



Education First

Explore America

THE EASTERN SEABOARD

8 days | Boston | New York City | Philadelphia | Washington, D.C.



Your itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Boston!

Founded in 1630, Boston is one of the oldest cities in the country and played a key role in the American Revolution. Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Boston Walking Tour

Our walking tour introduces you to Back Bay, an area that was once submerged in Boston Harbor-literally the "back of the bay." Pass by Boston Common, the Bull & Finch Pub that inspired the hit TV series Cheers, Beacon Hill, Newbury Street, Copley Square and the ornate stonework of Trinity Church.

Dinner at Faneuil Hall

Find over 36 international food vendors inside of the Quincy Market Colonnade, the largest food hall in New England!

Faneuil Hall

Experience the sights and sounds of bustling Quincy Market in the historic Faneuil Hall Marketplace, where you'll find a variety of shops and restaurants to explore.

Hotel in Boston area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Boston area

Day 2

Breakfast in Boston

Guided Sightseeing of Boston and Cambridge

A local guide introduces you to Boston's Freedom Trail. See the Old Granary Burying Ground, the final resting place of notable Americans like John Hancock, Crispus Attucks and even Mother Goose. In the Italian North End, pass silversmith Paul Revere's house. See the U.S.S. Constitution- the world's oldest commissioned warship-which never lost a battle. Not far from here, you will find the Bunker Hill Monument, where colonial rebel William Prescott warned his troops not to fire until they saw the whites of British eyes. Pass by historic Faneuil Hall on your way to see the colonists' Old South Meeting House, where a grievance session about a new tax law sparked the Boston Tea Party. Pass the Old State House, from whose balcony the Declaration of Independence was first read to the citizens of Boston in 1776. Cross the Charles River as you head for Cambridge's Harvard Square, where you'll find a diverse mix of students, professionals and street performers. It was in Harvard Square that George Washington officially took command of the U.S. Army in 1775. Encircled by brick walls and wrought-iron gates are Harvard Yard and the vine-covered brick buildings of the country's oldest university.

USS Constitution

See the USS Constitution, nicknamed "Old Ironsides," the world's oldest commissioned warship.

Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum

At the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum, become part of the famous event that changed the course of American History! This floating museum is unlike anything you've ever experienced before. Live actors, high-tech, interactive exhibits, authentically restored tea ships and the stirring, multi-sensory documentary "Let it Begin Here," are just a taste of what you'll see, hear and feel!

Dinner Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Red Sox Game - Terrace Seating

The Right Field Deck at Fenway Park is unique section of tables and seats and offers an amazing view of Boston's skyline atop the retired numbers. Enjoy the view at "America's Most Beloved Ballpark" where dreams are made, traditions are celebrated and baseball is forever. *Subject to scheduling and availability.*

Overnight in Boston area

Day 3

Breakfast in Boston

Transfer to New York City

Guided Sightseeing of New York City

A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. You'll explore the mosaic of Manhattan neighborhoods that make the city so unique. Drive through Greenwich Village, New York's eclectic province of bohemians, immigrants and students, and pass the cast-iron architecture of impossibly trendy SoHo (from "SOuth of HOuston Street"). And it just might feel as if you've left the States and crossed an ocean as you take in the vibrant life of Chinatown and the personality of Little Italy.

Walking Tour of Central Park

Join your tour director for a romp through New York's backyard playground. An 843-acre rectangular oasis in the heart of the Manhattan jungle, Central Park has something for everyone. Admire the 58 hand-carved horses parading around the Friedsam Memorial Carousel, brought to the park from Coney Island. Later, head over to the boathouse and Tavern on the Green. Continue through Bethesda Terrace, one of Central Park's best places for people watching, and find the statue of Alice in Wonderland at the northern end of the Conservatory Water.

Cash Dinner in New York City

Tour Director distributes \$12 each.

Top of the Rock Observatory

See unparalleled views of New York City from the Observation Deck on the 70th floor of 30 Rockefeller Center.

Hotel in New Jersey

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in New Jersey

Day 4

Breakfast in New Jersey

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

Ferry to Liberty Island to marvel at the Statue of Liberty. A gift from France in honor of the French-U.S. alliance, the statue's iron skeleton was designed by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (of Eiffel Tower fame) and sculpted by F. A. Bartholdi. It was modeled on the Colossus of Rhodes (one of the ancient wonders of the world). Liberty Enlightening the World, the statue's full title, was unveiled to much fanfare in 1888. Continue on to Ellis Island, which welcomed millions of immigrants to the New World around the turn of the century. Ellis Island is now the site of a museum chronicling the history of immigration.

Visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum

Explore the global implications of the events of September 11, 2001 at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, which displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery. Afterwards, visit the Memorial's twin reflecting pools, which sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.

Dinner in New York City

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Times Square

Be dazzled by a dizzying array of towering electronic billboards, sounds of street performers and the buzz of the crowds that make this intersection a one-of-a-kind spectacle. Times Square, named for the New York Times headquarters, is an icon of New York City and home to the most famous New Year's Eve party on the planet.

Broadway Show

Enjoy your Broadway show, sure to be an unforgettable theater experience!

Overnight in New Jersey

Day 5

Breakfast in New Jersey

Transfer to Philadelphia

Free Time at Independence National Historical Park

Visit the place that is sometimes referred to as "The Birthplace of Our Nation": Independence National Historical Park. Here you will see Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Center.

Guided Visit of Independence Hall

A local guide shows you Independence Hall, a World Heritage Site where the Declaration of Independence was adopted and the U.S. Constitution was written. George Washington oversaw the debate of the Constitution here over a four-month period in 1787 before it was ratified by nine states, taking effect on June 21, 1788. Once known as the Pennsylvania State House, Independence Hall was completed in 1753, 21 years after construction first started.

Visit to the Liberty Bell Center

The Liberty Bell Center is home to the Liberty Bell, the famously cracked 2,000-pound bell made of mainly copper and tin that was originally cast for the Pennsylvania State House. The glass chamber building provides views of Independence Hall in the background. An exhibit hall filled with educational materials sheds light on the many stories told about the history of the bell and how it still symbolizes liberty today.

Museum of the American Revolution

Journey through the remarkable story of America's founding and gain a deeper understanding of the people, events, and ideals that gave birth to the nation with your visit to the Museum of the American Revolution.

Transfer to Washington, D.C.

Dinner Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

Hotel in Washington, D.C. area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 6

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Arlington National Cemetery

Observe the quiet dignity of Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place of more than 200,000 veterans and their families. At JFK's gravesite, you'll see the eternal flame that was originally lit by Jacqueline Kennedy at her husband's funeral. You'll also witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The United States Marine Corps Memorial

The cast bronze depiction of Marines raising the flag at Iwo Jima honors all those who have served in the Marine Corps since its inception in 1775.

Excursion to Mount Vernon

Travel through the Virginia countryside to Mount Vernon, the lovely retreat overlooking the Potomac River, where George and Martha Washington lived from 1754 to 1799. As you tour the restored Georgian mansion, you'll see many symbols of the owner's eminence, including Washington's presidential chair. You'll also see the reconstructed slave quarters and Washington's tomb, as well as the elegant estate's 500 acres of grounds and gardens. Be sure to explore the comprehensive Ford Orientation Center and Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. The interactive displays, short films and high-tech immersive experiences featured in the center depict Washington at three significant stages in his life.

Dinner and Bowling

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America. After dinner, enjoy a game of bowling.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 7

Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

Guided Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Your Tour Director, a licensed Washington, D.C. guide, introduces you to the sites where national policies and political reputations are formed and reformed daily. Take a photo in front of the White House, home of every U.S. president except George Washington. View the iconic Washington Monument from the grassy National Mall, and look for your home state at the National WWII Memorial, the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. Finally, walk around the Tidal Basin to explore some of the most impressive memorials in D.C.: the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.

Ford's Theatre and Petersen House

Visit Ford's Theatre, where, on April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth shocked the nation by assassinating President Lincoln during a performance of *Our American Cousin*. The stricken president was carried across the street to the home of tailor William Petersen. At the historically preserved Petersen House, you'll see the room where a 23-year-old doctor worked unsuccessfully through the night to save the mortally wounded president.

National Archives

This important landmark holds priceless documents that have shaped the history and politics of the United States. Interactive components will give you an appreciation for the role records and archivists play in linking the past to the future. View all four pages of the Constitution simultaneously in the Charters of Freedom Rotunda.

The Smithsonian Museums

Explore all that the Smithsonian's museums have to offer during a self-guided visit. The Smithsonian Institution is the world's largest museum and research complex, endowed by James Smithson and created by an act of Congress in 1846. The Smithsonian Institution houses more than 136.5 million objects and comprises 18 museums and the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., two museums in New York City and nine research centers around the world.

The US Capitol Building Tour & Visitor's Center

Visit the U.S. Capitol, the city's epicenter and the heart of the American legislature. George Washington laid the first cornerstone for the building in 1793, but the edifice was set on fire in 1814 when British troops marched through the city. Much of the structure was salvaged, thanks to heavy rains that quelled the flames, and the Capitol remains the symbol of American government today.

Photo stop at the Library of Congress and U.S. Supreme Court

Make a photo stop at the green-domed Library of Congress and the imposing white-marble Supreme Court building.

Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

Guided Evening Sightseeing of Washington, D.C.

Experience the magic of seeing Washington's most impressive sights illuminated during your evening scenic tour downtown. Points of interest on your tour include the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial.

Overnight in Washington, D.C. area

Day 8**Breakfast in Washington, D.C.****United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Permanent Exhibition**

The Permanent Exhibition presents a narrative history using more than 900 artifacts, 70 video monitors, and four theaters that include historic film footage and eyewitness testimonies. *Subject to availability.*

Depart for Home!

Your tour director assists with your return home.