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Deluxe Motorcoach with Scholar-in-Residence

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Above The Elms and right is Marble House.

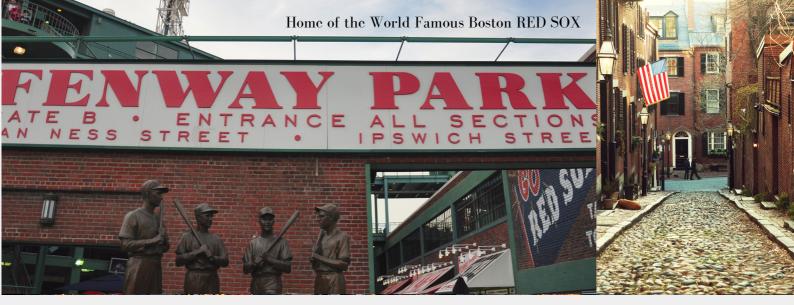
# TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Boston: Embark on a captivating journey through history along the Freedom Trail, visiting the Massachusetts State House, Paul Revere's House, and the Old North Church. Marvel at architectural wonders in Back Bay, including the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church. Delight in delectable culinary adventures, savoring diverse flavors from trendy eateries to historic taverns.

Newport: Immerse yourself in the lavish world of the Gilded Age as you tour the grand mansions along the stunning coastline. Step inside The Breakers, Marble House, and The Elms, admiring their intricate designs and opulent interiors. Stroll along the charming streets lined with boutique shops, and explore the

picturesque Cliff Walk.

New York City: Discover the iconic landmarks that define the Big Apple, from the majestic Empire State Building to the Statue of Liberty. Immerse yourself in the dazzling lights of Times Square, wander through the artistic haven of Chelsea, and explore the trendy neighborhoods of Greenwich Village and SoHo. Experience the magic of Broadway and indulge in world-class shopping on Fifth Avenue



FRIDAY, DAY 1

BOSTON

Historic Beacon Hill

## As you arrive enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Boston at your own pace, with recommen-dations from your expert tour leader. You may choose to visit some of Boston's world-class museums and cultural institutions, such as the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum or the Institute of Contemporary Art, or to enjoy some shopping and dining in the trendy neighborhoods of Beacon Hill and the South End (famous for Good Will Hunting).

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### SATURDAY, DAY 2

## BOSTON

On your first day in this historic city, we'll start with a visit to the iconic Freedom Trail. This 2.5-mile walk will take you through 16 signi-ficant historical sites, including the Massachusetts State House, Paul Revere's House, and the Old North Church. As we stroll along the cobblestone streets, our expert guide will regale you with fascinating stories of the city's role in the American **Revolution** as we stand on the USS Constitu-tion, the oldest comis-sioned warship afloat in the world.

After lunch, we'll take a scenic drive through **Back Bay**, home to many of Boston's most stunning architectural landmarks, including the **Boston Public Library**, **Trinity Church** and the **Museum of Fine Arts.** 



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# SUNDAY, DAY 3

**NEWPORT** Begin your tour at **The** Breakers Mansion, the grandest of all the Newport summer homes, built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II in 1895. The mansion boasts 70 rooms, including a marble staircase, ornate ballroom, and opulent dining room. From there, we'll visit the **Marble House**, a stunning mansion built by William Vanderbilt for his wife Alva in 1892. You'll be transported back to the Gilded Age with the mansion's grand reception room, elaborate gold ballroom, and Chinese tea house. We will end our day at the Historic **Touro Synagogue**.

# MONDAY, DAY 4 NEWPORT

Today we bevisiting four mansions: Chateau-sur-Mer, a Victorian-era mansion built in 1852, and learn about the house's history and architecture, Rough Point, the summer home of heiress Doris Duke, built in 1891. You'll marvel at the mansion's stunning ocean views and impressive art collection, The Elms, a Frenchstyle chateau built in 1901, and **Rosecliff**, an elegant mansion that was featured in Arnold schwar-zenegger's blockbuster hot True Lies.





View from the Cliff Walk

### **TUESDAY, DAY 5**

#### **NEWPORT**

Embark on a scenic adventure along the world-renowned **Cliff Walk**, a captivating 3.5-mile pathway that unveils stunning vistas of the picturesque coastline and iconic historic mansions. Immerse yourself in the vibrant ambiance of **Thames Street**, the beating heart of Newport, adorned with a delightful array of shops, boutiques, art galleries, and enticing restaurants.

Indulge your senses at **Newport Harbor**, where you can partake in a captivating harbor tour or relish a leisurely stroll along the enchanting waterfront, feasting your eyes upon the graceful boats and absorbing the idyllic views. Immerse yourself in the rich heritage of tennis at the esteemed **International Tennis Hall of Fame**, where captivating exhibits, cherished memorabilia, and the allure of a pristine grass court await your exploration.

Allow Newport, Rhode Island, to captivate you with its remarkable Cliff Walk, vibrant Thames Street, picturesque harbor, and the celebrated legacy of tennis at the International Tennis Hall of Fame. There's a world of wonders to discover in this captivating coastal town.



# New Yrok City

### WEDNESDAY, DAY 6

NEWPORT, RI & NEW YORK CITY

Awake to a leisurely morning in the enchanting town of Newport, Rhode Island. As we bid farewell to this **picturesque coastal gem**, take advantage of the free time to indulge in some delightful shopping or explore the charming streets at your own pace. Immerse yourself in the town's vibrant ambiance, knowing that you have already experienced the wonders of Newport's iconic landmarks and historical treasures.

