



# EAST CAPITALS BY TRAIN

 USA / **TAILOR-MADE** / 9 DAYS - 8 NIGHTS

BOSTON / MASSACHUSETTS / NEW YORK CITY / PHILADELPHIA / LANCASTER / WASHINGTON DC



**DAY 1**

## Arrival in BOSTON

At Logan International Airport  
Airport assistance upon arrival

BOSTON, is an endearing and very pleasant city, with a typical American Downtown, but also beautiful vestiges of the colonial city still illuminated by picturesque gas street lamps and, on the edge, a lively and charming Little Italy. A flagship city in New England, Boston is the historic cradle of the United States. We enjoy a European-style quality of life, in the very affluent neighborhoods of the attractive residential suburbs along the Charles River, which is more like the Old World than the New. For the past twenty years, Boston has given itself a new lease of life by building a large business center, while remaining an international reference university center (Harvard and MIT) and a major cultural center. Private transfer to hotel by coach.

Assistance with check-in at the hotel.

**Dinner**

Hotel Accommodation.

**DAY 2**

## BOSTON

**Breakfast**

Transfer by subway to downtown Boston where you will meet with our guide.

- **Boston Walking Tour (with guide 4 hrs): Our day will be dedicated to the city tour of Boston.**

We will visit this historic city, guardian of traditions with British charm, with the Boston Freedom trail, a red line painted in the streets of Boston and which runs along the most beautiful historical sites of the city, the neighborhoods with narrow and winding streets.

- Freedom Trail Tour 4hrs with licensed guide.
- **Boston Common**, the visit begins near the tourist office, located in the oldest park in the United States, opened in 1634 (Central Park in New York was inaugurated in 1857).
- It has not always been a place filled with little squirrels that jump from branch to branch and where you can walk on Sundays, ice skate in winter: at first, it was a pasture, then it became a training ground for the English army; and even a place of hangings, duels and public celebrations. Even today, Shakespeare's plays and operas are performed here outdoors in the summer. You can also take a short ride in a swan-shaped boat on the pond.

- **Massachusetts State House**, with its gold dome and red briquette walls, dominates the Boston Common. As the name suggests, it is the seat of government of Massachusetts, which is not strictly a state but a Commonwealth. On July 4th, 1776, Thomas Jefferson (at the time, he was not yet president) read the Declaration of Independence of the United States (vs. England). And since then July 4th, it is Independence Day, a National Holiday.
- **Old South Meeting House**. This church was built in 1729 and was mostly used for political meetings. Most of the political events of the Revolution took place there, the most famous of which is the demonstration of more than 5000 people to protest against the tax on tea (the famous Boston tea party...). Today this building is a museum about the Revolution.
- **Faneuil House**. This building, built in 1742, is a gift, offered by Mr. Faneuil (the philanthropist and slave owner mentioned above). It is both a market and a meeting place. Many patriotic speeches have been given here by Samuel Adams and James Otis (who is not the inventor of the elevator).
- After the Revolution, it remained a political place where anti-slavery was discussed, then feminist struggles and debates on wars. The Faneuil House is now surrounded by several market halls and restaurants, it is a very lively place in the city, close to the sea.

End of guide service.

- **Lunch**

Walking in the historic and picturesque district of Beacon Hill with your Group Leader.

**Beacon Hill** owes its name to a lantern installed at its top in the seventeenth century.

This was used to warn Bostonians in the event of an imminent attack. In 1795, it was decided to transfer the seat of government of Massachusetts there.

The south side of Beacon Hill is adorned with beautiful houses in the Federal and Greek Revival styles, owned by the oldest families in New England, while its north side sees the construction of the humble dwellings of servants.

The streets of the new district are named after trees, adding to the rural character of the place, and public spaces of rare quality are developed.

Exceptionally, this haven of peace and serenity of the American “aristocracy”, located in the center of Boston, has never been disturbed, thus preserving almost intact its appearance of the first days.

