

NEW YORK CITY & BOSTON

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for the “Big Apple”. Arrive first thing the next morning in **New York City!**

Day 2: Harlem was originally established in 1658 by the Dutch as large farm estates, becoming fashionable and prosperous but eventually became a declining African American community. Today it is experiencing a resurgence in popularity and is home to historical landmarks such as the **Apollo Theatre**. Today enjoy a guided walking tour as well as a visit to a local gospel church. Head to **Central Park**, the most visited park in the United States. Don't miss Strawberry Fields, a memorial to John Lennon, the Dakota Apartments where Lennon was shot dead, the Imagine Mosaic, the Carousel at 64th, Belvedere Castle, Bow Bridge and Bethesda Fountain.



Day 3: Make your way to **Greenwich Village**, famous for its restaurants, curio shops, bookstores, art shows, coffeehouses, and nightclubs. Enjoy a delightful guided walking tour of the Village enjoying the culture, architecture and entertainment. Taste a variety of food specialties. Visit Canal Street for some great bargain shopping! Soho is home to some of the newest up and coming fashion designers. Visit Little Italy. Wander the cobble stoned streets filled with the tempting sights, sounds, and smells of Italian cuisine and culture. This evening shop **Macy's**, – the largest department store in the world, With ten floors of shopping, several sets of escalators and elevators, it is no wonder why Macy's is touted as the biggest department store in the world. Tonight visit the **Empire State Building** and its Observatory. This 1931 art deco building is made of Indiana limestone and granite trimmed with sparkling stainless steel.

Day 4: Statue of Liberty National Monument. France presented the Statue to the US in commemoration of their alliance during the American Revolution. Continue to Ellis Island, the nation's main point of entry into the US for immigrants from 1892-1924. Make your way to the Financial District and Ground Zero. Visit the **9/11 Memorial**. After the memorial, metro to Grand Central Station. Architecturally, Grand Central Station one of New York City's most famous landmarks. Today the Lower Concourse Grand Central Market, a group of small shops, sells fresh goods. Attend your first **Broadway show** tonight.



Day 5: Visit the fabulous **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, one of the largest and most prestigious art museums in the world. Marvel at the enormity of the collection. More than a million art treasures representing the work of 50 centuries are featured here, and one could easily spend hours wandering through the museum exploring them all. Starting at the corner of 59th and 5th Avenue, wander and shop your way down 5th Avenue back to the hotel. See Trump Tower and **St. Patrick's Cathedral**. Arrive at **Rockefeller Center**, a complex comprised of 21 buildings, underground shopping and home NBC and Radio City Music Hall. Tonight enjoy your last night in the Big Apple in Times Square.

Day 6: Depart New York for **Boston**, where the nation's history began. The first major battle of the **Revolution** took place in Boston on June 17, 1775. Enroute stop at Providence, Rhode Island for lunch and a short visit of the city. Providence municipal officials have restored historic buildings, install green spaces and build pedestrian malls and markets. Downtown **Providence** is filled with interesting architectural treats and is best served by exploring on foot.



Day 7: Boston has more sites directly related to the **American Revolution** than any other city and linked together as “The Freedom Trail”. Today you will follow the trail through Beacon Hill, downtown Boston, the North End and Charlestown. Along the trail are 16 sites of historic importance including the Boston Common, the State House, the site of the Boston Massacre, Paul Revere House, USS Constitution, the Bunker Hill Monument and more! Visit **Paul Revere’s** House. Enjoy evening shopping at Faneuil Hall Marketplace in the heart of historic Boston. Built in 1742 it was the town marketplace and meeting place throughout the Revolutionary War. The cupola on top is adorned with the famous symbol of the Port of Boston – a gilded bronze weathervane in the form of a grasshopper.

Day 8: Visit the **Beacon Hill** area lined with elegant federal style mansions overlooking the beautiful Boston Common. Visit the Nichols House Museum, built in 1805 and offers a glimpse into the lifestyle of the residents. Charles Street is the main shopping and dining area of the neighborhood. And for Cheers fans, the original Boston pub that inspired the show “Cheers” is located in Beacon Hill. The Boston Common and Public Gardens is where the militia practiced their formations and during the 17th century. Stocks, gallows and pillory were erected to discourage troublemakers. Today it is a beautiful green space in the heart of the city. See the George Washington Statue, the Lagoon Bridge, and the Central Burying Ground. On land that was once part of the Boston Common, is the Granary Burying Ground where the first body was interred in 1660 and is the final resting place for Revolutionary heroes, nine Massachusetts governors, soldiers and residents of early Boston. Some of the signers of the Declaration of Independence rest here as does Paul Revere, Peter Faneuil and the parents of Benjamin Franklin. In 1783, Massachusetts became the first state to declare slavery illegal. Boston was a desirable destination for southern blacks escaping slavery via the Underground Railroad. The **Black Heritage Trail** is a 1.6 mile trail that winds through Beacon Hill beginning at the Museum of African American History and follows sites important in American Black history. Significant African American landmarks including George Middleton House, the Phillips School, John J Smith house, Charles Street Meeting House, the African Meeting House and more.

Day 9: Today transfer to the airport for your flight home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to New York return Boston
- Return airport transfers – New York and Boston
- One way coach transfer New York to Boston with stop in Providence Rhode Island
- 9 nights accommodation with private facilities
- 9 breakfasts
- 3 dinners
- 2 Broadway shows
- 7 day subway pass
- Guided Walking tours
 - o Harlem with Gospel Church visit
 - o Greenwich with Culinary tastings
- Entrances / Activities
 - o Empire State Building
 - o Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island
 - o 9/11 Memorial
 - o Metropolitan Museum of Art
 - o 1 Broadway show
 - o 7 day unlimited subway pass in New York
 - o Visit to Paul Reveres House
 - o Visit to Nichols House Museum

