

The Brooklyn Bridge stretches 5,989 feet over the East River and was once the longest steel suspension bridge in the world.



Smithsonian

STUDENT TRAVEL

NEW YORK AND BOSTON

- Round-trip transportation
- Air-conditioned motorcoach on tour
- 4 nights hotel accommodations (5 with extension)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director throughout your stay
- Sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides
- Visits to special attractions as per itinerary
- Prudential Skywalk audio tour
- Broadway show
- Overnight security
- Educational materials developed by the Smithsonian
- Smithsonian Membership

Options

- Downtown hotel (private groups only)
- Extended stay
- Lunches
- Gratuities
- MET guided tour
- Opportunity to earn credit for group leaders and students

DAY 1: BOSTON

Welcome to Boston • Travel by airplane or motorcoach to Boston, founded in 1630. Upon arrival, you are greeted by your Smithsonian Student Travel Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

Walking tour of Boston • Your walking tour introduces you to Boston, the largest city in New England and the region's economic and cultural hub. Pass by Boston Common—originally a cow pasture, it has also served in centuries past to train militia and hang “witches.” See the Bull & Finch Pub that inspired the hit TV series *Cheers*. It stands at the base of Beacon Hill, whose rows of genteel brownstones have been home to the Bostonian elite since the city's founding. Continue along Newbury Street, a popular shopping street lined with sophisticated galleries, restaurants and boutiques. Pass through Copley Square and view the ornate stonework of Trinity Church.

Optional Boston Duck Tour (April–November) • Is it a boat? Is it a truck? It's a DUCK! See Boston by land and by sea in an authentic renovated amphibious WWII landing vehicle. Your conDUCKtor will narrate and navigate a tour of the birthplace of freedom in one of the brightly colored “Duck Boats.” Sights include the Boston Common, Copley Square, the Old North Church, the golden-domed State House, fashionable Newbury Street and more. And, just when you think you're done, pass EF Center Boston before splashing into the Charles River for spectacular views of the Boston and Cambridge skylines.

Quincy Market • Experience the sights and sounds of bustling Quincy Market in the historic Faneuil Hall Marketplace, known as America's “Cradle of Liberty.” You'll find a variety of shops and restaurants to explore and could get a glimpse of jugglers and magicians who often perform on the cobblestone promenade. The original Faneuil Hall, where fishermen and merchants once sold their wares, offers a glimpse into the past. Here, colonists protested the Sugar Act of 1764 and created the slogan: “No taxation without representation.” Imagine the voices of the many famous speakers who have taken the podium here, including George Washington, Samuel Adams, Susan B. Anthony and Bill Clinton.

DAY 2: BOSTON ★ LEXINGTON AND CONCORD

Guided sightseeing of Boston and Cambridge • A local guide introduces you to Boston's Freedom Trail. See the Old Granary Burying Ground, 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 and the Old North Church, where two lanterns were hung to signal the Redcoats' arrival by sea. Walk up to Copp's Hill Burying Ground. Begun as a cemetery in the 1660s, this site overlooking the Charles River was used by the British a century later as an emplacement

for the cannon that fired on the Americans on Breed's Hill. 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—Harvard was founded in 1636.

Guided sightseeing of Lexington and Concord • Journey with a local guide to Lexington, where the first shots of the American Revolution rang out on the Battle Green. Note that the statue of Captain John Parker gazes in the direction of Boston, still watching for the Redcoats. Concord was the Redcoats' next stop, but they were confronted by the Minutemen who fired the “shot heard 'round the world” at the Old North Bridge, which you will see on your tour. Visit either the Olde Manse—inhabited at various times by American literary giants Nathaniel Hawthorne and Ralph Waldo Emerson—or Orchard House, the historically preserved childhood home of author Louisa May Alcott and the fictional setting for her novel *Little Women*.

Prudential Skywalk • Take in a bird's-eye view of the city and surrounding environs from the Prudential Skywalk, on the 50th floor of the Prudential Building (known as “the Pru” to Bostonians). The Skywalk provides a 360-degree view of the “Hub”—on a clear day, your view might extend from New Hampshire's White Mountains all the way to parts of Cape Cod. Learn more about Beantown on an informative audio tour. Watch a spectacular aerial video of Boston in the film *Wings Over Boston* or see *Dreams of Freedom*, bringing to life the experiences of immigrants.

