

ARA Spring/Summer 2023 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 Tour #1 and
Wilson Bus Lines for all other tours.**

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 Spring/Summer 2023 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 2022-23 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.

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."*

Note: 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 must accompany each tour reservation and be made payable to **ARA**. Please send your reservation as early as possible; reservations honored on a first-received basis.

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TOUR #1 – MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Tour, Boston, MA

Lunch and time on your own at Quincy Market, Boston, MA

Departure: Durham 9:00 AM and Newington 9:15 AM

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

During her life, Isabella Stewart Gardner assembled an extraordinary collection of art and built a legendary museum to share these exquisite treasures with the world. Modeled after a Venetian palazzo in the middle of Boston, Gardner's home is now an iconic museum displaying her impressive, eclectic collection of European, American, and Asian art. At once intimate and unparalleled in its grandeur, the collection includes paintings, sculpture, tapestries, and decorative arts.

During the guided tour we'll explore the masterpieces of the Gardner Museum, learn about the history of the Museum founder, and find out why this is one of the great private art collections in America.

Don't miss the new Renzo Piano-designed wing and the Courtyard!

Before your visit, you may want to read *Isabella Stewart Gardner, A Life*, the first biography produced by the museum in over a year.

Following our museum tour, you'll have time to shop and eat, dine-in or counter style, at Quincy Market. Try the Boston Chowda Co., a cup of clam chowder and a small soda for \$5.99 to a slice of Regina Pizza for less. Try Fisherman's Net or Wicked Lobsta for seafood, or so many other Mexican, Greek, New York Deli and Asian choices. Don't pass up the Magnolia Bakery if you love Boston Cream Pie!

We depart for home at 3:30 PM.

Handicap Accessibility: The museum and Quincy Market are handicap accessible.

Important! This tour is limited to 30 people due to museum regulations.

Cost is **\$80.00** per person all inclusive.

TOUR #2 – SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

Fiddler on the Roof, Merrill Auditorium, Portland ME

Early Dinner at The Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth, ME

Departure: Durham 10:15 AM and Newington 10:30 AM

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

Join us today as we return to the Merrill Auditorium in Portland, ME, for the beloved theatrical masterpiece *Fiddler on the Roof*. Rich with musical hits you know and love, including "Tradition," "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," and "To Life (L'Chaim!)," *Fiddler on the Roof* is the heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and life, love and laughter. Featuring a talented cast, lavish orchestra, and stunning movement and dance by Israeli choreographer Hofesh Shechter, you'll delight in this uplifting celebration that raises its cup to joy! To love! To life!

Following the performance, enjoy an early dinner at the Muddy Rudder in Yarmouth, ME. To begin, there's a choice of clam chowder or Caesar salad. Entrée choices are: 1) Baked Haddock in a lobster sherry cream, 2) Steak Tips in a maple bourbon marinade, 3) Chicken Piccata in a lemon caper sauce, or 4) Vegetable Risotto. For dessert enjoy the decadent Chocolate Torte!

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

Cost is **\$169.00** per person all inclusive.

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TOUR #3 – TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

New Bedford Whaling Museum and Seaman's Bethel, New Bedford, MA

Lunch at Moby Dick's Brewery, New Bedford, MA

Departure: Durham 6:45AM and Newington 7:00 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 6:15 PM and Durham 6:30 PM

Thar she blows! New Bedford owes its era of greatest prosperity, 1825-1925, to the business acumen of its founding Quakers, who moved their whaleships and business interests from Nantucket, America's first whaling center, to New Bedford's deeper port on the mainland. That move proved extraordinarily beneficial. In the 1850s, more whaleships sailed from New Bedford than from all other world ports combined.

Our day begins with a film on New Bedford's whaling history, followed by a guided tour of the renowned New Bedford Whaling Museum, highlighting the world's largest whaling ship model and five whale skeletons as well as many other maritime artifacts. You'll also have time to explore on your own.

