six:**

Check out of the hotel after breakfast. Before you leave New York City, there is one last visit that is certain to impress you.

Arrive in Harlem, a large neighborhood in the northern section of Manhattan. Since the 1920's, Harlem has been known as a major African-American residential, cultural and business center. Originally a Dutch village, formally organized in 1658, it is named after the city of Haarlem in the Netherlands. Meet a local, Harlem resident guide and embark on a Harlem Heritage and Apollo Theater Walking Tour. Your tour starts at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture with a multimedia presentation. The tour will feature pictures, video and sound presented at sights where history happened. Special attention will be paid to music history and Harlem legends launched to stardom from the world famous Apollo theatre stage. Your tour ends with a backstage tour of the Apollo Theatre where your guide will host your very own mock “Amateur Night at the Apollo.” You will have the chance to go on the Apollo Theatre stage and perform in the very spot where greats Michael Jackson, James Brown, Ella Fitzgerald and many others started their careers. You'll find out if you have what it takes to be an Apollo star!

After the tour, have lunch on your own at a “soul-full” restaurant in Harlem.

Depart the city and travel to Washington, DC. With a comfort/snack stop along the way you will arrive early evening.



Stretch your legs with a walk around the National Mall, a National Park in downtown DC. The term National Mall is often taken to refer to the entire area between the Lincoln Memorial and the United States Capitol, with the Washington Monument dividing the area slightly west of its midpoint.

restaurant located near the Mall.

Gather for included dinner at an historic

After dinner, your tour manager will lead you on an illuminated monument tour. Witness monuments and memorials such as the Washington Monument, The National World War II Memorial, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.

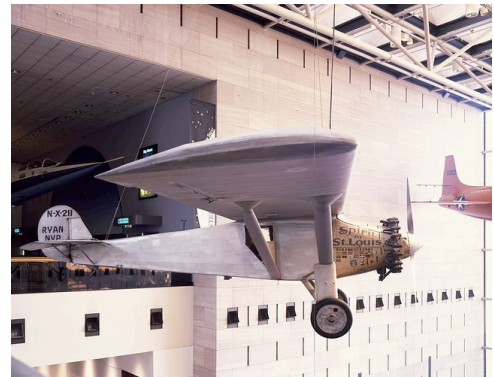
Travel to your hotel and check in for a two-night stay.

### **Day Seven:**

Start your day with breakfast served in the hotel. Board the coach and travel into DC.

Your first stop is at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Air and Space followed by the African Art Museum.

A stop at the National Gallery of Art and Sculpture Garden is next. The Gallery's collection of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, sculpture, medals, and decorative arts traces the development of Western Art from the Middle Ages to the present, including the only painting by Leonardo da Vinci in the Americas and the largest mobile created by Alexander Calder.



Have lunch on your own at one of the eateries around the Mall.

After lunch, join your tour manager and embark on a walking tour of the Capital District. Visit Capitol Visitor's Center, the largest project in the Capitol's 215-year history. The entire facility is located underground on the east side of the exhibition gallery that features the House and Senate while in session, orientation theaters and a 550-seat cafeteria. Enjoy unprecedented sightseeing opportunities of The United States Capitol and the outside only of the United States Library of Congress and the Supreme Court Building.

Stop for a photo op at the White House.

Witness the outside of Ford's Theatre and the Peterson House.

Visit the International Spy Museum, the first museum dedicated to international espionage. Features include the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display and feature: Enigma, the legendary WWII German cipher machine used for code making, Shoe Transmitter, a device hidden inside the heel of a target's shoe, Escape Boots, and the Robot T1340 Camera. Your visit includes participation in Operation Spy, an immersive interactive experience where you are the spy!

Now it's time to enjoy some shopping at the amazing Fashion Center at Pentagon City, a/k/a Pentagon City Mall. This is truly a world-class shopping experience where avenues of fashions and boulevards of style await. A scenic glass elevator ride to the third level reveals more than 170 fascinating stores and restaurants.

Dinner, via voucher, is included at the Mall.

### **Day Eight:**

After breakfast in the hotel, pack your luggage and check out of your rooms. Travel to a DC airport for your mid-morning flight to Orlando. Say goodbye to your tour manager and coach driver once you arrive at the airport.

