

# **ARA Summer 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 & #3.**

**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 Summer 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.

**ARA Wait List Policy-** When a tour is full, members assigned to a Wait 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."*

**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 (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.

# **ARA Summer 2024 Cultural Tours Notice**

## **TOUR #1 – THURSDAY JUNE 27, 2024**

**Saint Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, NH**

**Lunch included at Salt Hill Pub, Lebanon, NH**

**Departure: Newington 7:00 AM and Durham 7:15 AM**

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

Today our travels take us to Cornish, NH, to Aspet, the summer home of America's foremost 19<sup>th</sup> century sculptor of historic figurines, Augustus Saint Gaudens. If you don't recognize the name Saint Gaudens, think Abraham Lincoln, not the seated Lincoln in Washington, DC, but the standing Lincoln of Chicago's Lincoln Park. Erected in 1881, the statue is widely considered to be the best portrait of the Great Emancipator. Also of note is the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial at the Boston Common. One of the beauties of visiting Saint Gaudens's home, studio and extensive gardens is that so many of the artist's works are found there. Over 100 re-castings of his works and studies are there because the originals remain in place all over the world. Don't miss the artist's design for the 1907 US Twenty Dollar Gold Piece (long considered America's most beautiful coin) or the opportunity to explore Aspet's 9+ acres of beautiful gardens and trails.

For lunch we'll journey to the nearby Salt Hill Pub in Lebanon, NH. Starters include Guinness Stew or a Side Salad. Entrée choices are (1) Salt Hill Reuben; (2) Risa's Cape Coddler (smoked turkey and cranberry); (3) Salt Hill Fish and Chips; or (4) The Jake Burger with bacon and cheddar. All entrees are served with Pub Fries and your choice of a non-alcoholic beverage. For dessert enjoy a homemade fudge brownie.

On our way home we'll stop at Beech Hill Farm and Ice Cream Barn (a 9<sup>th</sup>-generation family farm in Hopkinton) for a rest stop and a taste of one of their 75 flavors of ice cream or frozen yogurt.

**Handicap Accessibility:** All facilities are handicap accessible.

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

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## **Tour #1 -Thursday, June 27, 2024**

**Saint Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, NH**

**Lunch included at Salt Hill Pub, Lebanon, NH**

**\$115.00 per person**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact's daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRÉE CHOICES:** (1) Salt Hill Reuben \_\_\_\_\_; (2) Risa's Cape Coddler \_\_\_\_\_; (3) Fish and Chips \_\_\_\_\_; or (4) The Jake Burger \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please check here for PORTSMOUTH PICK UP** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with check payable to **ARA** dated the day of the tour (June 27, 2024) to: ARA, c/o Debbi Forster, 13 Marden Way, Durham, NH 03824.

# ARA Summer 2024 Cultural Tours Notice

## TOUR #2– SATURDAY JULY 13, 2024

### Funny Girl at the Maine State Musical Theater, Brunswick, ME

Travel by Amtrak train from Durham Station to Brunswick, ME

Box Lunch included on board

Departure: Durham Amtrak Station 9:45 AM

Approximate time of return: 7:45 PM

Are you ready for something new this summer? All aboard the Amtrak train at Durham Station with free parking included. We're headed to the Pickard Theater at Bowdoin College to see the bittersweet musical comedy, *Funny Girl*. It is based on the life of the indomitable Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who dreamed of a life on the stage. Everyone told Fanny she'd never become a star, but then something funny happened -- she became one of the most beloved performers in history, shining brighter than the brightest lights on Broadway. *Funny Girl* features one of the most iconic scores of all time, by Julie Styne and Bob Merrill, and such memorable songs as "People," "Don't Rain on My Parade" and "I'm the Greatest Star." The original production of *Funny Girl* premiered on Broadway in 1964, starring Barbra Streisand, and was nominated for 8 Tony Awards.

You'll enjoy an early box lunch on board the train before our arrival in Brunswick. Choices include: (1) All-natural turkey on sourdough bread; (2) Naturally-cured ham and Vermont cheddar; (3) Albacore tuna salad; and (4) Farmer's veggie and Vermont cheddar; the last three sandwiches are on 9-grain bread. Also included are: chips, an apple, a cookie and bottled water.

Upon our arrival at Brunswick Station, there's a short walk to the Pickard Theater (less than ¼ of a mile). Showtime is from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM. After the show we'll walk together to the Amtrak station and board our return train to Durham. Snacks and drinks are available at the train station and on board.

**Handicap Accessibility:** Amtrak and the theater are handicap accessible.

**Cost is \$135.00 per person.**

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### Funny Girl at the Maine State Musical Theater, Brunswick, ME

Travel by Amtrak train from Durham Station to Brunswick, ME

Box Lunch included on board. Free parking @ Durham Station

**\$135.00 per person**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact's daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRÉE CHOICES** (select one): (1) All-Natural Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Ham and Cheddar Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Albacore Tuna Salad \_\_\_\_\_ (4) Farmer's Veggie and Cheddar Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

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# ARA Summer 2024 Cultural Tours Notice

## TOUR #3 -TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 2024

*Rufus Porter Museum of Art and Ingenuity, Bridgton, ME*

*Paddleboat Cruise on the Songo Princess on Long Lake, Naples, ME*

Lunch catered by Kindred Farms Market & Bakery, Casco, ME

Departure: Durham 7:30AM and Newington 7:45AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 6:00PM and Durham 6:15PM

This morning we'll visit a small museum gem, the Rufus Porter Museum of Art & Ingenuity in Bridgton, ME. Rufus Porter (1794-1884) was a painter, musician, writer, teacher, inventor, and the original publisher of *Scientific American* magazine. He made enduring contributions to New England and the entire country as evidenced in his miniature portraits, famous wall murals, writings, and inventions. The museum's mission is to celebrate the life, times and legacy of this remarkable 19<sup>th</sup> century New Englander through preservation and promotion of creativity and invention. *Raise the Rufus*, a recent fundraiser, allowed construction of a large barn addition to the museum that now houses an even larger collection of his famous wall murals.

At Noon we'll depart for Naples, ME, where we'll board the *Songo Princess* and enjoy a catered lunch on Long Lake. Sandwich entrees are: (1) Chicken Salad; (2) Veggie Wrap; (3) Classic Italian; (4) Turkey Ciabatta. Also included are chips, water and a delicious pastry tray from Kindred Farms Bakery.

Our narrated scenic tour offers some of the most beautiful scenery in the region, several islands and beautiful waterfront properties including Drew's Castle, the former home of author/writer Stephen King. We'll even pass through Songo Lock, the last surviving lock of the Cumberland and Oxford Canal.

Before departing for home, you may want to try one of 75 flavors of gelato at Nico's Italian Ices just across the street!

**Handicap Accessibility:** The museum and the *Songo Princess* are handicap accessible.

**Cost:** \$135.00 per person all inclusive.

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### Tour #3 -Tuesday, August 13, 2024

*Rufus Porter Museum of Art and Ingenuity, Bridgton ME*

*Paddleboat Cruise on the Songo Princess on Long Lake, Naples ME*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact's daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Entrée Choices (select one): (1) Chicken Salad Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_; (2) Veggie Wrap \_\_\_\_\_;  
(3) Classic Italian \_\_\_\_\_; (4) Turkey Ciabatta \_\_\_\_\_.

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