Lunch today will be at Moby Dick's Brewing Company, a local favorite. Entrées include: 1) MDBC's Burger; 2) Hot Nashville chicken sandwich; 3) Fried cod sandwich, or 4) Vegan Burger, all served with fries. Dessert will be Chef's Choice.

No tour to New Bedford would be complete without a visit to the Seaman's Bethel, thanks to Herman Melville's citations in the classic Moby Dick. Be sure to check out the cenotaphs ("empty graves") in the chapel, which are tributes to the many sailors lost at sea.

Our New Bedford visit is a first for ARA. Don't miss it!

We depart for home at 3:30 PM.

Handicap Accessibility: The Museum, Moby Dick's Brewery and Seaman's Bethel are handicap accessible.

Cost is **\$115.00** per person all inclusive.

TOUR #4– MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

Audubon Puffin and Scenic Cruise, Cap'n Fish's Cruises, Boothbay Harbor, ME

Lunch and time on your own, Boothbay Harbor, ME

Departure: Durham 6:00 AM and Newington 6:15 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 6:30 PM and Durham 6:45 PM

Anchors aweigh! Join us this morning as we head to picturesque Boothbay Harbor, ME, and Cap'n Fish's Cruises for an Audubon Puffin and Scenic Cruise. The cruise is narrated by the National Audubon's Project Puffin, so you will see first-hand the National Audubon Society's success in establishing a puffin colony on Easter Egg Rock and learn the history of the puffins. This cruise is truly a magnificent "Seafari" for all nature lovers with seals, blue heron, an occasional whale, and other coastal wildlife. You'll also pass by several lighthouses and islands!

Following the morning cruise, you'll enjoy lunch and time on your own at one of many nearby seafood restaurants, including Harborside 190 Bar and Grill, Fisherman's Wharf Inn Restaurant, and Wharf Street Restaurant and Bar -- or try Boat House Bistro and Tapas Bar. You may also want to explore a few art galleries such as Studio 53 Gallery, Abacus, or Boothbay Regional Arts Foundation. Why not sample some local ice cream, visit a few craft shops, or just sit on a bench to enjoy the sea breezes and people watch?

We'll depart for home at 4:00 PM.

Handicap Accessibility: NO!

Cost is **\$112.00** per person all inclusive.

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Monday, March 27, 2023

Tour #1 – Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Tour, Boston, MA
Lunch and time on your own at Quincy Market, Boston, MA

\$80.00 per person

Name(s): _____ **Phone:** _____

_____ **Cell:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name _____ **Relationship** _____

Emergency contact's daytime phone _____

Please check here for PORTSMOUTH PICK UP _____

Mail with check payable to **ARA** to: ARA, c/o Debbi Forster, 13 Marden Way, Durham, NH 03824.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Tour #2 – Fiddler on the Roof, Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME.
Early dinner at The Muddy Rudder, Yarmouth, ME.

\$169.00 per person

Name(s): _____ **Phone:** _____

_____ **Cell:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

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First course (select one) 1) Clam chowder _____ or 2) Caesar salad _____

Entrée choice (select one) 1) Baked Haddock _____ 2) Steak Tips _____ 3) Chicken Piccata _____
or 4) Vegetable Risotto _____

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Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Tour #3 – New Bedford Whaling Museum and Seaman's Bethel, New Bedford, MA

Lunch at Moby Dick's Brewery, New Bedford, MA

\$115.00 per person

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_____ **Cell:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name _____ **Relationship** _____

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Entrée choices: (select one) 1) MDBC Burger _____ 2) Hot Nashville Chicken Sandwich _____

3) Fried Cod Sandwich _____ or 4) Vegan Burger _____

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Monday, June 26, 2023

Tour #4 – Audubon Puffin and Scenic Cruise, Cap'n Fish's Cruises, Boothbay Harbor, ME

Lunch and time on your own, Boothbay Harbor, ME

\$112.00 per person

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Address: _____

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