

VBC Trip: Boston in Fall
225th Birthday of the USS *Constitution*
October 20-24

Land price: \$1,535 per person/double occupancy (\$900 single supplement)
VBC Members receive 10% discount

Roundtrip Air from Pittsburgh with hotel transfers + \$475

Oct 20: Pittsburgh, PA (PIT) to Boston, MA (BOS)

Flight: 1286, Depart: 8:50 AM Arrive: 10:24 AM

Oct 24: Boston, MA (BOS) to Pittsburgh, PA (PIT)

Flight: 2485, Depart: 1:10 PM, Arrive: 2:55 PM

Each fare includes two checked bags. \$475 covers airfare and hotel transfers.

Itinerary below for planning purposes only and is subject to weather and change. Final itinerary will be planned with travelers. Events subject to additional cost marked with (\$).

Thursday, October 20:

- Arrive Boston
- Drop luggage off at Residence Inn at Tudor Wharf.
- Tour Charlestown Navy Yard, including Drydock, Ropewalk, Marine Barracks, and other sights. Todd will provide history and context with other guides. We may also check out USS Constitution Museum, USS Constitution, USS Cassin Young.
- Lunch on your own (\$). I suggest we eat together here: <https://goo.gl/maps/oK2hHNTgT36svnPT7>
- Continue touring Charlestown Navy Yard
- Check into hotel. Rest up.
- Meet at 5:00pm for walk to historic Warren Tavern for our first group dinner: <https://g.page/WT02129?share> Todd may have to talk about Dr. Joseph Warren, killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. We may also have to stand at the very spot where John Winthrop landed in 1630 and founded what would become Boston.

Friday, October 21:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Head to USS Constitution Museum for a tour of museum and then the ship. There will be events and activities this day because of the 225th birthday. A lucky few may be able to ride the USS Constitution on its turnaround to Castle Island and back. The rest of us will Uber/shuttle (\$), perhaps at Sullivan's for lobster roll? <https://g.page/sullivanycastleisland?share>
- Return to hotel.

- Meet at 5:30pm to head to USS Constitution Museum for cocktails and refreshments (no cost). VBC storytelling event with Boston veterans and USS Constitution crew members and veterans.

Saturday, October 22:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Head to Bunker Hill Monument for a deep dive into one of the most misunderstood battles in American history. Walk the grounds and head to the Charles River crossing for more history.
- Walk to North End for lunch on your own (\$). Strong suggestion: Regina's Pizzeria (1.5 miles walking for the morning). Or, catch the excellent [Boston Walk-on-Walk-Off Trolley Bus](#) and meet us in North End or take full circuit around Boston (\$).
- Optional North End walking tour with Todd: Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Faneuil Hall, Copp's Hill Burying Ground, immigrant history.
- Return to hotel and rest up (1.5 miles walking in afternoon).
- Group dinner at Pier 6 or Sail Loft Restaurant <https://goo.gl/maps/PjYWWd5NtLBVawB56>

Sunday, October 23:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Uber to John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum and Library (60th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis) (\$)
- Uber to hotel or Faneuil Hall Public Market for lunch (\$)
- Uber to Rowe's Wharf for Fall Foliage Northern Lights Harbor Cruise (\$)

Monday, October 24:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check out and shuttle to Airport for departure

Other optional activities:

- Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum
- Freedom Trail Section: Boston Common, Massachusetts State House, Park Street Church, Granary Burying Ground, Boston Massacre site
- Lunch harbor cruise
- Samuel Adams Brewery tour and tasting
- [Boston Walk-on-Walk-Off Trolley Bus](#)
- Boston Common and Public Garden
- Harvard and Cambridge

Given the state of air travel and the pandemic, you may want to consider trip cancellation insurance. Cancel-for-any-reason can be purchased for under \$150. You can get precise quotes from various insurers here: <https://www.squaremouth.com>