For those seeking guidance or insider recommendations, our knowledgeable guides will be available to accompany you on your explorations, sharing fascinating insights and hidden gems along the way. Stroll through the **quaint boutiques**, peruse local **art galleries**, or simply savor a relaxing coffee in a charming café.

After a delightful morning spent indulging in Newport's offerings, we gather once again to embark on the next leg of our journey. Board our luxurious motor-coach, where comfort and elegance merge seamlessly.



Seinfeld's Monk 's Cafe

Sit back and relish the scenic drive as we make our way from Newport, through **New England**, to the dazzling metropolis of **New York City**. Our first stop, as we head to **Midtown**, we'll stop at the famous **Seinfeld Coffee Shop**.

As we arrive in the heart of the city, the vibrant energy and iconic landmarks will welcome you with open arms. Our expert guides will ensure a seamless transition as we settle into our upscale accommodations, epitomizing luxury and sophistication.

In the evening, prepare for a night of enchantment as we immerse ourselves in the world of **Broadway**. Attend a spectacular theatrical production, where mesmerizing performances and captivating storytelling will transport you to new realms of entertainment and artistry. Lose yourself in the magic of the stage, surrounded by the elegance and grandeur of one of New York City's renowned theaters. Following the show, relish the vibrant atmosphere of the city at night. Perhaps enjoy a **delectable late-night dinner** at a trendy restaurant or venture out for a leisurely stroll amidst the glittering lights of **Times Square**.



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# THURSDAY, DAY 7

**NEW YORK** 

Welcome to the vibrant city of New York! Begin your first day with a guided tour of the city's iconic landmarks. Marvel at the towering **Empire State Building**, take in the panoramic views from the Top of the Rock Observation Deck, and stroll through the bustling streets of Times Square. Our knowledgeable guide will provide fascinating insights into the history, culture, and architecture that make New York City truly unique.

After a delicious lunch, we'll explore **Central Park**, a green oasis in the heart of the bustling metropolis. Take a leisurely walk along the tree-lined paths, admire the picturesque lakes and bridges, and discover the hidden gems tucked away within this urban retreat.

### FRIDAY, DAY 8 NEW YORK

Get ready for an unforgettable Broadway experience. Enjoy a matinee performance of a world-class theatrical production, immersing yourself in the magic of live theater. The evening will be free for you to explore the city at your own pace. Take in a mesmerizing sunset from the **Top of the Rock**, dine at a trendy restaurant, or catch a jazz performance at a renowned **jazz club**.

Manhattan



Central Park, New York City

# SATURDAY, DAY 9

**NEW YORK** 

Saturday morning will be dedicated to exploring the diverse neighborhoods of New York City. From the historic charm of **Greenwich Village** to the artistic hub of **Chelsea**, each neighborhood has its own unique character and attractions. Enjoy guided walking tours, visit local shops and markets, and savor the flavors of authentic cuisine along the way.

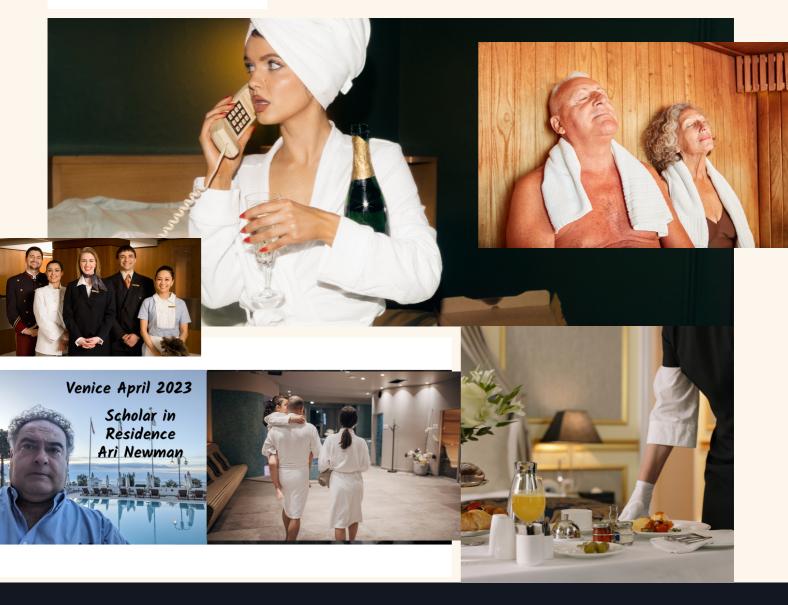
## SUNDAY, DAY 10

#### **NEW YORK**

As our incredible journey together comes to a close, we bid farewell with bittersweet sentiments. The memories we've created, the laughter we've shared, and the experiences we've cherished will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Though our paths may diverge, our connection remains steadfast. Let's continue this beautiful journey of friendship and stay connected, through the digital tapestry of Social Media. Let's reminisce about the sights we've seen, the stories we've heard, and the moments that have touched our souls.





# Special Offer

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Daytime temperatures range from cool to mild, usually in the mid 60s F with cooler evenings, and rain is always a possibility. Participants should be fit and in active good health. As of publication, all participants and tour staff will be required to be fully vaccinated for SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19), plus follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by the tour operator, local staff, and host country laws. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that they do not have any physical or other limitation that would create a hazard for themselves or other travelers.

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