Upon your arrival in Orlando, board your private motor coach and travel to the Magic Kingdom. At this home of Tinker Bell, Mickey Mouse and Goofy, you can conquer mountains, cruise down an exotic jungle river, brave a ghostly mansion and take a ride on an indoor roller coaster! Celebrate with Disney characters as they parade through the park and catch the amazing fireworks extravaganza located at Cinderella's Castle!



Lunch and dinner are included via vouchers at the Magic Kingdom's concessions.

Depart the Kingdom mid evening and travel to your hotel, home for three nights. (Comfort Inn Maingate or similar.) There will be time for a swim in the indoor pool.

### **Day Nine:**

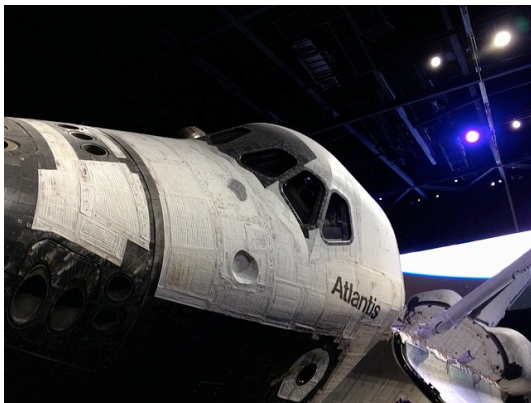
After breakfast in the hotel, board your coach and travel back to Disney World for a full day of excitement. Your two-day Hopper Pass allows entrance in all four of the Disney World Parks: Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom and Disney Epcot.

Lunch and dinner are included via vouchers at participating Disney World concessions.

After you return to the hotel mid evening, enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool.



### **Day Ten:**



Following breakfast, board the coach and travel to the Kennedy Space Center, the only place in the world where you can see the real space shuttle, Atlantis, touch a moon rock and get an up-close view of a real Saturn V moon rocket! Your visit includes admission to the IMAX Theater.

Have lunch on your own at one of the concessions at the Space Center.

Depart the Space Center mid afternoon and travel back to the Orlando area.

Visit an amazing outlet mall loaded with bargains! Here's your last opportunity to purchase gifts to take home and maybe a treat for yourself.

Arrive back at the hotel for time to refresh before dinner.

Your farewell dinner lets you step back in history with an evening at Medieval Times. Witness epic battles, jousting tournaments, knights and romance as you dine on a royal feast.

### **Day Eleven:**

Pack your luggage and check out of the hotel after breakfast.

Board your private motor coach start your journey home.

## Details

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### **Your Package Includes:**

- 10 Nights Lodging
- 10 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunch
- 10 Dinners
- Time to explore the historic Faneuil Hall Marketplace
- Admission to the Museum of Fine Arts-Boston
- Guided tour of Fenway Park
- Campus tour at MIT
- Student led tour of Harvard University
- Visit to Harvard Square
- Admission to Plimoth Plantation
- Photo op at Plymouth Rock
- Stop at the National Monument to the Forefathers
- Admission to the Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center
- Boston DUCK Tour
- Campus tour at Yale University
- Time to explore Times Square
- New York Highlights Tour
- Visit to Central Park
- Self-guided tour at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Admission to the Museum of Modern Art
- Radio City Music Hall Tour
- Time to attend a Broadway Show
- Metro tickets for one day in NYC
- Harbor tour aboard the Staten Island Ferry
- Guided tour of the Financial District
- Photo op at the Charging Bull
- Visit to the 9/11 Memorial
- Admission to the 9/11 Museum
- Admission to the Observatory at One World
- Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge
- Visit to DUMBO
- Graffiti tour in Brooklyn
- Time to shop in SOHO
- Harlem Heritage and Apollo Theater Tour with on-stage experience
- Walking tour of the Washington Mall
- Illuminated Monument Tour
- Visit to the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Air and Space
- Visit to the African Art Museum
- Visit to the National Gallery of Art



- Walking tour of the US Capital District
- Photo op at the White House
- Admission to the International Spy Museum with Operation Spy experience
- Time to shop in the Pentagon City Mall
- Two-day hopper pass to Disney World
- Admission to the Kennedy Space Center with IMAX
- Outlet shopping in Orlando
- Baggage service for one piece of luggage per traveler at New York Hotel only
- Private motor coach service upon arrival in Boston through departure at a DC airport
- Accommodations and breakfasts for coach driver in Boston, NYC and DC
- Private motor coach service in Orlando upon arrival at the airport through departure
- Services of a full-time tour manager
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