



BOSTON & PLYMOUTH 400th MAYFLOWER TOUR

OCTOBER 3-9, 2020 (7 Days)

The Pilgrims arrived at Plimouth Rock in 1620. We trace their path, their encounters with Native Americans, visit the newly restored Mayflower II and enjoy an original Tribal feast. Plus, we experience Boston and the start of the American Revolution and enjoy the tranquility and charm of nearby Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

Included meals are denoted: Breakfast: **B**, Lunch: **L**, Dinner: **D**

DAY 1

We fly to Boston and transfer to our hotel, where we lodge two nights at the Embassy Suites.

DAY 2 **B**

Our **Boston city tour** features many historic attractions (not to mention a photo stop outside "Cheers"). We walk and ride along the **Freedom Trail** and visit the USS *Constitution* Museum to learn of the storied history of "Old Ironsides" and the people who designed, built, and sailed her. On to **Lexington**, where the first battle of the American Revolution took place, and **Concord**, where "the shot heard around the world" was fired at the Old North Bridge.

DAY 3 **B**

We visit the Boston Gardens, Commons, and Copley Square, and view the city from 50 stories high at the **Skywalk Observatory** atop the Prudential center. At the **Old North Church**, we have a "behind the scenes tour." In Duxbury, we stop at the **Alden Family House Museum**. John Alden was one of Plimoth Colony's leaders. His courtship with Priscilla Mullins was immortalized as one of America's great love stories in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem *The Courtship on Miles Standish*. We lodge four nights in Plymouth.

DAY 4 **B,D**

Our historic **walking tour of Plymouth** begins at the Jenny House and continues through Brewster Gardens to the waterfront and to Plymouth Rock. It continues to Leyden Street where the Pilgrims first began arranging their housing sites before Christmas in 1620 after disembarking from the [Mayflower](#). They built their houses along this street from the shore up to the base of [Burial Hill](#) where the original fort building was located and now is the site of a cemetery and [First Church of Plymouth](#). [Town Brook](#) is adjacent to the street and provided drinking water for the early colonists. Governor [William Bradford](#), [Dr. Samuel Fuller](#), [Peter Browne](#) and other settlers owned lots along the road. The famed [First Thanksgiving](#) was likely held nearby in 1621.

After breaking for lunch along the waterfront we visit the **Mayflower II**, a detailed reproduction of the ship that the English colonists sailed to Plymouth. Walk about the ship and meet historical characters who describe living conditions on the journey across the Atlantic Ocean. See the passengers' cramped quarters, peer into the hold where the goods were stored, and compare the spacious Master's cabin to the confined sailors' accommodations. We'll learn about the Mayflower Compact and get our own personal copy. We continue to **Plimoth Plantation**. Known as a living history museum, it re-creates actual life at the time of the famous immigrants. Their lives, experiences and concerns, along with those of the Wampanoag Indians on whose land



they settled, are brought to life. At the 17th-Century English village, travel back to the year 1627! Costumed actors answer questions in character and inform guests of the Pilgrims difficult beginnings in the colony. See live demos on blacksmithing, farming and cooking in the village.

At the Wampanoag Homesite we meet people who explain the history and culture of the Wampanoag people. Discover how the 17th-century Wampanoag would have lived along the coast during the growing season; planting their crops, fishing and hunting, gathering wild herbs and berries for food, and reeds for making mats and baskets. You'll see a mat-covered wetu, the Wampanoag word for house. Food is cooked over an open fire using only the ingredients that were available in the 1600s. At the riverside you may see men making a mishoon – the Wampanoag word for boat – using fire as a tool to hollow out a tree. We'll enjoy a tribal feast this evening.

DAY 5 B,D

On our morning **boat ride** to Provincetown, we pass Clark's Island, full of historical significance both because it was the site where the Pilgrims celebrated the first Sabbath in the New World and also for the part it played as an important site in Wampanoag history. Hear about Pulpit Rock and learn about its history. Our motorcoach will meet us in Provincetown. The Pilgrims' first steps are commemorated with a plaque and a small park located in the middle of the rotary at the end of Commercial Street, appropriately called Pilgrims' First Landing Park. **The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum** highlights the arrival of the Mayflower Pilgrims, the town's rich maritime history, and the early days of modern American theater in Provincetown.

The "Mayflower Compact" was signed on November 11, 1620 onboard the *Mayflower* shortly after she came to anchor off Provincetown Harbor. Visit the **Mayflower Compact Monument**, situated at the base of the bluff where the Pilgrim Monument is located. You'll have free time for lunch and shopping and then board the coach for the journey back down the Cape passing **Corn Hill** where on November 15, 1620, a party of 15 crew members of the Mayflower, at anchor in Provincetown harbor, set out in small boats in search of food. They came ashore at the mouth of the Pamet River, and climbed a nearby hill where they discovered the Pamet Indian's winter store of corn. We'll continue to **First Encounter Beach** commemorating the "First Encounter" between the group of Pilgrims, led by Myles Standish and William Bradford, and the Nauset Tribe of the Wampanoags. On December 8, 1620 the two groups met along the beach here.

Earlier, European explorers had visited and even captured members of the Nauset Tribe leaving them with some less-than-fond memories of white visitors. So, the "First Encounter" was not a pleasant one. The Native Americans slung arrows at the Pilgrims and they in turn fired muskets. In the end, both sides retreated and the Pilgrims left for Plymouth.

DAY 6 B,D

For over ten thousand years the Wampanoag have inhabited the island of Noepe, now called Martha's Vineyard. When the first Europeans dropped anchor in 1602 – just before the Pilgrims – they numbered three thousand or more. To this day they still occupy the aboriginal land of Aquinnah and count 1200 members, about 500 of whom live on the Island. We'll take a ferry to the Island and enjoy a guided tour lead by a Wampanoag Guide. We return to the mainland and enjoy a farewell lobster dinner.



DAY 7 B

We say farewell to historic Massachusetts, and cross to Providence, RI, for our flight back to Albuquerque.

Itinerary subject to change



TOUR INCLUDES:

- Airfare from ABQ to Boston / Providence to ABQ (not including airline baggage and in-flight charges)
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- 6 nights' lodging at excellent hotels
- Baggage handling at hotels (for one piece)
- 6 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- Admission to all listed attractions
- Your professional SUN TOURS Tour Director
- All taxes and tips for included items (except hotel housekeeping)

\$2,895 Double occupancy, per person

\$3,595 Single occupancy

DEPOSIT: \$200 per person now holds your place

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: July 2, 2020

CANCELLATION FEES:

None - Through July 2, 2020

\$200 - July 3 - August 12, 2020

\$1,700 - August 13 - September 30, 2020

100% - After September 30, 2020

TRAVEL PROTECTION IS AVAILABLE STARTING AT \$172

