

★ 10-Day American Founding History Tour (B) ★

April 22,2026 --- May 01, 2026

D01 Apr22 - Arrival in Boston

Arrive in Boston and check into your hotel. The rest of the day is leisurely.

D02: Apr23-Boston “Cradle of the Revolution”

Boston tea party ships & museum

- start your journey to learning about the “single most important event leading up to the American Revolution” – the Boston Tea Party – where it all began during the colonial town meeting.

Freedom trail walking tour

- Boston common, Massachusetts state house, old south meeting house
- Paul Revere’s House, Old North Church
- Faneuil Hall

Adams National Historical Park

-John Adams was a Founding Father and the second president of the United States from 1797 to 1801. Before his presidency, he was a leader of the American Revolution that achieved independence from Great Britain.

Presidents at Peace field

-the Old House at Peace field and the Stone Library, focusing on the lives and legacies of the first two "Presidential" generations of the Adams family to live in the house, John and Abigail Adams as well as John Quincy and Louisa Catherine Adams.

D03 Apr24- Boston- Philadelphia “Birthplace of the Nation”

Lexington and Concord Battlefields

- First shots of the Revolution

Minute Man National Historical Park

- Explore the battlefields and structures associated with April 19, 1775, and witness the American revolutionary spirit through the writings of the Concord authors.

Washington Crossing Historic Park -Witness the Crossing that saved the Revolution

D04 Apr25 - Philadelphia

Independence Hall -Where the Declaration and Constitution were signed

Liberty Bell -A symbol of freedom and the rule of law

Congress Hall -site of the first U. S.

Carpenters' Hall -First Continental Congress

Christ Church -George Washington and Franklin worshipped here, and burial grounds with graves of Ben Franklin & other early leaders.

D05 Apr26 - Philadelphia- Washington DC

Valley Forge National Historical Park

-the location of the 1777-1778 winter encampment of the Continental Army led by General George Washington during the American Revolutionary War.

Fort McHenry

-The valiant defense of the fort during the Battle of Baltimore on September 13-14, 1814, inspired Francis Scott Key to write the words that became the U.S. national anthem.

Arlington National Cemetery

-the final resting place for over 400,000 service members and their families, but it wasn't always. Before it was Arlington National Cemetery, it was Arlington House and grounds, founded by George Washington Parke Custis.

D06 Apr27 - Washington DC

U. S. Capital Building

-Symbol of representative's government. Take a tour led by professional tour guides and visit the Crypt, the Rotunda and National Statuary Hall.

Library of Congress -Explore Jefferson's library and founding-era documents

Supreme Court of the United States - the highest court in the federal judiciary of the United States.

National Archives - View the original Declaration, Constitution, and Bill of Rights.

Smithsonian National Museum of American History

-collections of the famed Star-Spangled Banner—and documents that explore the evolution of the American identity.

White House -one of the three divisions of the federal government.

D07 Apr28 - Washington DC- Charlottesville, VA

Mount Vernon -George Washington's estate

James Madison Montpelier

-the lifelong home of James Madison, Father of the Constitution, Architect of the Bill of Rights, and fourth President of the United States

Thomas Jefferson's Monticello

-Architecture, philosophy, contradictions of liberty and slavery. Explore Jefferson's Vision of the republic and Enlightenment ideals

D08 Apr29 - Charlottesville, VA- Williamsburg, VA "Colonial America Preserved"

Yorktown Battlefield

-The site of the final major battle of the Revolutionary War (1781). Walk where Washington and Rochambeau forced Cornwallis's surrender.

American Revolution Museum

-Interactive exhibits, films (like the immersive "Siege of Yorktown"), and outdoor living-history areas.

Walk Main Street in Yorktown -an excellent way to see many important reminders of Yorktown's 18th century past.

Historic Jamestown -America's first settlers lived at the Jamestown Settlement

Colonial Williamsburg

-The *largest living history museum* in the U.S. Tour the Capitol building and Governor's Palace. Take part in reenacted protests or town meetings. Dine in 18th-century taverns. Visit historic tradespeople like blacksmiths, wigmakers, and printers.

D09 Apr30 - Williamsburg, VA - Richmond, VA

Virginia State Capitol -Designed by: Thomas Jefferson.

Home to the Virginia General Assembly

-America's oldest elected legislative body. A symbol of early republican governance; still in use today.

St. John's Church

-Famous for: Patrick Henry's 1775 "Give me liberty or give me death!" speech. This speech helped rally support for Virginia's involvement in the Revolution.

Virginia Washington Monument and Capitol Square

-Statue of George Washington on horseback, surrounded by figures like Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson.

President James Monroe's Tomb

-James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States, was laid to rest in Hollywood Cemetery in 1858, twenty-seven years after his death in New York City. His tomb, locally known as "The Birdcage", was designed by Albert Lybrock and erected in 1859.

D10 May01 - Return Home