



Boston

Art, History & Architecture

June 17-20, 2015

Plan your arrival in Boston for June 16, 2015

Plan your departure from Boston for June 21, 2015

Experience four centuries of art, architecture and history in Boston. This trip is timed to experience the recent renovations and expansions at three major museums. Savor art masterpieces at the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, the Peabody Essex Museum, the Harvard Art Museums. Off the beaten path gems (the sculpture garden at the DeCordova Museum and the treasure box of Bauhaus design created by Walter Gropius for his own home) augment the experience. This trip culminates with a visit to the Institute of Contemporary Art, the newest museum in Boston, perched at the waterfront to welcome the art of the 21st century. Amy will add short introductory talks, special meals and local guides to craft a memorable Boston art experience for you!

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Overnight in Boston

Dinner included

Begin with a private tour of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Explore the rooms of the 16th century Venetian-inspired villa with works by Giotto, Botticelli, Ucello, Rembrandt, Sargent and Manet. Delve into the impact the new Renzo Piano wing has had on the museum since its opening in 2012! After lunch, visit the Museum of Fine Arts where fifty-three new galleries opened in the Norman Foster-designed Art of the Americas wing in 2010. Revel in the splendor of the newly renovated galleries devoted to the Art of the Americas from the Pre-Columbian era through the third quarter of the twentieth century. Then tour more of the permanent collection of the MFA. The collection of English silver, European paintings, and Asian and Egyptian art is particularly impressive. Sample the rich diversity of the temporary exhibitions as well. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Overnight in Boston

Breakfast & lunch included

Step into the past as you experience sites that are at the heart of U.S. history. Visit the sites protected as part of the Boston National Historical Park and connected by the Freedom Trail—Faneuil Hall, the Old State House, the Boston Massacre site, the Old South Meeting House, Paul Revere House, and the Old North Church. Guided walking tours will relay the history of the taxes and the oppressive policies of the British Parliament that triggered defiance in Boston. After the dumping of forty-six tons of tea into Boston Harbor, a series of events was set in motion that led to the American Revolution and our independence. For the rest of the day you'll be free to explore, on your own, the many art galleries in Boston. Consider the galleries clustered on Newbury Street including the Barbara Krakow Gallery. Evening on your own.

Friday, June 19, 2015

Overnight in Boston

Breakfast & lunch included

Travel off the beaten path by private coach to the impressive sculpture gardens of the DeCordova Museum. Later, enjoy an exclusive private tour of the Walter Gropius house. Founder of the German

design school known as the Bauhaus, Gropius designed this gem of domestic architecture in 1937 when he came to teach at Harvard. With all the family possessions still in place—including an important collection of furniture designed by Marcel Breuer—the house has an immediacy rarely found in house museums. Continue to the northeast coast and tour the extensive collections of the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem. Founded in 1799, this is the “oldest continuously operating museum in the United States.” Masterworks of 18th and 19th century American painting and decorative arts are exhibited with thousands of artifacts imported from China, Japan and Korea. Compare and contrast works made for local use with those intended for export, and marvel at an entire Qing dynasty (1644-1911) house from southeastern China, the only example of Chinese domestic architecture on display in the United States. After seeing the museum’s portrait of Nathaniel Hawthorne, walk to the 1750s house where Hawthorne was born and see the 1668 house that inspired the author’s book, *The House of the Seven Gables*.

Saturday, June 20, 2015

Overnight in Boston

Breakfast & dinner included

This morning visit the new Renzo Piano designed Harvard Art Museums. This new home of The Harvard Art Museums, which include the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger, and Arthur M. Sackler Museums, opened in November 2014. Savor the collections on four floors and experience this “teaching museum that supports learning through art.” A special exhibition of Mark Rothko’s Harvard murals features 38 works from 1961–62 including the murals and many of the artist’s related studies on paper and canvas. You’ll also observe a sixth Rothko mural which is being displayed for the first time. This afternoon, travel to the Boston waterfront where the Institute of Contemporary Art shines as the newest icon of the city’s art world. Tour its current exhibitions and permanent collections and learn about its innovative educational programs. Tonight reflect on your art experiences in Boston over a farewell dinner.

Sunday, June 21, 2015

Departure day

Other Details about this Trip

Trip Dates: June 17-20, 2015

Trip Leader: Amy Boyce Osaki and local museum guides

Price: **\$2,795** (A deposit of \$400 is required to guarantee your reservation)

Single Room for entire trip: **\$650**

Meeting Point: The trip begins in the lobby of our hotel in Boston on the morning of Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Departure Point: Trip services officially end after dinner on Saturday, June 20.

Note: Alaska Airlines offers non-stop service between Portland, Oregon and Boston, Massachusetts.

Included in the trip price: Four nights lodging; three breakfasts and four other meals (two dinners and two lunches); all museum admissions to sites described in the itinerary; guided museum visits; private coach travel; local transportation; insights into art provided by your trip leader and local experts.

Not included in the trip price: Airfare, excess baggage charges, personal insurance and trip cancellation insurance, all items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone, and internet access.

Customize your trip to Boston! Come early or stay longer by adding extra nights at the hotel. Take advantage of all the museum visits included in the itinerary, or pick and choose, as you desire. Opt out of some of the museum visits in favor of more time relaxing, or set off to explore other museums not on the schedule. For the evenings, consider adding, on your own, tickets for performances selected from the rich menu of concerts and theater available in Boston!