

# Boston/Cape Cod

May 17 – 27, 2012



Welcome to the sandy shores of **Cape Cod**. Extending some 70 miles into the sea, the Cape is home to both natural beauty and quaint colonial villages. You can walk pristine beaches, revel in the arts and culture, and reclaim childhood memories of seashells, sandcastles, and saltwater taffy.

- Days 1-3 Travel to the beautiful Northeast.
- Day 4 Tour the following areas in Sandwich: **Village Green**, the **Great Salt Marsh**, a **Cranberry Bog**, and **Cape Cod Bay**. Sandwich became the site of one of America's largest glass factories, an industry that flourished during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This quaint and quiet seaside community is the hometown of Thornton Burgess, naturalist and author of 170 children's books. Depart for the mid Cape area where your guide will conduct a **tour of Hyannis** including the **John F. Kennedy Memorial**, the **Korean War Memorial**, **Hyannisport** and a view of **St. Francis Xavier Church**, the summer parish of the Kennedy Family. **Note: This is an active house of worship and there will be certain times that we cannot enter the sanctuary.** Check in to our **local area hotel** in Hyannis, MA.
- Day 5 Meet your **Local Guide** at the hotel entrance and depart for Falmouth for ticketing and boarding of the **Island Queen** to the island of **Martha's Vineyard**. Depart on the **Island Queen ferry for Martha's Vineyard**. Upon arrival you will board a local bus for a **sightseeing tour**. You will learn about the history and lifestyles of the islanders as you pass through **Vineyard Haven**. Enjoy lunch on own and free time for shopping in the historic whaling town of Edgartown. Depart for and complete your day on the island in **Oak Bluffs**. You may choose to stroll through "Cottage City" with its brightly painted cottages and decorative "gingerbread" trim. Depart Martha's Vineyard for boarding of the **Island Queen** back to the mainland.
- Day 6 Meet your **Local Guide** at the hotel entrance and depart. Travel to the "south side" of the Cape to the seaside village of **Chatham**. You will **view the Chatham Light**, which has been a lifesaving beacon for sailors throughout the Cape's history. Chatham's location at the Cape's "elbow" make it very vulnerable to winter storms and your guide will point out the **Chatham Break** and the dramatic changes to the shoreline that have occurred, thanks to Mother Nature. **Stroll along Main Street**, an exclusive mile of specialty shops. Travel historic Route 6A, the **Old King's Highway**, a scenic byway winding through centuries of Cape Cod history. It winds past hundreds of historic structures which characterize its early development. View the **Eastham Windmill**, a **Cape Cod Lighthouse** and drive through the **Cape Cod National Seashore area**. Visit the Visitor's Center. Sand dunes and the ocean surround you as you approach "Land's End" – **Provincetown**. You are now at the extreme tip of Cape Cod. Formerly known as the "Province Lands" the pilgrims landed here first before they decided to settle across the Bay in Plymouth. Take some time to enjoy the wonderful variety of restaurants, shops, and galleries that make this artists/fishermen village so unique.
- Day 7 Meet your **GUIDE** and depart for your tour of the **Freedom Trail**. **Please note: This is a combined Coach & Walking tour, motorcoach passage and parking is not permitted in portions of the Freedom Trail.**
- Begin your tour at the **State House** atop Beacon Hill.
  - Walk through the **Boston Common**, American'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 Olde 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 (exterior only)**-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. Built in 1729, the Old South Meeting House was the largest building in colonial Boston, and provided a stage for the drama of the American Revolution.
  - Continue along the **Freedom Trail**  
View the **Old State House (exterior only)**. 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. The Old State House was a natural meeting place for the exchange of economic and local news. A Merchant's Exchange occupied the first floor and the basement was rented by John Hancock and others for

warehouse space. As the center of political life and thought in the colonies, the Old State House has been called one of the most important public buildings in Colonial America.

- Continue along the **Freedom Trail**. Enjoy **lunch and free time on your own** 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 (exterior only)**. 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!
- Continue along the **Freedom Trail**.
- 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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**.
- You will board the oldest commissioned warship in the United States Navy, the **U.S.S. Constitution, "Old Ironsides"!** (**Pending Availability due to length of lines, weather, etc. Closed Mondays**) Visit **Breed's Hill (pending reservation acceptance)**, where on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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."

Day 8

Meet our **guide** and depart on the **Liberty Ride**. Ride along the historic Battle Road while your costumed guide recounts the exciting events of April 19, 1775 and the literary legacy that defined American identity and culture. Lexington Battle Green, where the Lexington militia confronted 800 British Regulars as the sun rose on April 19, 1775. Some sites that we will see include:

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- **Lexington Visitors Center**, offering information and hospitality, plus a diorama of the Battle of Lexington.
- **Minute Man National Historical Park**. View "The Road to Revolution" (a moving multimedia presentation) and exhibits at the Visitor Center.

Arrive in Boston, MA. Visit the **Kennedy Library Museum**. This museum portrays the life, leadership and legacy of President Kennedy, conveys his enthusiasm for politics and public service, and illustrates the nature of the office of the President.

Depart to visit the **Commonwealth Museum**, the museum of Massachusetts history. The Commonwealth Museum uses state of the art technology to trace the development of rights in Massachusetts from the 1600s until today. Climate controlled cases display the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights, "John Adams" Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, and unique royal charters. The copper plate used by Paul Revere to engrave his image of the Boston Massacre is a featured piece.

Days 9-11

Travel Home.

Price includes: Motorcoach transportation, hotels, taxes, luggage for one bag, all listed tours, 10 breakfast and 9 lunches or dinners. (Trip Cancellation insurance is highly recommended and can be purchased for ANY trip. If you purchase cancellation insurance at the time of deposit, insurance covers pre-existing medical conditions for you.)

**Deposit of \$50 due on March 1, 2012**  
**Final payment due on April 1, 2012**

Price per person based on:			
SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
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