

12 DAY EASTERN USA SMALL GROUP TOUR

DESTINATIONS

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Washington DC
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Metro Point Hotel New Carrollton, or similar

On arrival to Washington Dulles Airport, meet with your guide and transfer to the hotel. Check-in and overnight.

DAY 2

Destination	Washington DC
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ Metro Point Hotel New Carrollton, or similar

In the morning, embark on a panoramic city tour of the Federal Capital of the United States; White House; the Capitol; Lincoln Memorial; Martin Luther King Memorial; Arlington Cemetery with the tomb of J. F. Kennedy; Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial. We enjoy lunch before we transfer to the National Mall for the visit of the famous Air and Space Museum, the largest of its sort. Continue to Georgetown for time at leisure before arriving back to your hotel.

DAY 3

Destination	Washington DC 🚗 Annapolis 🚗 Baltimore 🚗 Lancaster
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Holiday Inn Lancaster, or similar

In the morning, we'll drive to Annapolis, one of the oldest cities in the country and a center for sailing with its location on the Chesapeake Bay. Discover its very British air with narrow streets, colored facades and pleasant shops. Continue to Baltimore, where we take a panoramic tour of the city with Inner Harbor and Fells Point. Lunch is included in Baltimore. In the afternoon, we'll discover 'the way of life' of Amish people with the visit of Amish Farm and House Museum. We'll learn why they refuse modern life amenities (such as electricity, phone, computers, etc) and the origin of their beliefs. Tonight, we have a special dinner in an Amish Restaurant.

DAY 4

Destination	Lancaster 🚗 Philadelphia 🚗 Hudson Valley
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	2 ★ Days Inn Newburg West Point, or similar

We depart for Philadelphia this morning. On arrival enjoy a walking tour of the historical quarter of Philadelphia where you will see among other monuments; Christ Church built in 1695, the First Quaker Meeting House, Old City Hall, Independence Hall and Freedom Bell. We have lunch at a local restaurant in Philadelphia before continuing to the Hudson Valley. Enjoy dinner in your hotel tonight.

DAY 5

Destination	Hudson Valley 🚗 Hartford 🚗 Salem 🚗 Boston
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Best Western Plus Chelmsford, or similar

Drive to Hartford, the capital city of Connecticut. It's here that Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn emerged in the

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imagination of the famous author Mark Twain. He immortalized their adventures while he was residing in Hartford. We visit Mark Twain's House before an included lunch. Continue to Salem, an old harbor city where first American millionaires flourished with the maritime trade. Salem became famous with its witch trials of 1692. You'll learn tragic story of the events once shocked the nation. Dinner and overnight in Boston.

DAY 6

Destination	Boston
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ Best Western Plus Chelmsford, or similar

Boston isn't just the capital of Massachusetts - it can truly be considered New England's capital and is a city as beautiful as it is historically significant. We will tour the city, visiting the Cambridge where campuses of MIT and Harvard University are located. Across the river, for the city's most popular sights of 18th and 19th centuries, you can walk the Freedom Trail and see where the seeds of the American Revolution were sown.

We visit Boston Common, the oldest city park in USA; Beacon Hill, the oldest neighborhood known for its charming, narrow cobblestone streets, gas lit streetlamps and expensive residents. Quincy Market, where you can also see Faneuil Hall, an indoor-outdoor market is a great place for both shopping and dining. We have lunch at Quincy Market. This afternoon and evening are at leisure for a personal discovery of this beautiful city. At the end of the day, transfer to your hotel.

DAY 7

Destination	Boston 🚗 Plymouth 🚗 Cape Cod
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	2 ★ Best Western Cape Cod, or similar

This morning we depart for Plymouth, hometown of America. This is where the pilgrims disembarked from Mayflower in 1621. We embark on a panoramic tour of the city. Continue to Cape Cod, an iconic summer getaway and a geographic cape extending into the Atlantic Ocean from the southeastern corner of mainland Massachusetts. Its historic, maritime character and ample beaches attract heavy tourism during the summer months. An easy hour and a half drive east takes you to the gorgeous Cape Cod, where we have lunch. In Hyannis, you will visit John F. Kennedy's Museum. Visit some traditional fishing villages such as Sandwich, Barnstable and Yarmouth. Dinner and overnight in Cape Cod.

DAY 8

Destination	Cape Cod 🚗 Newport 🚗 Mystic
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	2 ★ Days Inn & Suites Groton, or similar

In the morning, head to Newport, Rhode Island in order to enjoy her poetic yacht harbor. Newport, an elegant yachting mecca on Narragansett Bay in the "Ocean State" where we will visit one of the town's extravagant gilded age mansions, The Breakers which were built in the late 19th century as summer homes for New York's wealthiest family Vanderbilt.

We have time at leisure in Newport for lunch. Continue to Mystic in the afternoon. This beautiful seaside city was once the center of the whale industry and an important shipyard for whalers. Time at leisure in the city center. Dinner and overnight in Mystic area.

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Destination	Mystic 🚗 New York City
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Wyndham New Yorker, or similar

Depart for New York, the mythical American city with its skyscrapers. An urban jungle, cultural capital, and a shopper's paradise. You won't be far from a "New Yorker" life-style and its famous energy of "the city that never sleeps" as your hotel is in Manhattan. Upon arrival, we'll start our panoramic city tour before lunch at Times Square.

