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Collier History Trip: Boston, March 23-25, 2027

## 🕒 Program Overview

This program is designed as a companion to the Washington, DC experience, focusing not on how government work but on why it exists, as we examine the balance between protest, law, and responsibility.



## Explore Boston's Revolutionary Landmarks and Stories

### 🕒 DAY 1 : March 23, 2027

Arrive in Boston and meet your Journey Guide at the airport to begin your exploration of the city's revolutionary history.

### 🏛️ Boston Massacre & John Adams Case Study

Stand at the site of the Boston Massacre outside the Old State House, where rising tensions between colonists and British soldiers turned deadly in 1770. Here, students explore not just what happened, but what came next.

In the aftermath, future president John Adams made a surprising and controversial decision when he chose to defend the British soldiers in court. At a time when anger towards Britain was at its peak, Adams believed that everyone including the enemy deserved a fair trial.

### 📍 Granary Burying Ground

Step into one of Boston's most historic sites at the Granary Burying Ground, established in 1660. This iconic cemetery is the final resting place of key figures from the American Revolution, including Samuel Adams, John Hancock and victims of the Boston Massacre.

### 🍴 Lunch at Quincy Market Food Court

Food Court is located within the Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Choose from a variety of local favorite including clam chowder and lobster rolls as well as international options..

### 📍 The Freedom Trail - Walking in the Footsteps of Revolution



Follow the path of the American Revolution along Boston's iconic Freedom Trail, a 2.5-mile route connecting the key sites where history unfolded. As students move from landmark to landmark, they trace the growing conflict between colonists and Britain, and highlight the individuals that shaped its outcome. Throughout this journey, students revisit the role of John Adams not only as a revolutionary leader, but as a thinker deeply committed to justice and the rules of law.

### 📄 Hands-On Printing Press Workshop

Step into the world of colonial communication at the Edes & Gill Printing Office, where students will engage in a private, hands-on printing workshop using an authentic 18th-century-style press, and will learn how revolutionary ideas were produced and shared during the American Revolution. This interactive stop brings to life the power of the press and challenges the students to consider how information and those who control it can influence the course of history.

### 📷 Boston Tea Party Experience

Bring history to life at the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum where students don't just hear about the Boston Tea Party- they actually take part in it. Boarding a recreated 18th-century ship, students will reenact the famous protest, tossing "tea" into the Boston Harbor just as colonists did in 1773.

### 🍷 North End Dinner and Dessert Experience

End the day in Boston's historic North End with a progressive dinner designed for exploration and fun. Known for its rich Italian heritage, students will visit local pizzerias to sample and compare different styles, evaluating crust, sauce and toppings, before heading to a classic bakery for a cannoli tasting.

### 🏠 Hotel check-in



## Walk Lexington Green and Concord Battlefields

### ☕ Breakfast

### 📷 Lexington Green

Stand on Lexington Green, the site of the first armed confrontation of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Here, colonial militia faced British troops in a tense and uncertain moment where no one intended to start a war, yet

history changed in an instant.

### Lexington Historical Program at Buckman Tavern

Step inside Buckman Tavern, where colonial militia gathered in the early hours of April 19, 1775, just before the first shots of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Through a guided historical program, students explore the decisions made inside this tavern where ordinary citizens prepared to take a stand in an uncertain and rapidly escalating situation.

### Minute Man National Historical Park

Explore the landscapes of the Minute Man National Historical Park alongside a National Park Service ranger, where the opening moments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord come to life through expert storytelling and on-site interpretation.

### Lunch at Revolution Hall

Enjoy lunch at Revolution Hall, offering a variety of student-friendly dining options.

### Concord & Old North Bridge - Where Action Took Hold

Travel to the historic town of Concord, where the early tensions of the American Revolution moved beyond debate and into decisive action. Here, colonial militia organized, advanced, and ultimately confronted British troops in a moment that would define the course of history. At the Old North Bridge, students stand at the site often called the "shot heard 'round the world," where colonial forces pushed back against the British for the first time.

### Return to Boston

### USS Constitution

Step aboard the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship still afloat, located in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Built just years after the American Revolution, the Constitution represents the next chapter in our nation's story - when independence has been won but not yet secured, demonstrating what it takes to defend freedom.

### Bunker Hill Monument

Visit the monument build to remember one of the first big battles of the American Revolution, where colonists showed they were willing and able to fight for their independence.

### Dinner/evening activity options

Bruins Hockey game or Celtics game (depending on schedules), or Spirit Dinner Cruise.



## Day 3 - Boston & Salem: Decisions and Consequences

### Explore Salem's History and Revolutionary Boston

#### ☪ Breakfast

#### 📍 From Protest to Governance: Inside The Old State House Where Decisions Were Made

Step inside the Old South Meeting House, the largest public building in Colonial Boston and the place where thousands of colonists gathered to debate their response to British rule, where voices clashed, decisions were made, and momentum towards the Boston Tea Party took place.

#### 🚗 Depart for Salem

#### ☪ Lunch at The Village Tavern

Enjoy a casual, student-friendly buffet lunch at the Village Tavern, offering a variety of options.