Self-guided tours of some local museums (without guide)

### **Dinner**

Hotel Accommodation

## **DAY 3**

### BOSTON - NEW YORK CITY

#### **Breakfast**

Transfer by subway to Harvard campus

Harvard University visit (without guide) The campus is located near the Charles River. Harvard is undoubtedly the campus that attracts the most tourists. It must be said that it has much more charm and more history. This prestigious university was founded in the 17th century but the oldest buildings that can be admired today, date from the 18th century.

Harvard is one of the best universities in the world. The students who are admitted, after a strict selection, thus benefit from exceptional conditions: infrastructure, environment, quality of the speakers.

Return to the hotel by subway and departure by private coach to the station.

#### **Departure by train to New York City.**

**Lunch** « lunch box ».

Arrival in New York City, walk to the hotel, luggage drop and check in.

Walk to Times Square for a visit of this iconic place.

#### **Dinner**

Walk to the Empire State Building, climb to the observatory for a first glimpse at night on the city that never sleeps!

Walk to the hotel.

Hotel accommodation at the Fairfield Penn Station Hotel (or similar).

[www.marriott.com/nycps](http://www.marriott.com/nycps)

**DAY 4****NEW YORK CITY (with guide 8h)****Breakfast****Departure on motorcoach for a tour with a licensed guide. (8 hrs)**

New York: an island full of monuments, buildings, green spaces and places steeped in history... not to mention the most beautiful Skyline in the world. Panoramic guided tour throughout the day of the famous neighborhoods of Manhattan: Chinatown, Little Italy, the Financial District, Chelsea Market, Meatpacking District, soho... not to mention Harlem.

**Lunch in Chinatown.**

After lunch we take our coach and immerse ourselves in the underground culture of New York in the trendy and lively neighborhoods of Brooklyn. Visit Brooklyn heights, the Dumbo and if you feel like it, you can cross a part of the Brooklyn bridge that offers an exceptional view of Manhattan.

Transfer to Manhattan

End of the services of the ATS guide. (8h)

Free time before dinner for some shopping.

**Dinner**

Hotel Accommodation

**DAY 5****NEW YORK CITY – PHILADELPHIA****Breakfast**

Transfer by subway ( ticket included) to Battery Park.

Board the ferry to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Located on Liberty Island, at the entrance to New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty is a gift from France to the United States.

The work of sculptor Bartholdi, it was inaugurated in 1886 and celebrates American Independence.

Transfer to Ellis Island by ferry. Between 1892 and 1924 more than 12 million would-be immigrants landed at Ellis Island, which was the mandatory checkpoint for migrants before entering the U.S. Ellis Island and the Immigration Museum.

Transfer to hotel by subway (ticket included)

**Lunch**

After lunch, we walk to the train station to take the train to Philadelphia.

Regional train to Philadelphia.

## PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia is the largest city in the state of Pennsylvania. We can describe this beautiful city as historic. For a very long time, it was here that settlers or exiles from old Europe arrived.

It was in Philadelphia that the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, and great men such as Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson spent several years there. But Philadelphia is not only a history book, it is also a city where life is good, between skyscrapers, old neighborhoods and green squares.

Upon arrival, start of the panoramic coach tour with our licensed guide who takes you on a journey through Historic America, the cradle of the American nation.

Drop-off at the hotel and hotel check in.

### Dinner

Hotel Accommodation : Holiday Inn Midtown (or similar).

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/philadelphia/phlmt/hoteldetailh>

## DAY 6

## PHILADELPHIA- LANCASTER-PHILADELPHIA (Without guide)

### Breakfast

Private transfer to train station to Lancaster.

Arrival in the Dutch Country, the region where the famous Amish live, an Anabaptist community that continues to live outside the modernity and technologies of our time.

Private transfer to Amish village-

- Visit of an Amish farm and village.
- Tour of Lancaster city by coach: Discover the city of Lancaster, and its typical brick houses.

During the American Revolution, Lancaster was briefly the capital of the colonies on September 27, 1777, when the Continental Congress had to flee Philadelphia, which had been conquered by the British army. After meeting for a day, Congress moved to nearby York. Lancaster was the state capital from 1799 until 1812, when Harrisburg became the capital.

