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The Boston Pops Holiday Tour



11th – 15th December, 2013

What a way to start the Holiday Season! Attend a Christmas Concert by the Boston Pops under the direction of the dynamic Keith Lockhart.

Tour package includes the following:

Overnight accommodations for four nights; four Breakfasts; three Dinners; Holiday Shopping; Faneuil Hall; Quincy Market; Holiday Pops Concert; Charles Dickens Christmas Tour; Trinity Church Pipe Organ Concert; Old North Church; Behind the Scenes Beacon Hill Private Homes Tour; Chocolate Tasting; Cambridge Tour; Round Trip Baggage; All taxes and gratuities (except customary guide gratuity)

Prices (per person)

Twin/Double: \$659; Triple: \$619; Quad: \$599; Single: \$849.

Tentative Itinerary for the Boston Pops Holiday Tour:

Wednesday December 11, 2013

Tour departs from Halifax with pick-ups in Truro, Amherst, Moncton and Fredericton. After clearing US Customs and Immigration, we head south on 95 to **Augusta**, ME. where we spend the night.

Thursday December 12, 2013

After a Continental Breakfast, we depart for Boston, stopping along the way for short bits of shopping. We arrive at our hotel, **The Sheraton Colonial Hotel**, located about 15 minutes from downtown Boston. We are treated to an **Italian Buffet**.

Friday December 13, 2013 – Guide Today

After a full breakfast, we travel into Boston to meet our guide for the day. Begin our visit with **BOSTON'S COLONIAL CHRISTMAS TOUR**. Meet your COLONIAL CHARACTER who will tour you through historic Boston telling of a time when Colonial Bostonian's didn't celebrate Christmas. The Puritans outlawed it and charged a fine if people were caught celebrating! A visit to **OLD NORTH CHURCH** is included. This tour is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit. Later this morning, we will attend a **PIPE ORGAN CONCERT** at **TRINITY CHURCH**. Although we send a donation for the concert to the church ahead of time, they always ask for a donation at the door. The suggested donation is \$5.00 - \$10.00/person. LUNCH today is on your own at the **PRUDENTIAL CENTER** where there are choices of restaurants including Legal Seafoods, Au Bon Pain, a food court and more. You will have time to shop and browse in the many stores located here too!

At mid-afternoon we will be taken for the **Private Homes Holiday Tour** on Beacon Hill. This very exclusive tour is arranged for you to see the insides of these private homes. Life on Beacon Hill, home of the Massachusetts State House, is quite elusive. You may have heard of the expression "looking at the world through rose-colored glasses," but how about purple window panes? You will see these famous windows with the lavender tint caused from a chemical defect in the original clear glass – now a status symbol! Walk with your BEACON HILL "TOUR GUIDE" (home owner) down cobbled streets among beautiful brownstones each with its own characteristic style of architecture. You will tour 3 private residences, hosted by the home owner, and get a glimpse of life on the hill. Each home is decorated for the holidays. Please be advised that this tour includes a lot of walking. It is a 1 ½

hour walking tour to 3 different private homes. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious DINNER at one of Boston's fine restaurants

Saturday December 14, 2013.

BREAKFAST at your leisure before leaving to meet our guide for the day. Your local guide will then take you across the river to Cambridge and **HARVARD UNIVERSITY** to see HARVARD YARD, or Hahvahd Yahd as the locals say it! In the mid-morning enjoy **HOLIDAY SHOPPING at QUINCY MARKET**. For over 250 years the marketplace has played an integral role in the life of Boston's residents. You will feel the cobblestones beneath your feet, see roaming performers and be able to taste the wonderfully diverse ethnic foods available to you. There are 100 shops, carts and artisans that offer treasures for you to take home with you! **Special note!** There is no sales tax on clothing (valued at less than \$175.00) in Massachusetts. After lunch undertake **THE ART OF CHOCOLATE TASTING** at the Elephant & Castle Restaurant. Guided by our master chocolatier, The Art of Chocolate Tasting explores the rich history and travels of the cacao bean, from the mountains of Peru and its divine history among royals to the sweet delicacies we enjoy today. From bean to bar, you will learn how chocolate is made, from the original growth of the cacao bean to its harvest, processing and preparation. The Art of Chocolate Tasting also features a chocolate tasting, which teaches you how to truly experience and enjoy chocolate of different flavors and nuances. You will also be offered the opportunity to sample chocolate from local artisans across New England – from stone ground, organic chocolate to delicate truffles, or samples vary month to month and season to season. This is a perfect event for baby or bridal showers, anniversaries, social clubs, birthdays, or anytime." Quote excerpted from internet site. You will taste an assortment of four different chocolates. Arrive back at your hotel for some time to rest before the big evening Following **DINNER**, we travel to **Symphony Hall** for a Christmas Concert by the Boston Pops.

Sunday 15 December, 2013

After a Continental Breakfast, we head northward, for home. We stop briefly along the way to do a bit of shopping but it will be a long day so stops will be limited. Around 10:00 pm we arrive in Halifax. Please note that the itinerary may be varied at the discretion of our guide.