

# Historic Boston, Cape Cod & More!

**10 Days: June 13-22, 2010**



*This travel package planned and escorted by Becky DeKruif.*

The Boston area has so much rich history to see! Join us as we explore the history of our country, complete with a knowledgeable local step-on guide. With no driving and parking headaches, you are free to enjoy the scenery. You have read about all of these places, now experience them for yourself!

June 13 enjoy the comfort of our luxury motor coach, from our guaranteed departure locations as we head east. Our first night takes us to Elkhart, IN. We have several restaurants nearby. Our comfortable hotel features complimentary Internet access and has a fitness center as well as an indoor pool.

June 14 after **breakfast**, we continue our trek eastward. We will visit the **Corning Glass Museum**, in Corning, NY, located in the heart of the Finger Lakes region. It's the world's largest glass museum, featuring 35 centuries of glass artistry, glassblowing demonstrations, and an international glass market. It is also home to the Rakow Research Library, the library of record on glass and glassmaking, and The Studio, a highly respected glassmaking school. We stay the night in Horseheads, NY, where we have free high-speed wireless Internet access and an indoor pool. Several restaurants are nearby for your convenience.



June 15 have **breakfast** at our hotel before departure. We continue east, arriving on the beautiful shores of Cape Cod. We'll check in for a **2-night stay** at our hotel in Hyannis and receive a warm greeting from our local step-on guide. We'll have a festive **welcome reception** and **dinner**.

June 16 help yourself to **breakfast** before our first full day of touring. We will travel along scenic Route 6A, more historically known as Old Kings Highway, enjoying views of the cape's charming villages and architecture. We'll stop at the **Salt Pond Visitors Center**, on **Cape Cod National Seashore**, for a visit and to take in spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy a picture stop at the Cape's first Lighthouse, Highland Light, located on a cliff 183 feet above sea level. Browse the downtown waterfront area of **Provincetown**, with all its artistic and eclectic shops, before embarking on an exciting **Whale Watch Cruise!**



Have your cameras ready for an up-close look at these magnificent creatures in their habitat. Later, enjoy a visit to the **Whydah Pirate Museum**, which chronicles the 1717 shipwreck of the Whydah and displays artifacts recovered, as well as other items from the history of piracy. Enjoy some more free time, before **dinner**.



June 17 after **breakfast**, enjoy a tour of Hyannis, with a picture stop at the **JFK Memorial** and **Korean War Memorial**. We continue to **Sandwich**, Cape Cod's oldest town for a visit to the **Sandwich Glass Museum**, where we'll have glass-blowing demonstrations. Later, we visit Plymouth, where in 1620 the Pilgrims landed & founded the first permanent European settlement north of Virginia. Enjoy a **guided tour of Plymouth**, with views of Plymouth Rock, and the National Monument to the Forefathers. Tour the **Mayflower II**, a replica of the famous Pilgrims' ship, then enjoy some free time along Plymouth's waterfront, before leaving for the Boston area. We'll check in for a **3-night stay** at a great hotel with an indoor pool, on-site restaurant and lounge, free wireless Internet access and free local shuttle. Compare your experiences of the day over **dinner**.



June 18 following **breakfast**, we **tour Cambridge**, including a **windshield tour of MIT and Harvard**. Tour the **John F. Kennedy Library and Museum**, overlooking Boston Harbor. At lunchtime, visit

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**Faneuil Hall**, famous for its meetings in Revolutionary War times. It is now a marketplace, located next to **Quincy Market**, a large shopping and dining area in downtown Boston. The oldest pub in the U.S, The Bell and Hand, is located nearby as well as the famous Union Oyster House. We continue tracing history along **Boston's Freedom Trail**, viewing and stopping at many famous sites, including the **Old North Church, Boston Common, the Public Garden, "Cheers" pub and U.S.S. Constitution** ("Old Ironsides"). We finish our day with a brief (optional) **walking tour** in the historic **North End**, to view Old North Church. Tonight, a delicious **Italian feast** is planned at one of the North End's famous Italian restaurants.



June 19 enjoy another **breakfast**. We spend the day in **Salem**, most widely known as the site of the Witchcraft Trials of 1692. This colorful coastal city is also rich in marine heritage and architecture. We begin with a **driving tour**, followed by a visit to the **Salem Witch Museum**. Experience the dramatic witch hunt that led to the trials and executions of many men and women, through a dramatic history lesson with life-sized figures, lighting and narration. This afternoon we tour Nathaniel Hawthorne's **House of the Seven Gables**. We'll have some free time to explore on our own, before enjoying a savory **farewell dinner**.




June 20 after breakfast, there's more history to explore! On our way back home, we will stop at historic Cooperstown, NY, where we visit the **Baseball Hall of Fame**. The hall traces the history of America's game, with memorabilia from all eras. You'll see the Hall of Fame placards, uniforms, photos, World Series trophies, rings, and much more. Explore the hall at your leisure, and visit some of the unique shops nearby. Weather permitting, we're in for an extra treat! Baseball Hall of Famers are invited to play in the **Hall of Fame Classic**, an alumni baseball game. We have included this game in our schedule! We stay the night in Horseheads, NY, where we stayed on our way out.



June 21 following **breakfast**, we travel to southwest New York, to the home of one of America's most beloved comediennes, Lucille Ball. As we visit the **Lucy-Desi Museum**, we'll see priceless costumes, awards, photographs, and other vintage memorabilia on display from the estates of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. We can also hear audio clips from Desi's autobiography as well as stories of their youthful antics told by Lucy's childhood pals. A unique radio plays clips both from Lucy's 1940's radio series, My Favorite Husband, and some of Desi's famous Latin songs. We'll also visit the **Desilu Playhouse**, devoted to the "I Love Lucy" TV series. It contains complete re-creations of Lucy and Ricky Ricardo's New York City apartment and the Hollywood hotel suite where Lucy pantomimed with Harpo Marx and set her nose on fire with William Holden! You'll also find an interactive "Vitameatavegamin" set, a screening area and showcases filled with vintage memorabilia as well as costumes that were worn on the show. Our homeward journey takes us as far as Elkhart, IN, for the night. We stay at the same hotel as our first night of the trip.



June 22 we enjoy one more **breakfast** as we start our last day together. We return to our departure cities.



**Your 10-day Historical Boston, Cape Cod & More! Tour includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 9 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admission to bolded attractions, 9 breakfasts and 5 dinners (meals inclusive of tax & gratuity).

\$2,099 per person double occupancy  
\$2,019 per person with 3 or 4 sharing a room with 2 beds  
\$2,535 single room accommodations

**Reservations:** anytime as long as space is available.

**Deposit:** \$199 per person, due with reservation

**Balance due:** May 14

**Cancel by:** May 14 for penalty-free cancellations.

**Early booking discount:** \$50 discount per person discount applied toward final balance if deposit is received by February 8

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**Guaranteed departure cities:** Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Ames, Des Moines, Newton, Coralville, Decorah, West Union, Independence, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Charles City, Waverly and Waterloo