

ARA Winter/Spring 2024 Cultural Tours Notice

Please save this Notice for reference until all the trips are over.

The Durham pick-ups will be at the Durham Evangelical Church, 114 Dover Road (Rte. 108).

Directions for Newington pickup: From the Portsmouth Traffic Circle, take Rte. 16 North (Spaulding Turnpike). Take Exit #1 (Gosling Road/Pease), turn right onto Gosling Road. Get in the left lane to turn left at the first set of lights (just past McDonald's). Stay in the left lane to make a left turn at the stop sign. You will be on the mall perimeter road. Turn right into the parking lot opposite the Longhorn Steakhouse. *Tours will be picked up at the times indicated.*

We will be using Premier Coach Lines for Tours #1- 4.

PLEASE SIGN UP ONLY FOR TOURS YOU KNOW YOU CAN FULLY AND SAFELY ENJOY.

Members and guests are asked to consider their health and well being before registering for tours requiring greater physical exertion than others (such as more walking, stair climbing, etc.).

PLEASE CALL DEBBI FORSTER, Tour Director (603-397-5788), if you will be asking for assistance for any tour.

Making Your Reservations: Reservations for Winter/Spring 2024 Tours will be accepted by mail and will be honored in the order they are received. Reservation forms are included with this mailing. Please **complete (with your luncheon choice where appropriate) and promptly mail** the reservation form(s) **with a separate check for each reservation form** to the address indicated on the form. **Separate checks are necessary** because checks are not deposited until after each individual tour. **Make your check(s) payable to ARA.** **Please do not staple, tape, or clip** check to the reservation form. Email reminders will be sent approximately one week prior to tour date. If you do not have email, you'll receive a phone call reminder.

Eligibility: Members in good standing for the current 2023-24 year are eligible to participate in the trips.

Guest Policy: Reservations will be filled on a "Members First" basis. After this is accomplished, guests will be accommodated if there is room. If you would like to bring a guest, please check with **Debbi Forster (603-397-5788)** and she will guide you through the process.

Cancellation Policy: Refunds are made if there is a waiting list and someone else can take your place. Cancellations and/or substitutions must be made with Debbi Forster (603-397-5788). The bus company may cancel trips in the event of bad weather. Someone will contact you should this happen.

Wait List Policy: When a tour is full, members assigned to a Waiting List will be informed by the Tour Director in a timely manner.

Contacting Tour Director within 30 minutes of departure: If you need to reach Debbi Forster just before time of departure, call her cell phone at 310-749-8356.

DRIFTER POLICY: Note: *During the tour, for your own safety and to ensure that the schedule is maintained, individuals must not separate from the group for any reason, unless the tour leader has authorized "time on your own."* ARA cannot be responsible for those who leave the tour group should they get left behind. Occasionally during a tour schedule, changes must be made at the last minute. There is no way to communicate such changes to persons who have gone off on their own. Every effort will be made to locate drifters, but the bus will be held no longer than 15 minutes.

Other: Costs include all gratuities. *The cost for wine and alcoholic drinks, however, is not included and must be paid for separately.*

For Further Information: Contact Debbi Forster, Tour Director, at 603-397-5788.

REMEMBER: CHECKS WILL NOT BE DEPOSITED UNTIL AFTER THE TRIP.

Note: A separate check (payable to ARA and dated the date of the tour) must accompany each tour reservation. Please send your reservation as early as possible; reservations are honored on a first-received basis.

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TOUR #1 – Thursday, January 11, 2024

Boston Symphony Open Rehearsal, Symphony Hall, Boston, MA

Lunch on your own at the Prudential Center, Boston, MA

Departure: Durham 8:00 AM and Newington 8:15 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 5:30 PM and Durham 5:45 PM

This morning we are delighted to return to Symphony Hall for an Open Rehearsal of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Upon arrival, you'll have time for coffee or a snack in the Symphony Café before the rehearsal begins at 10:30AM. Andris Nelsons conducts today's program, featuring Tania Leon's *Stride*, followed by Maurice Ravel's *Piano Concerto in D for the Left Hand*, with guest pianist Seong-Jin Cho. The program concludes with Igor Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* based on his vision of a pagan Russian girl many years earlier.

Following the morning rehearsal, the bus will take us to the Prudential Center where you will enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants there, including: *The Cheesecake Factory*, *California Pizza Kitchen*, *Eataly*, *Wagamama* (Asian), and *Sweetgreen* (health food), to name a few. You may prefer to do some shopping in one of the many elegant boutiques or just people watch. We'll depart for home at 3:30PM.

Handicap Accessibility: Symphony Hall and the Prudential Center are handicap accessible.

Cost: **\$82.00** per person all inclusive.

