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Accompanying Persons Program

Greetings Friends:

On behalf of all of the CIRP U.S. Accompanying Persons, we welcome you to Boston for the 59th CIRP General Assembly.

First settled in 1630, Boston is the capital of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and was the birthplace of the Revolutionary War. It was also the site of the first public school and public library in America. It has rich historical roots, a diverse culture, cobblestone streets and trendy shopping galleries. You can walk your way through time by exploring historical landmarks on the Freedom Trail, stroll down the fashionable Newbury Street, savor the flavors of the North End's authentic Italian cuisine, and be inspired by the natural beauty and charm of the Waterfront district. And best of all, this can all be done on foot; the compact size of Boston makes it a comfortably "walkable" city.

We have planned this week to include a mixture of activities showcasing both the city's colonial roots and modern culture, to give you a broad sense of Boston in the short time we have together. We have also tried to give you as much unstructured time as possible, so that you will have an opportunity to explore the area and your own interests at your leisure.

Whether you are a first-time visitor to the area or a returning guest, we sincerely hope that you have an enjoyable and relaxing week with us. Once again, welcome to Boston and thank you for joining us! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you enjoy your stay.

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Climate

In August, the average temperature in Boston is 80° F/ 27° C. Sunglasses, hats and sun block are beneficial. Due to the proximity to the ocean, humidity is quite high and there may be a chance of rain.

Attire

We suggest that accompanying persons wear comfortable walking shoes for the day program.

Emergency and Medical Assistance

For emergency medical assistance please dial 911.

Monday, August 24, 2009

Boston Revealed

Referred to as the “Athens of America” and known universally for its role in the shaping of America, Boston represents a colonial cornucopia of sites, sounds and historical significance in its contributions to our nation. Guests will travel through Copley Square and the Back Bay, home of the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church. The group will travel on to view the Waterfront District as well as the Rose Kennedy Greenway. After lunch at Maggianos, the group will travel to Cambridge where they will enjoy a 45-50 minute cruise along the Charles River.

Schedule

- 10:30 am Accompanying Persons Program Welcome Meeting
Westin Copley Place, Staffordshire, 3rd Floor
- 11:00 am Boarding of buses at Westin Copley Place
- 11:15 am Depart Westin Copley Place for City Tour by bus
- 12:30 pm Lunch at Maggiano’s Little Italy
- 2:30 pm Charles River Boat Cruise
- 3:45 pm Depart for hotels
- 4:00 pm Approximate arrival at hotels



Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Plimoth Plantation

Experience life in the 17th century at Plimoth Plantation. Here guests can learn about and participate in work from the old days, such as preparing loaves of bread for baking. There are also interactive role players and interpretive staff of the Wampanoag Homesite and the 1627 English Village. Additionally, guests will share in a traditional Thanksgiving Buffet, where they will learn about the table manners of the 17th century and eat the food of the Pilgrims.

The group will travel by the Mayflower II for a glimpse at this reproduction vessel. The details of this ship, from the solid oak timbers and tarred hemp rigging to the wood and horn lanterns and hand-colored maps, have all been carefully recreated to give you a sense of what the original 17th century vessel was like.

Schedule

8:15 am	Boarding of buses at Boston Park Plaza & Hostelling International Boston
8:45 am	Boarding of buses at Westin Copley Place
9:00 am	Depart Westin Copley Place
10:30 am	Tour of Plimoth Plantation
12:30 pm	Thanksgiving Lunch at Plimoth Plantation
2:30 pm	Arrive at Plymouth Rock for a visit
2:45 pm	Bus tour by Mayflower II
3:00 pm	Depart for Boston
4:30 pm	Approximate arrival at hotels



Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Aristocratic Boston

This morning, guests will travel to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, a breathtaking palazzo created at the turn of the century by wealthy art lover Isabella Stewart Gardner. Isabella's pioneering independence and eccentricity overcame resistance from the very conservative Boston Brahman Society in opening a female-owned gallery. Despite being the victim of the most costly art heist in the twentieth century, the museum displays over 3,000 works of art including objects by Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Its beautiful interior flowering courtyard and outdoor gardens are host to some of the most elaborate parties in Boston.