#### 📍 Salem Witch Trials Memorial - Justice Under Pressure

Visit the powerful space honoring the victims of the Salem Witch Trials, and reflect on a moment in history when fear, bias, and public pressure overpowered reason and due process.

#### 📍 The Witch House - Inside the Failure of Justice

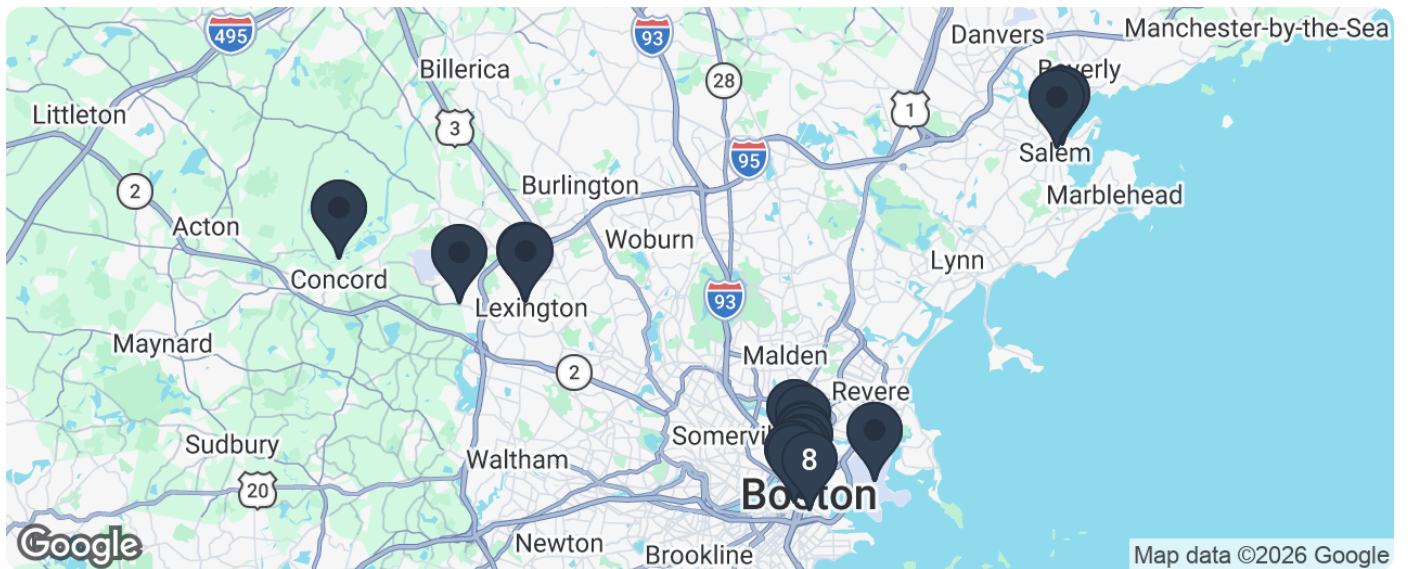
Step inside the Salem Witch House, the only remaining structure in Salem directly connected to the Salem Witch Trials. Once home to Judge Jonathan Corwin, this site offers a rare opportunity to stand in the space where legal authority was exercised during one of the most troubling chapters in early American history. This stop transforms Salem from a story of hysteria into a critical case study highlighting how the integrity of justice can shape or fail a society.

#### 👁️ Historical Ghost Tour of Salem - Stories, Memory, and Perspective

Explore Salem's historic streets on a history-based walking tour that focuses on real events, documented accounts, and how the legacy of the Salem Witch Trials has been remembered over time. This experience emphasizes context over theatrics grounded in place, primary stories, and the evolution of local narratives.

#### 🚗 Transfer to Boston Logan International Airport for departure

## Map



1. Old State House (Boston Massacre Site) 206 Washington St, Boston, MA 02109
2. Granary Burying Ground Tremont St, Boston, MA 02108
3. Quincy Market Food Court 4 S Market St, Boston, MA 02109
4. Faneuil Hall 1 Faneuil Hall Sq, Boston, MA 02109
5. Paul Revere House 19 North Sq, Boston, MA 02113
6. Old North Church 193 Salem St, Boston, MA 02113
7. The Printing Office of Edes & Gill 21 Unity St, Boston, MA 02113
8. Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum 306 Congress St, Boston, MA 02210
9. North End (Boston) North End, Boston, MA
10. Lexington Green 1625 Massachusetts Ave, Lexington, MA 02420
11. Old North Bridge (Concord) Old North Bridge, Monument St, Concord, MA 01742
12. Minute Man National Historical Park 250 North Great Road, Lincoln, MA 01773
13. Buckman Tavern 1 Bedford St, Lexington, MA 02420
14. USS Constitution Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA 02129
15. Bunker Hill Monument Monument Sq, Charlestown, MA 02129
16. Old South Meeting House 310 Washington St, Boston, MA 02108
17. The Village Tavern (Salem) 168 Essex St, Salem, MA 01970
18. Salem Witch Trials Memorial 24 Liberty St, Salem, MA 01970
19. Boston Logan International Airport 1 Harborside Dr, Boston, MA 02128