Optional theater performance • Get a taste of Boston's performing arts scene with a live theater performance this evening.

DAY 3: BOSTON ★ NEW YORK

Museum of Science • Hundreds of interactive exhibits and demonstrations at Boston's Museum of Science make learning about space, technology, zoology and the natural world a fascinating experience! You might program a robot, watch a chick hatch, or study the motion of the planets.

Photo stop at the Berlin Wall • No trip to Boston would be complete without a stop at EF Center Boston, where a section of the Berlin Wall stands. Originally

erected during the 1960s to separate communist-ruled East Germany from the more democratic society of West Germany, the Berlin Wall was torn down when the Communist Regime fell in 1989. The graffiti-covered piece now standing in front of EF Center Boston represents EF's ongoing commitment to breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography.

Transfer to New York City • Continue on to New York City, which British explorer Henry Hudson "discovered" in 1609 while searching for a passage to China. Today, the Big Apple is the largest metropolis in the United States.

Empire State Building and Observatory • This evening, view the city from the Empire State Building's observation deck. Once the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building remains one of Manhattan's most elegant symbols. Built in just over a year during the depths of the Depression, this limestone beauty's iconic status was sealed in 1933, when the building starred in King Kong. Since the 1976 bicentennial celebration, the building's top stories have glowed at night with seasonal colors.

DAY 4: MANHATTAN

Guided sightseeing of New York City • An expert local guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. Begin among the bright lights of Times Square, home to the Broadway theater scene, MTV's studios and popular theme restaurants. Make a stop in the 843-acre Central Park, a rectangular oasis in the midst of a concrete jungle. Here, you will see Strawberry Fields, a tribute to John Lennon that includes 161 plant species, representing 161 nations of the world. (If you look overhead, you can also see the Dakota apartment building where Lennon and Yoko Ono lived.) Travel south toward 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"). Finish your tour at the World Trade Center site and pay tribute to the victims of September 11 at Ground Zero. The area will be home to the Freedom Tower, designed to reach a height of 1,776 feet.

Metropolitan Museum of Art (closed Mondays) • With more than 3 million objects in its collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is home to one of the most extensive art collections in the world. The galleries include works from the Paleolithic era to the contemporary avant-garde. Among the museum's most popular exhibits are Egyptian artifacts, Oriental sculpture, ancient glasswork, African art, early European musical instruments and American decorative art.

Broadway show • This evening, enjoy the bright lights and glitz of Broadway! Start by exploring the famous Times Square, where you will be dazzled by a dizzying array of towering, electronic billboards, sounds of street performers and the buzz of the crowds who make this intersection a one-of-a-kind spectacle. Then join New York's avid theater enthusiasts at a Broadway show, where you will be delighted by talented singers and dancers, extravagant sets and glittering costumes. (Show depends on availability.)

DAY 5: STATUE OF LIBERTY ★ DEPARTURE

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 151-foot-tall statue's iron skeleton was designed by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel (of Eiffel Tower fame), sculpted by F. A. Bartholdi and modeled on the Colossus of Rhodes. 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.

Departure • Return home on Day 5, or extend your tour for an additional day in New York.

★6-DAY TOUR★

DAY 5: NEW YORK (CONTINUED)

Free time in Manhattan • Enjoy free time this afternoon in Manhattan, a true walker's city. You may want to visit the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum or the National Museum of the American Indian, George Gustav Heye Center, or take a trip to the Central Park Zoo. Before you set out, your tour director will provide suggestions, based on individual or group interests.

Optional Broadway performance • Opt this evening to attend another Broadway show.

DAY 6: MANHATTAN ★ DEPARTURE

Tour director-led sightseeing of Midtown • Stroll down glamorous Fifth Avenue in the heart of midtown Manhattan. Pass Rockefeller Center, home to NBC Studios and Radio City Music Hall, an Art Deco triumph. Marvel at the grandeur of St. Patrick's Cathedral, with its 26-foot-wide rose window and soaring Gothic spires. These peaks were added in the 1880s, nearly 30 years after the cathedral's construction. Continue past the extravagant Trump Tower and the famous F.A.O. Schwarz toy store, finishing at the entrance to Central Park, New York's 843-acre pastoral retreat.

Return home • Your tour director assists with your departure.

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