Guests will enjoy lunch inside the Museum of Fine Arts where they will also have the opportunity to shop. Following lunch, the group will transfer to Beacon Hill for a leisurely walking tour. From the golden dome of the State House to the stately townhouses of Louisburg Square, this Beacon Hill tour will take you back in time. Enjoy the beautiful architecture of this neighborhood's 18th and 19th century townhouses and mansions and discover its history and secrets. Walk through a delightful maze of redbrick sidewalks and cobblestone streets while experiencing the spell of enchantment the "The Hill" will cast on you.



Schedule

- 8:45 am Boarding of buses at Boston Park Plaza & Hostelling International Boston
- 9:15 am Boarding of buses at Westin Copley Place
- 9:30 am Depart Westin Copley Place
- 9:45 am Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- 11:15 am Lunch at Bravo located at the Museum of Fine Arts
- 1:00 pm Shopping at the Museum of Fine Arts Gift Shop
- 1:30 pm Walking Tour of Beacon Hill
- 3:15 pm Depart for hotels
- 3:30 pm Approximate arrival at hotels

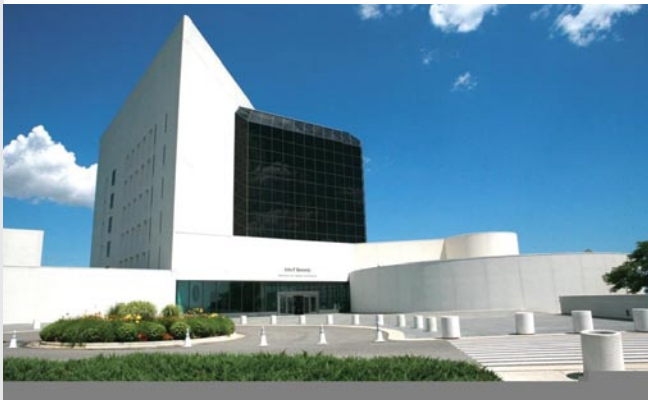


Thursday, August 27, 2009

JFK & Faneuil Hall

Guests will depart the hotel for Columbia Point where the magnificent design by I.M. Pei houses the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Participants will celebrate former President Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy. Follow him on his 1960 democratic campaign trail, and into the White House corridors where he and Jacqueline Bouvier brought grace, charm and inspirational new vision to the American People. Often referred to as the "American Royal Family," the Kennedy's reign alluded to days gone by and the historic romance of Camelot. Of all the presidents and first ladies, John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy are one of the most studied and written about "first couples" of the 20th Century. Presidential papers and film documents detailing the political rise to power of JFK are available, along with collections of still photographs documenting the President's life and death.

Guests will then be transferred to Faneuil Hall to enjoy lunch at Cheers Restaurant and Bar "*where everybody knows your name...*" After lunch, guests will have free time to shop and explore Faneuil Hall, known as "the Cradle of Liberty" for over 240 years. This portion includes a unique experience in Boston's famous Haymarket Square with live vendors.



Schedule

8:45 am	Boarding of buses at Boston Park Plaza & Hostelling International Boston
9:15 am	Boarding of buses at Westin Copley Place
9:30 am	Depart Westin Copley Place
9:50 am	John F. Kennedy Library and Museum
12:10 pm	Lunch at Cheers Restaurant and Bar
1:15 pm	Shopping at Faneuil Hall
3:45 pm	Depart for hotels
4:00 pm	Approximate arrival at hotels



Friday, August 28, 2009

Newport & The Gilded Age

Rising early to head south, travel along the coast to the beguiling town of Newport, Rhode Island. Discover this legendary seaside resort and summer playground for this country's first millionaires and home of America's first castles. Travel along the shoreline via the spectacular "10 mile drive," admiring regal mansions against the backdrop of the magnificent Atlantic Ocean. Guests may revel in the luxury of the Vanderbilt's "summer cottage" – the Breakers – a sprawling mansion with 70 rooms illustrating the Vanderbilt's role in the Gilded Age. Guests will also tour a second well-known mansion, the Marble House.

After viewing the mansions, guests will transfer to the Atlantic Beach Club for lunch, followed by a leisurely coach ride along Ocean Drive.

Schedule

7:15 am	Boarding of buses at Boston Park Plaza & Hostelling International Boston
7:45 am	Boarding of buses at Westin Copley Place
8:00 am	Depart Westin Copley Place
9:30 am	Tour of the Breakers
11:15 am	Refreshments
11:30 am	Tour Marble House
1:15 pm	Lunch at Atlantic Beach Club
2:30 pm	Bus Tour along Ocean Drive
3:00 pm	Depart for Boston
5:00 pm	Approximate arrival at hotels



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