In the afternoon, we continue to the panoramic city tour with midtown and lower Manhattan; Times Square and Broadway; 5th Avenue, St Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center; Empire State Building, Greenwich Village, Soho, Chinatown and Little Italy; Battery Park; Financial District with Wall Street and September 11 Memorial. Enjoy time at leisure in Manhattan this evening.

DAY 10

Destination	New York City
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Wyndham New Yorker, or similar

No visit to New York will be complete without seeing Harlem. We enjoy a panoramic tour of Harlem including the Apollo Theater, St. John's Cathedral, General Grant National Memorial, and Columbia University. Participate in a Gospel Mass in an Afro-American Church. Afternoon and evening at leisure. Overnight in Manhattan.

DAY 11

Destination	New York City
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Wyndham New Yorker, or similar

Today, we'll discover the subway system of New York during our excursion to Liberty Island and Ellis Island. We'll take the subway to Battery Park, from where we'll embark on ferry to go to Liberty Island where the Statue of Liberty is standing since 1886 and became as the symbol of USA. Continue via ferry to Ellis Island, most important entry point for immigrants until 1950's.

We'll visit Immigration Museum on Ellis Island. Lunch. In the afternoon, our walking tour of Midtown takes us to Times Square; Rockefeller Center; interior of the St Patrick cathedral; Grand Central Station; and New York Library. We'll finish the tour with an ascent to the Empire State Building's 86th Floor Observatory to enjoy breathtaking view of New York. Time at leisure for evening. Overnight in Manhattan.

DAY 12

Destination	New York City
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to the airport according to your flight schedule.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing including an in-depth discovery of the USA's most iconic Eastern cities including Washington DC, Boston and New York City, stay in Cape Cod and visit the Breakers Mansion in Newport, participate in gospel mass in Harlem and discover the Amish way of life in Lancaster
- 11 nights in comfortable centrally-located accommodation, including 3 nights in downtown Manhattan
- 24 meals, including daily breakfast, 8 lunches and 5 dinners
- Small group experience with no more than 12 guests
- Fully escorted by an expert driver guide
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Dedicated transportation as per itinerary
- All entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary

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SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Washington DC on a guided city tour including visits to iconic sights such as the White House, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial and the Air and Space Museum
- Explore Annapolis' British heritage with it's narrow streets, coloured facades and pleasant shops
- Visit an Amish Farm and House Museum and learn about their unique way of life, before a special dinner in an Amish restaurant
- Wander the historic streets of Philadelphia on a guided walking tour, including sights such as the Christ Church built in 1695, the Old City Hall and the Freedom Bell
- Step inside Mark Twain's house and witness where famous characters including Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn came to life
- Spend two days in Boston exploring the Freedom Trail, Cambridge University, Boston Common, Beacon Hill and the Quincy Market
- Pay a visit to Plymouth, where the Pilgrims first disembarked the Mayflower in 1621
- Overnight in Cape Cod, the seaside town home to the vacation residences of the rich and famous
- Visit The Breakers Mansion in Newport, RI, one of the countries extravagant gilded age mansions, built in the late 19th century as a summer home for New York's wealthy Vanderbilt family
- Spend three nights in New York City, exploring the endless attractions and monuments including Times Square, the September 11 Memorial, Empire State Building, Wall Street and the Statue of Liberty
- Participate in a Gospel Mass in an Afro-American Church in Harlem
- Ascend to the Empire State Building's 86th Floor Observatory to enjoy breathtaking view of New York

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BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

Cooling off period

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Please follow the 'book now' prompts to view the deposit amount
- A second installment will be due 28 days after your initial deposit of 30% per person
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request:

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners
- Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable

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FREE DATE CHANGE PROTECTION

Book now, change later with our **Free Flexible Date Change**. Change your date free of charge for any COVID-19 related reason up to 65 days prior to departure. Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes may not be permitted. Date changes are subject to availability and any difference in price between the old and new date collected at the time of amendment.

The Free Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard.

Single Supplement

Select 'book now' and choose 1 passenger to show the single supplement for this tour.

Triple Share

Triple share is available on request.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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Tour Documentation

Final documentation including, e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size

The maximum group size for this small group tour is 12 guests

Tour Type - Fully Escorted

This tour is fully escorted by an expert English-speaking guide who will accompany you throughout the tour.

Children

Children must share a room with parents at all times and are charged the same price as adults.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flights
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Tipping/Gratuities

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TYPICALLY PRICE

Where a comparative 'typically' price is displayed next to the advertised price, it should be taken the same destination for a similar duration, itinerary and by a similar style of travel. The 'typically' operator or service provider.

Service provider	Tour	Length (days)	Star Rating	M
Inspiring Vacations	Eastern USA Small Group Tour	12	3	
Tauck	Grand New England	12	3-4	
Globus	New England & the Hudson Valley with NYC	12	3-4	
Trafalgar	East Coast USA & Canada	14	3-4	
Comparison conducted 08-01-2021 and based on publicly available information from provider's customer website				

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