Return by train to Philadelphia. Then departure by coach to the Barnes Foundation.

Lunch boxes (Delivered to the hotel in the morning before departure)

Self-guided tour of the Barnes Foundation, home to one of the largest collections of impressionist, post-impressionist and modernist paintings in the world...

Transfer to hotel.

### Dinner

Hotel Accommodation.

## DAY 7

## PHILADELPHIA - WASHINGTON DC (without guide)

**Breakfast**

- **Walking tour of Philadelphia's historic center:** You will discover the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the National Center of the Constitution.
- **Visit of the National Constitution Center and Independence Hall** where the U.S Constitution was signed.
- **Visit of the Liberty Bell** – symbol of American independence.

- **Lunch**

Walk to hotel.

Private transfer from hotel to Philadelphia train station.

Departure by train to Washington DC.

Arrival in Washington and private transfer to hotel

**Dinner**

Accommodation at Capitol Skyline hotel (or similar).

<https://www.capitol skyline.com/>

## DAY 8

## WASHINGTON DC

**Breakfast****Half day city tour with private transfer (with guide 4 hrs)**

City-state, capital of the most powerful federation in the history of humanity, Washington DC is also a garden city where fifteen museums have acquired, by the richness of their collections, a national and world reputation. To the impressive concentration of places of power are added the monuments dedicated to the Great Men to give it an atmosphere of grandeur.

This city whose plans were drawn by a Frenchman is full of monuments and sites known worldwide

White House: built at the end of the 19th century, home of residence and work of the President of the United States, its façade has not changed since 1924;

The Supreme Court and the Capitol where the United States Congress sits.

Arlington Cemetery with the changing of the guard, where former President JFK rests... A historical visit!

Not to mention the Potomac River and Georgetown which is one of the friendliest neighborhoods in Washington. With its tens of thousands of students, Georgetown has many places to drink, listen to rock ...

Drop off in front of the Smithsonian museums. (end of Guide services)

### **Lunch**

- Self guided tour of the National Museum of American History : Discover the incredible heritage of the United States through the ages. Step back in time with more than 3 million exhibits, which have marked the social and cultural development of America.  
Subway to Hotel

### **Dinner**

Accommodation at Capitol Skyline hotel (or similar).  
<https://www.capitol skyline.com/>