TOUR #2 – Tuesday, March 19, 2024

The Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA

Lunch at Cambridge Common, Cambridge, MA

Departure: Durham 8:00AM and Newington 8:15 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 5:15 PM and Durham 5:30 PM

In response to many member requests, we've scheduled a tour of the Harvard Art Museums. Harvard Art Museums comprise three museums: the Fogg Museum, the Busch-Reisinger Museum, and the Arthur M. Sackler Museum; they were integrated into a single institution in 1983.

The Fogg Museum is renowned for its holdings of Western paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photographs and prints from the Middle Ages to the present. The Busch-Reisinger Museum is the only museum in North America dedicated to the study of art from the German-speaking countries of Central and Northern Europe (in all media and in all periods). The Arthur M. Sackler Museum, named for its major donor, holds important collections of Asian art, archaic Chinese jades as well as Japanese surimono (woodblock prints), Chinese bronzes, ceremonial weapons, ceramics from China and Korea, and Japanese lacquer boxes.

For lunch our bus will take us to nearby Cambridge Common. Entrée choices are: 1) 1667 Burger with cheese, bacon, pickles, greens & sauce on an onion roll; 2) Grilled Chicken Sandwich with bacon, avocado, mayo, pepperjack cheese, lettuce, tomato, and onion; or 3) Caprese Sandwich with mozzarella, tomato, spinach, pesto & a drizzle of balsamic on focaccia; all sandwiches are served with curly fries. Enjoy coffee, tea and soft drinks and a surprise dessert.

Handicap Accessibility: The museums and restaurant are handicap accessible.

Cost: **\$98.00** per person all inclusive.

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TOUR #3 – SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

National Off-Broadway Tour of Jesus Christ Superstar, Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME

Early dinner at The Muddy Rudder, Yarmouth, ME

Departure: Durham 10:30 AM and Newington 10:45 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 7:30 PM and Durham 7:45 PM

Portland Orations will present the 50th Anniversary Tour of the iconic musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*, featuring award-winning music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. *Jesus Christ Superstar* is set against the background of an extraordinary series of events during the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. A product of its era, *Jesus Christ Superstar* reflects the rock roots that defined a generation. The legendary score includes such hits as *I Don't Know How to Love Him*, *Superstar*, and *Gethsemane*. You won't want to miss this production!

Following the matinee, we'll return to The Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth ME for an early dinner. To begin, a Caesar salad. Entrée choices are: (1) Baked Haddock in a lobster sherry cream sauce; (2) Pot Roast with gravy; and (3) Chicken Piccata in a lemon caper sauce. All entrees will be served with a starch and vegetable. For dessert enjoy Blueberry Apple Crisp. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are also included.

Handicap Accessible: The Merrill Auditorium and The Muddy Rudder are both handicap accessible.

Cost: **\$175.00** per person all inclusive.

TOUR #4– FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

Newburyport Whale Watch, Newburyport, MA

Late Lunch at Michael's Harborside, Newburyport, MA

Departure: Durham 8:00 AM and Newington 8:15 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 5:00 PM and Durham 5:15 PM

"Thar she blows! This morning you'll board the Captain's Lady III to begin your whale watching experience as we sail out to the Merrimack River into the Gulf of Maine. The open ocean holds many species of diverse wildlife on the way to the whale feeding grounds of either Jeffrey's Ledge or Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. There you'll see a wide variety of marine life, including Humpback, Finback and Minke whales as well as porpoises, seals, sharks, and an array of sea birds. An expert naturalist will share his knowledge of and passion for the marine environment and the sightings we encounter. Viewing whales and marine life in their natural habitat is an incredible and memorable experience that you won't want to miss!

Following our four-hour whale watch, we'll head to nearby Michael's Harborside, a local favorite, for a hearty lunch. Entrée choices are: (1) New England Baked Haddock or (2) Chicken Piccata, each served with a salad, starch and a vegetable. For dessert enjoy a hot brownie sundae with vanilla ice cream. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are also available.

Handicap Accessibility: The Captain's Lady III and Michael's Harborside are handicap accessible.

Cost: **\$148.00** per person all inclusive.

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_____ **Cell:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name _____ **Relationship** _____

Emergency contact's daytime phone _____

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Mail with check payable to **ARA** dated the day of the tour (January 11, 2024) to: ARA, c/o Debbi Forster, 13 Marden Way, Durham, NH 03824.

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ENTRÉE CHOICES (select one): (1) 1667 Burger _____ (2) Grilled Chicken Sandwich _____
(3) Caprese Sandwich _____

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\$175.00 per person

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ENTRÉE CHOICES: (select one) 1) Baked Haddock _____ 2) Pot Roast _____ 3) Chicken Piccata _____

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Newburyport Whale Watch, Newburyport, MA

Late Luncheon at Michael's Harborside, Newburyport, MA

\$148.00 per person

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Address: _____

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ENTRÉE CHOICE (select one): (1) Baked New England Haddock _____ (2) Chicken Piccata _____

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