

Boston

MINI TOUR



Itinerary Boston (3)

DAY 1 BOSTON Board your flight to historic Boston. Arrive at Logan Airport where your private bus and driver will transfer your group to the hotel. Then take a walking tour of Back Bay Boston to see Boston Common, the oldest public area in the country, and the adjacent Public Garden with its famous swan boats. See the cobblestone streets and brick rowhouses of Beacon Hill and the bar known as Cheers that sits at one end of the "Hill." Walk through Newbury Street with its elegant boutiques, art galleries and coffee houses; and Trinity Church located in Copley Square, named by the American Institute of Architects as one of the ten greatest public buildings in the United States. Ride up to the 50th floor of the Prudential Building to a skywalk observatory offering spectacular vistas of Boston, Cambridge, and the suburbs. On clear days one can even see Cape Cod. Visible from the Skywalk are such famous attractions as the John Hancock Building, the buildings in the Christian Science complex, the Boston Public Library, Trinity Church, Fenway Park, and many of the parks that make up Boston's Emerald Necklace.

DAY 2 BOSTON See the city known as the "Cradle of Liberty" on your Boston City Tour. Your licensed city guide will show you the Granary Burying Ground, where three signers of the Declaration of Independence are buried; Old State House; Old North Church, site of the Boston Massacre; Faneuil Hall; the Bunker Hill Monument; Quincy Market; the USS Constitution, launched in 1797 and today the US Navy's oldest commissioned ship; and Paul Revere's House. Cross the Charles River to the city of Cambridge for a look at Harvard University and Harvard Square, MIT and the historic Boston Harbor. Then tour the fabulous Boston Museum of Science

where everything is laid out for you to explore and examine. Walk on a giant's desk (where pencils and erasers are 12 times their normal size) and explore a two-story Japanese house. Visit "The Virtual FishTank" where you can create and interact with your own virtual fish to discover new insights into how complex living systems work. The Theater of Electricity generates some serious indoor thunder and lightening with the world's largest Van de Graaff generator. Here's your chance to safely experience the awesome feel of electricity coursing through your body. Dozens of interactive exhibits range from virtual visits inside the human body to huge dinosaurs and a showcase on how math really does affect our everyday lives.

DAY 3 BOSTON The 35th President of the United States was born and raised in the Boston area. Learn about the career of John F. Kennedy, the challenges he faced, the decisions he made, and his commitment to public life as he speaks for himself on film, video, and sound recordings at the JFK Library. Then a short drive from Boston will take you to Plymouth Plantation, the first permanent settlement of Europeans in Southern New England. It is here that the ship Mayflower arrived in 1620. Both the European and the native Indian settlement were faithfully reconstructed and serve as a living museum today. The actors you will encounter live at Plymouth Plantation year round, planting, cultivating, cooking and living exactly the same way as did the first settlers over 300 years ago. Also see Plymouth Rock and the *Mayflower II*, a replica of the ship that brought the first Pilgrims to Massachusetts.

DAY 4 DEPART Return home with a new appreciation for American history and for one of this country's great old cities.

Highlights

- Back Bay Walking Tour
- Boston City Tour
- Museum of Science
- JFK Library
- Plymouth Plantation Tour
- Plymouth Rock
- Mayflower II



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