



Brief Itinerary

Day 1 - Sunday, October 3, 2021 (MBS & D)

We will leave Grand Rapids bright and early to get as much mileage in as possible this day. We will travel through Canada* and make a stop for photos and stretch our legs at Niagara Falls. We will stay at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront Inn for the night, where we will have a nice dinner and cocktail party overlooking the lake to get to know your fellow travelers.

Day 2 - Monday, October 4, 2021 (CB & D) DUXBURY

We will travel this morning to Duxbury, MA for a visit to the Alden family house museum. John Alden and Priscilla Mullins arrived in Plimoth Colony on board the Mayflower in 1620. Their courtship was immortalized as one of America's great love stories in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." We will have dinner and check into our hotel in Plymouth for the evening.

Day 3 - Tuesday, October 5, 2021 (CB & D) PLYMOUTH

Our historic tour of Plymouth begins at the Jenny House and continues through Brewster Gardens to the waterfront and to Plymouth Rock. We continue to Leyden Street, where before Christmas in 1620 after disembarking from the Mayflower, the Pilgrims began arranging their housing sites. Adjacent to this street is Town Brook, the place that provided drinking water for the early colonists. It is believed the famed First Thanksgiving was held nearby here in 1621. We will have lunch on our own at the waterfront, before visiting the Mayflower II, a detailed reproduction of the ship that the English colonists sailed to Plymouth. We will walk about the ship and meet historical characters who describe living conditions on the journey across the Atlantic Ocean. We'll learn about the Mayflower Compact and get our own personal copy. Next, we continue to Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum which re-creates actual life at the time of the famous immigrants and the Wampanoag Indians, whose land they settled on. We travel back to the year 1627 and see live demos on blacksmithing, farming and cooking in the village. Next to the village is the Wampanoag Homesite, where we learn the history and culture of the Wampanoag people. We'll enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for dinner.

Day 4 - Wednesday, October 6, 2021 (CB & D) CAPE COD

After breakfast we will travel back to the harbor and board our boat to Provincetown. Along the way we will hear about Pulpit Rock. Our motorcoach will meet us in Provincetown and take us to the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. Exhibits at the Museum highlight the arrival of the Mayflower Pilgrims, the town's rich maritime history, the early days of modern American theater in Provincetown, and the building of the monument. Visit the Mayflower Compact Monument, situated at the base of the bluff where the Pilgrim Monument is located. We'll have free time for lunch and shopping and then board the coach for the journey back down the Cape. Along the way we will visit the Cove Burying Ground where Constance Hopkins Snow, Joseph Rogers, Giles Hopkins, and all Mayflower Pilgrims are buried. Once we return to Plymouth, we will enjoy another memorable dinner.

Day 5 - Thursday, October 7, 2021 (CB & D) MARTHA'S VINEYARD

For over ten thousand years the Wampanoag have inhabited the island of Noepe, now called Martha's Vineyard. Martha's Vineyard is a very charming, beautiful place with a great sense of community and diversity. The island is larger than most people think, it is comprised of six towns spread around 100 square miles, each town has its own flavor. We'll take a ferry to the Island and enjoy a guided tour lead by a Wampanoag Guide. Once we return to the mainland, we will enjoy a nice dinner together.

Day 6 - Friday, October 8, 2021 (CB & D)

We will leave beautiful New England today to head towards home. We will stay at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront Inn (same hotel as on our first night), where we will have a nice farewell dinner and cocktail party overlooking the beauty of Lake Geneva one last time.

Day 7 - Saturday, October 9, 2021 (CB)

After breakfast at the hotel, we will make the rest of our journey home today. We will be traveling through Canada once more, arriving home by dinner time (no dinner stop).

* As we travel through Canada on this tour a **PASSPORT** or **Michigan Enhanced ID** is **REQUIRED** for all passengers

Meals Included Key: MBS = Morning Breakfast Snacks, CB = Continental Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner