



## MONUMENTS TO THE FOREFATHERS TOUR

### *Full Itinerary*

#### **Travel to Boston, MA**

Transportation is not included in the price but can be arranged by TravelEdge Consultant Cheryl Johnson | email: [cheryl.johnson@traveledge.com](mailto:cheryl.johnson@traveledge.com) phone: 703-380-1094

#### **DAY 1**

We offer pickup and drop-off at any one of the five strategically located destinations.

**Pickups begin at 715am.**

#### **7:15am – 8:00pm | Boston to Plymouth Day Trip**

Receive a morning pickup from select Boston hotels, after which you'll travel with the rest of your group aboard an air-conditioned mini-coach towards Plymouth, MA.

On arrival, get a sense of daily life in the 17th century as you skip the long entry lines and explore the **Plimoth Plantation Museum**.

When you leave the museum, proceed to Plymouth Harbor to check out the famous **Plymouth Rock**, followed by free time for lunch (own expense), souvenir shopping, and independent sightseeing.

Then, proceed to the **National Monument to the Forefathers**, known as one of the largest solid granite monuments in the world. (sight-seeing only)

Then, board your mini-coach for a journey along the South Shore coastal region. Stop in Quincy, MA, to observe **Peace Field**, birthplace to two U.S. Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams.

Continue on and pass by iconic landmarks such as **Scituate Lighthouse**, Weymouth, MA, and the Cohasset Mansions that line Jerusalem Road.

Finally, board the **Mayflower II**, a replica of the 17th-century ship that first brought Pilgrims to New England. Learn about their historic journey and life onboard as they set sail for the "New World".



### ***What's Included:***

- Boston to Plymouth Small Group Day-Trip
- Admission to Plimoth Patuxet Museum
- Admission onboard the Mayflower II
- Stop at Plymouth Rock, the historic disembarkation site of the Mayflower Pilgrims in 1620
- Stop in Quincy to see the birthplaces of two U.S. Presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams
- Stop and view the Scituate Lighthouse and hear the amazing story of the "American Army of Two"
- Pass through the coastal towns of Marshfield and Duxbury while in route to Plymouth
- Complimentary Pick-Up/Drop-Off at one of our 5 strategically located pickup Locations
- Round-Trip Transportation via air-conditioned Mini Coach Bus
- Complimentary snacks & bottled water
- Professional Tour Guide
- Entry/Admission - Plimoth Patuxet Museums
- Entry/Admission - Mayflower II

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- Gratuities (recommended)
- Lunch - Lunch may be purchased at a Plymouth Harbor

Check In to 1620 Hotel in Plymouth, MA

## **DAY 2**

### **9:30am – 10:30am | Stories of the American Covenant at The Jenney**

The Mayflower Compact was a covenant the Pilgrims made with God, that they would form a civil body politick with God as head. We believe that all rights come from God to the people, not God to the king. Get the feeling of being on the ship in the captain's quarters as you explore and learn what this Covenant is all about. Renew your own Covenant, sign, and take home. Requires ability to climb a flight of stairs. Reservations are required.



### **11:00am – 12:30pm | Discover Plymouth's History (Walking Tour) at The Jenney**

It all starts here! Designed to give you an overview of what transpired when the Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth. Learn about the people, places, and events of the beginning of our country as you walk along Town Brook where our Forefathers lived and walked hundreds of years ago. What led them to come to America? Is Plymouth Rock really the rock they stepped on? Come find out why we know it is. Tour includes Brewster Gardens, Plymouth Rock and the historic waterfront area monuments, Cole's Hill, Leyden Street and Town Square.

### **1:00pm – 2:00pm | Lunch (on your own)**

### **2:30pm – 4:30 pm | Ice Cream Sundae Harbor Cruise**

Indulge your sweet tooth and escape the summer heat. See how much fun it is to make your own ice cream sundae. You'll catch a sunset, take in the sights and enjoy music while cruising the harbor. Everyone loves ice cream, so bring the whole family and all your friends too.

### **5:00pm - 7:30pm | Dinner (on your own)**

### **8:00pm – 10:00pm | Plymouth Night Tour (Spirit Tour)**

Get an alternative insight into popular Plymouth during this interactive historical ghost tour. Listen as your local historian guide tells you things about the city's past you might not otherwise learn, including ghost stories. Plus, use paranormal investigation equipment to see what lurks out of sight in America's oldest city for an experience you likely can't repeat elsewhere.

## **DAY 3**

### **10:00am – 11:00am | Business Not as Usual at The Jenney**

Discover why the Pilgrims transitioned from communal living to land-ownership and how this change led to the beginning of free trade, industry, and capitalism in our country. Hear about the relationship between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans and how they worked together in support of each other.

### **11:30am – 12:30pm | Lunch (on your own)**





**1:00pm – 2:00pm | Story of the Monument at the Monument to the Forefathers**

Faith was the driving force of the Pilgrims. This tour highlights the five principles the Pilgrims brought with them that formed the country we have today; one monument, five statues.

Standing 81 feet tall, on a hill in historic Plymouth, this hidden gem is the largest solid free standing granite monument in our country. Construction began in 1859. Learn who donated \$10 to help build it, how long it took to build, and who sponsored each statue. Don't just drive by it. Come and learn what each of the five statues represents and the story of how fifty-one Pilgrims formed the country we have today.

**Self Guided Tour:** Explore where the Mayflower landed, in Plymouth, with this self-guided historical walking tour. Download the app, and you have access to the route and commentary for life. You'll follow the live GPS map, the audio, images, and text to sights like Plymouth Rock and Massasoit Statue, plus many more, and learn all the history as you walk at your leisure. Download the app and after 30 minutes, you'll receive all the info to start the tour. Take your time at each stop, but the recommended duration is about 1 hour. Go by several of Plymouth's most famous landmarks. Come back for further exploration on your own time, any time.

**DAY 4**

**8:30am – 10:00am | New Hope Church Service**

**10:30am – 12:00pm | Lunch (on your own)**

**12:00pm – 3:00pm | Burial Hill Tour**

Burial Hill Tour: The hill has been used for burials by Plymouth residents since the 1620s. The first English settlers (known as "The Pilgrims") built their first fort/meeting house here.

Here, Mayflower passengers are buried including Governor William Bradford and William & Mary Brewster. The last burial took place in 1957.

The Earliest grave markers were of carved wood, and do not survive today. Stone Markers were likely used starting in the mid-seventeenth century. Today, the oldest known stone on Burial Hill is that of Edward Gray, 1681.



These early stone markers are valuable historic documents, and many are irreplaceable works of folk art. As you walk through Burial Hill, please remember that this is historic and sacred ground, which deserves care and respect. Many stones have a better chance of survival if they are not touched. We appreciate your cooperation.

The 1-hour tour of Burial Hill includes an overview of this historic site, highlighting the location of the Pilgrim's fort, as well as the graves of Mayflower passengers, Revolutionary War Patriots, and other significant figures from Plymouth's later history. We also cover the iconography used on the gravestones, and how it changed to reflect new religious and cultural perspectives from the 17th to 19th centuries. Additional stops at the 1749 Spooner House and the 1809 Hedge House.

**3:00pm – 5:00pm | Dinner (on your own)**

**5:30pm – 8:00pm | Travel to Boston Logan Airport Hotels**

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**Pickups begin at 5:15 pm.**

### **Travel home from Boston, MA**

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