



Education First

*Explore America*

# STEM BOSTON AND NEW YORK

5 days | Boston | New York City



## Your itinerary

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Boston!

Upon arrival, meet your EF Explore America Tour Director, who will accompany you throughout your stay.

#### Guided Sightseeing of Charlestown and the North End

Explore some of Boston's oldest neighborhoods on your walking tour of Charlestown and the North End. See the Bunker Hill Monument, Charlestown Navy Yard, and the USS Constitution before crossing the Charles River into the North End, where you'll find famous landmarks such as Old North Church and Paul Revere's House. Finish your tour with an exploration of the Black Heritage Trail, the largest collection of historic sites relating to life with a free Black community prior to the Civil War.

#### Old North Church

Visit the iconic Old North Church, where Robert Newman held two lanterns as a signal to Paul Revere that the British were marching by sea.

#### Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

#### Duck Tour

Explore Boston by land and by sea in a brightly colored "duck boat"-an amphibious World War II-style vehicle. Sights include Bunker Hill, the Old North Church, the Longfellow Bridge, and more on your comprehensive tour of the city. (And yes, there will be quacking.) Just when you think you're nearly done, pass by EF Center Boston and splash into the Charles River for spectacular views of both the Boston and Cambridge skylines.

#### Walking Tour of the Black Heritage Trail

During the 19th and 20th centuries, Boston's free African American community led the nation in the movement to end slavery and to achieve equal rights. These remarkable patriots established businesses, founded organizations and created schools. Their houses of worship, homes, schools, and Underground Railroad sites make up Boston's Black Heritage Trail.

#### New England Holocaust Memorial

Inspired by a group of Holocaust survivors who found new lives in the Boston area, the New England Holocaust Memorial was built to foster reflection on the impact of bigotry and the outcomes of evil during World War II and to this day.

#### Dinner at Faneuil Hall

Find over 36 international food vendors inside of the Quincy Market Colonnade, the largest food hall in New England!

#### Hotel in Boston area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in Boston area*

### Day 2

#### Breakfast in Boston

#### Guided Tour of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

#### MIT Museum

The MIT Museum invites you to explore invention, ideas, and innovation. Through interactive exhibitions, public programs, experimental projects and its renowned collections, the MIT Museum showcases the fascinating world of MIT, and inspires people of all ages about the possibilities and opportunities offered by science and technology.

#### Visit a Working Lab

Dive into cutting-edge research on a tour of a working lab space, where you'll talk with the scientists who are creating the worlds of tomorrow.

#### Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

#### Guided Sightseeing of Boston and Cambridge

A local guide introduces you to some of the oldest sites in Boston (and the country). Trace the history of the American Revolution as you explore the Freedom Trail, from the Old South Meeting House (where a grievance session about a new tax law sparked the Boston Tea Party) to the Old State House, site of the Boston Massacre. In nearby Beacon Hill, the working gas lamps, ancient elms, and 19th-century row houses will transport you back to Boston's earlier days. See the ornate golden dome of the Massachusetts State House on your way to the Boston Common, founded in 1634 and the oldest public park in America. Compare the practical and pastoral design of the Common with the meandering pathways and vibrant floral patterns of the Public Garden, which represented the height of Victorian style. Finally, cross the Charles River as you head for Cambridge's Harvard Square, where you'll find the vine-covered brick buildings and wrought-iron gates of the country's oldest university.

#### Upgraded Dinner in Boston

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

#### Boda Borg

Visit Boda Borg Boston for a team challenge unlike anything you've experienced before. Each of their Quests is a series of rooms with challenges you must solve as a team. Solve a challenge to move on to the next; solve all the challenges in sequence and you conquer the Quest. But when you're not told what the challenge is, solving a Quest may not be as simple as it sounds.

*Overnight in Boston area*

### Day 3

#### Breakfast in Boston

#### Travel to New York City

#### Lunch Included

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

#### Guided Tour of New York City

A licensed guide leads your sightseeing tour of New York City. You'll explore the mosaic of Manhattan neighborhoods that make the city so unique. Drive through Greenwich Village, New York's eclectic province of bohemians, immigrants and students, and pass the cast-iron architecture of impossibly trendy SoHo (from "SOuth of HOuston Street"). It just might feel as if you've left the States and crossed an ocean as you take in the vibrant life of Chinatown and the personality of Little Italy.

**Upgraded Dinner in New York City**

Enjoy your upgraded evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

**NYC Skyscraper Experience**

Enjoy views of New York City from one of its iconic skyscrapers: the Empire State Building Observatory, Top of the Rock, Edge at Hudson Yards, or One World Observatory.

**Hotel in New Jersey**

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in New Jersey*

**Day 4****Breakfast in New Jersey****Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island**

Ferry to Liberty Island to marvel at the Statue of Liberty, a gift from France in honor of the French-U.S. alliance. Continue on to Ellis Island, which welcomed millions of immigrants to the New World around the turn of the century. Ellis Island is now the site of a museum chronicling the history of immigration.

**Lunch Included**

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

**Visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum**

Explore the global implications of the events of September 11, 2001 at the National September 11 Memorial Museum, which displays artifacts associated with the events of 9/11 while presenting stories of loss and recovery. Afterwards, visit the Memorial's twin reflecting pools, which sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.

**New York City One-Way Subway Ride**

Do as the locals do and hop on the subway for an unforgettable ride underneath Manhattan.

**Upgraded Dinner in New York City**

Enjoy your upgraded evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

**Times Square**

Be dazzled by a dizzying array of towering electronic billboards, sounds of street performers and the buzz of the crowds that make this intersection a one-of-a-kind spectacle.

**Broadway Show**

Enjoy your Broadway show, sure to be an unforgettable theater experience!

*Overnight in New Jersey*

**Day 5****Breakfast in New Jersey****Visit a Central Park Museum**

Visit one of the museums in Central Park: the Metropolitan Museum of Art or the American Museum of Natural History.

**Central Park**

Make a stop in 843-acre Central Park, an idyllic oasis in the concrete jungle. Join the more than 35 million annual visitors that make Central Park the most visited urban park in the United States.

**Lunch Included**

Tour Director distributes \$15 each.

**Dinner Included**

Your Tour Director distributes \$20 each.

**Depart for home!**

Your tour director assists with your return home.