

8 Day Celebrate America's Birthday In Boston

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1 CHAMBERSBURG, PA

Are you ready for an incredible Independence Day holiday celebration? Our tour of America's Historic Cities culminates with Boston's spectacular July 4th Fireworks Spectacular! Today, we will travel to Chambersburg, PA for the night.

2 INDEPENDENCE SQUARE / SECAUCUS, NEW JERSEY TWILIGHT CRUISE OF MANHATTAN

Independence Square is a treasure trove of history. We take time to visit the Liberty Bell Pavilion and Independence Square, hearing the amazing story of the brave authors of the Declaration of Independence from our Park Service guide. Christ Church was the house of worship for George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Betsy Ross as well as 14 other signers of the Declaration of Independence. Brass plaques mark the pews they once occupied. On display is the font from which William Penn was baptized, and Ben Franklin's grave is in the adjacent cemetery. We depart Philadelphia after lunch and drive to Secaucus, New Jersey for overnight. Sail down the Hudson, cruise around the Battery, up the East River past the South Street Seaport and under the Brooklyn Bridge on your Twilight Cruise of Manhattan. You will enjoy city highlights with magnificent views of the world's premier skyline and a "close encounter" of the best kind with Lady Liberty.

3 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS / JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

We depart Secaucus, New Jersey traveling to Natick, Massachusetts. After lunch we continue to the Boston area for a three night stay in Cambridge just across the Charles River from Boston. We visit the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Exhibits include the President's Oval Office desk, documents and tape recordings, as well as a film about his life



4 BOSTON TOUR AND POPS REHEARSAL CONCERT

We meet our local guide this morning for a tour of historic Boston which focuses on the city's most prominent landmarks. First we see the historic shrines near Boston Common, including the Old State House. Other highlights are the Old North Church, from where Paul Revere got the signal to start his famous ride; the Freedom Trail; Bunker Hill; Old Ironsides and other points as time permits. This evening we have a special treat. We will enjoy the Boston Pops Rehearsal Concert. Keith Lockart brings his signature style and energy to champion great American music, while the orchestra shines in the Oval, in front of the main stage.

The Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular is known as the premier Independence Day celebration in the nation. Each year, since its inception, hundreds of thousands of people come from all over the country to the banks of the Charles River to celebrate America's Birthday!



MOTORCOACH

5 BOSTON HARBOR LUNCHEON LOBSTER CRUISE AND FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

We board the Spirit of Boston for a relaxing luncheon cruise. We witness history today as we follow the USS Constitution, aka "Old Ironsides" as it sets sail on a special "Turn Around Cruise" in the Boston Harbor. It has been a tradition for many years for the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned US Navy ship, to be brought out of its berth on July 4th and taken across Boston Harbor. At noon the ship's cannons fire a salute and the ship is then turned around and returned to the dock. This evening after a summer barbeque dinner at the hotel, we will enjoy the Fourth of July Fireworks from the banks of the Charles River at Cambridge. Oh, what a sight! **L D**

6 WASHINGTON, DC / BIBLE MUSEUM / MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS ILLUMINATION TOUR

We depart Boston this morning traveling through Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York stopping for lunch in New Jersey. We continue to Washington, DC for overnight. Upon arrival, we will visit the new Bible Museum two blocks from the National Mall. The Museum of The Bible will be an unparalleled experience, using cutting edge technology to bring the Bible to Life. Overnight in the DC area. In the evening we will drive through the city to see the monuments, memorials and our Nation's Capitol Building illuminated.

7 NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE MARINE CORPS / MONTICELLO / MICHIE TAVERN

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is the historical museum of the United States Marine Corps located in Triangle, Virginia near MCB Quantico. It's American history seen through the eyes of individual Marines across more than 237 years. After our visit we continue to Charlottesville, VA to visit Monticello—the primary plantation of Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States. Lunch or dinner (depending on their scheduled opening) at Historic Michie Tavern in Charlottesville. We spend our last night in Charlottesville. **L**

8 HOMEWARD BOUND

Today we make our way home through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley ending our remarkable journey through some of our nation's most historic cities with Knoxville Tours—truly an Independence tour of a lifetime!

3 MEALS INCLUDED

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

Price Per Person:

Single \$2495 Twin \$1795 Triple \$1685

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