

Holiday Tour to Boston December 6-7, 2017

Enjoy a wonderland of lights, decorations, museums and a Boston Pops holiday concert for fun and inspiration. Join our two-day tour to experience Christmas in Boston, when the city turns into a festive wonderland of lights, spectacular decorations, holiday magic and plenty of good cheer.

Day 1 Dec 6 Wednesday. Boston

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Our private coach picks up members at Westport, New Haven and Cromwell. Relax with a box lunch on board as we drive directly to Boston. We begin the tour at historic **Beacon Hill**. Members of the Beacon Hill Circle for Charity will welcome you into **three of their own homes**, showing how the homes, mostly built in the early 1800s, had been restored, decorated and now lived in. We check into our hotel, **Doubletree Hotel Boston Bayside**, near Boston's picturesque Harbor Walk. Tonight after dinner we have tickets for the Boston Pops Christmas Concert at Symphony Hall, which has become a much-loved Boston holiday tradition. Historic Symphony Hall becomes a winter wonderland as conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops Orchestra perform classically loved holiday music.

Day 2 Dec. 7 Thursday . Boston

B/L

After breakfast we tour **the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** and get a closer look at the Museum's unusual and exquisite plants, and chat with a member of the Gardner's horticulture staff. The festive Courtyard has masses of flowering jade trees over three feet tall and the dark red winter blooms of Amaryllis. You have free time to see the renowned art collection. Following lunch, tour the collection of glass models of plants at Harvard University's Museum of Natural History. Popularly known as the **Glass Flowers**, this collection is considered one of the University's greatest treasures and is the only collection of its kind in the world. There are 847 life-size models as well as over 3,000 models of enlarged parts. The collection comprises approximately 4,300 individual glass models. You return to CT pickup locations in the evening.

Tour Cost per person. \$475.* (sharing a room)

Additional \$75. for single room *cost based on minimum of 35 persons

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Motor coach transportation with stops at Cromwell, New Haven & Westport
- 1 dinner, 2 lunches, 1 breakfast
- Boston Pops Concert
- Private tour of Beacon Hill homes
- Tours of Gardiner Museum and Harvard Glass Flower Collection
- 1 night's accommodations inclusive of tax

Members and their guests have the opportunity to register first. Non members not accompanying a member can register after September 30 at an additional cost of \$10.00.

Tulip Cruise in Springtime April 2018 April 30 –May 8, 2018

A scenic river cruise will take you through Holland and Belgium at peak blooming time.

Highlights include a visit to see the breathtaking colors of Keukenhof, also known as the "Garden of Europe" where seven million flower bulbs are planted! This beautiful and historic springtime river cruise vacation stops at charming cities including Antwerp where its Botanical Gardens display many hidden treasures. The holiday concludes in Amsterdam with a canal cruise to some of the city's best-kept secrets: private gardens and courtyards.

For a brochure on these trips

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Looking forward to fun tours with former and new travelers.

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