## **DAY 9**

### WASHINGTON DC (without guide)

#### **Breakfast**

#### **Transfer by subway (ticket included) to the Smithsonian Mall**

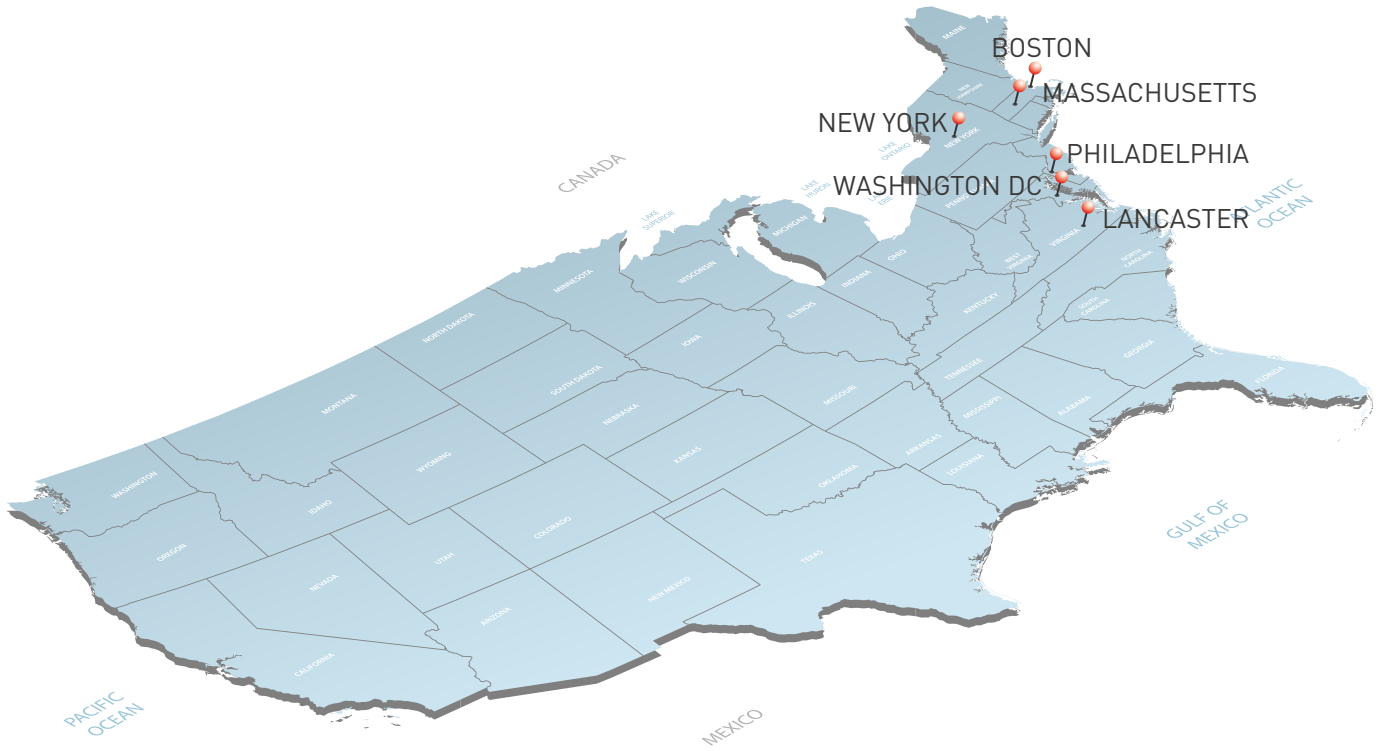
. Visit the National Air and Space Museum, which has the largest collection of aircraft and spacecraft in the world. It is also a research centre for the history, science and technology of aviation and space flight, as well as planetary sciences, geology and geophysics.

Transfer to hotel by subway (ticket included)

Private transfer to the Airport

#### **Lunch boxes**





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## Starting from rates:

### Per person double occupancy

Base	Supplément single	Reduction triple	Reduction quadruple	Reduction enfant -12 ans
35/39 : 2,590 USD	+ 1,133 USD	- 113 usd	-125 usd	- 220 usd (partageant la chambre de 2 adultes payant)
30/34 : 2,650 USD				
25/29 : 2,760 USD				
20/24 : 2,923 USD				

### Hotels (or similar):

BOSTON – Fairfield Inn Cambridge

NYC – Fairfield Penn Station

Philadelphie – Holiday Inn midtown

Washington DC – Capitol Skyline

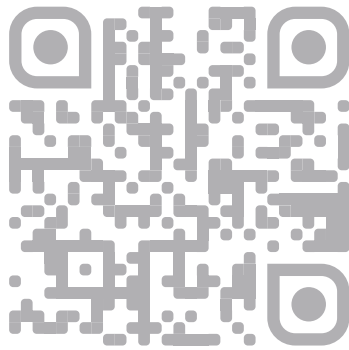
*Note: These rates are valid for a minimum of 10 rooms. They may vary depending on availability at time of confirmation. Train tickets are also subject to availability and will be revised if necessary according to the dates chosen - once issued, tickets are not exchangeable, transferable, nor refundable.*

### INCLUDED

- Boston (4h), NYC (8H), Philadelphia (4H) et Washington (4h) guided tours
- Transfers in coach or minibus where mentioned.
- Metro tickets.
- Train rides between Boston and NYC, NYC and Philadelphia, Philadelphia and Lancaster, and Philadelphia and Washington DC.
- The meals indicated in the program.
- The visits and excursions indicated in the program excluding options.
- Local taxes.
- 8 nights in the hotels mentioned or similar.

### NOT INCLUDED

- Porterage at airport and hotels.
- Drinks
- Meals not indicated
- Pay TV in the rooms, telephone, minibar....
- All personal expenses.
- Tips to guides and drivers
- Resort fees unless mandatory



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