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BOSTON '09

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September 17-20
Marriott Long Wharf

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

MORNING SPOUSE TOURS

CULINARY TOUR OF THE NORTH END

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$56.00

The streets of the North End are filled with a fascinating mix of ethnic shops and food, and on this walking tour you will explore the crooked alleys of the North End in search of cheese, breads, olive oils, liquor marts and cafes. Your guide will give the history of Boston's Italian immigrants and introduce you to shops, bakeries, candy stores, imports and cafes. After your walk, enjoy a cannoli and cappuccino at a charming Italian trattoria. You will visit six stores as your guide weaves in a taste of Italian food, culture and history.

PUBLIC HOMES OF BEACON HILL

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$56.00

A motor coach will take you to Beacon Hill, where you will begin the morning with a walking tour of this prestigious Boston neighborhood, home to the city's most renowned citizens and designed by the country's most celebrated architects. Special arrangements have been made to visit two private homes, the Gibson House and the Nichols House, which were some of the earliest homes built on the Hill and which have a fascinating architectural presence only found in the 1800's. The cost of the tour includes fees for visiting the homes. *Please note: This tour involves considerable walking on hills and cobblestones. Please be aware and wear comfortable walking shoes.*

AFTERNOON TOURS FOR ALL DELEGATES

LIBERTY CLIPPER CRUISE AND LUNCH

1:00-4:00 p.m. \$98.00

Come aboard and relive the days of Boston's Tall Ships. We've chartered a Liberty Tall Ship for an afternoon sail around Boston Harbor. This 19th century schooner is a 125-foot Liberty Clipper anchored conveniently next to our hotel at Long Wharf. Take the wheel, set the sails, or just sit back and enjoy the sights and beauty of Boston Harbor and her islands. The sail includes lunch, and a cash bar will be available for purchase of beverages.

BOSTON FREEDOM TRAIL

1:00-4:30 p.m. \$35.00

Boston's Freedom Trail is a 2.5 mile red brick or red painted line that travels through Old Boston, along 16 historic sites between Boston Common and the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. On this walking tour you'll see where Paul Revere, John Hancock and Sam Adams made history, arguing for freedom in Faneuil Hall or staging for the Tea Party in the Old South Church. Be sure to wear layers, bring an umbrella and put on your most comfortable walking shoes.

OLD IRONSIDES/USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM

1:30-4:30 p.m. \$45.00

Take a tour aboard the active duty naval vessel USS CONSTITUTION, known as Old Ironsides, a wooden-hulled, three-masted heavy frigate of the United States Navy. Named after the Constitution of the United States of America by President George Washington, she is the oldest commissioned naval vessel afloat in the world. Her most famous era of naval warfare was the War of 1812 against Great Britain, when she captured numerous merchant ships and defeated five British warships, earning her the nickname of Old Ironsides and public adoration that has repeatedly saved her from scrapping. You will also visit the USS CONSTITUTION Museum, located just across the pier from the Ship, to see artifacts related to the Ship's history.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MORNING SPOUSE TOURS

WALKING TOUR OF NORTH END

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$40.00

This walking tour will span 300 years of history, beginning with the Paul Revere House, the oldest wooden home in existence in Boston. The tour will also include famous Revolutionary War sites such as the Old North Church and Copp's Hill Cemetery, along with highlights of the neighborhood's rich immigrant flavor. After your walk you will enjoy a cappuccino at an Italian trattoria.

Please note: This tour involves considerable walking on hills and cobblestones. Please be aware and wear comfortable walking shoes.

HISTORICAL BROWNSTONE AND GOURMET CHOCOLATE TOUR

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$61.00

A motor coach tour including three of Boston and Cambridge's most distinguished and historic districts. First you will stroll through the South End, the largest Victorian neighborhood in the U.S., with streets designed in the Parisian boulevard style. Visit a maker of fine dark chocolates and truffles to hear a talk on the preparation process and to sample the concoctions. The Back Bay, once a stagnant pool of water behind the Public Garden, now holds some of the most exclusive real estate in Boston. A stroll down Newbury Street will take you from high fashion to hip ice cream parlors, and a walk back up Commonwealth Avenue will let you take in some of the most elegant townhouses and brownstones in the city. The next stop is Beacon Hill for a look at homes designed in the style of 19th century architect Charles Bulfinch. Here you will stop at a purveyor of artisan chocolates from around the world for a taste test and a look at the unique ways of packing the sweets in handmade keepsake boxes with rare lithographs, old postcards and photos adorning the covers.

AFTERNOON TOURS FOR ALL DELEGATES

THE FAMOUS BOSTON MOVIE MILE

1:00-4:00 p.m. \$44.00

This walking tour takes you to filming hot spots made famous by your favorite TV shows and movies. Learn behind the scenes trivia and insider gossip about *Good Will Hunting*, *The Departed*, *Ally McBeal*, *Mystic River*, *Cheers* and many more. You will sit on the famous park bench from *Good Will Hunting*; discover the street of the *Blown Away* runaway car crash; have a drink at the Bull & Finch Pub, the inspiration for *Cheers*; and see the building where *Ally McBeal* and *Boston Legal* were filmed. The tour covers about 1.25 miles.

MIT CAMPUS MUSEUM AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY

1:00-4:30 p.m. \$49.00

This motor coach tour will explore the MIT campus and its unique museum with its exhibits on artificial intelligence, high tech artifacts, intriguing scientific instruments, historic photos, holograms, and kinetic sculptures. Next you will explore the historic buildings of Harvard and stroll through Harvard Yard, the original campus of the oldest university in the country. You will have time to browse the shops, boutiques and bookstores of Harvard Square.

FENWAY PARK TOUR

1:30-4:30 p.m. \$52.00

The last time we visited Boston this tour was so popular it was overbooked, so we brought it back this year. This is a behind-the-scenes look at America's most-loved ballpark. You will travel to Fenway Park by motor coach and there you will soak up the rich history of the home of the 2004 and 2007 World Champion Red Sox. Touch the Green Monster; see the view from the Press Box, broadcast booths, control room, Pesky's Pole, the Dugout Seats, and the Red Sox Hall of Fame. Take a seat in the new EMC Club before strolling around Fenway Park. You will have time to shop for souvenirs in a licensed Red Sox gift shop. *Please note: because of ballpark construction, this tour is not handicap accessible at the present time.*