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# Tea Time on the East Coast Celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America

April 25<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026  
9 Days / 8 Nights

## Day #1 – Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>:

- 5:30 AM** We depart Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street.
- 5:55 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155 E Courtland Street
- 6:30 AM** Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane traveling east towards our first overnight stop. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches ahead an hour as we enter the Eastern Time Zone.*
- 3:00 PM** Our first stop will be at **Clara J's Tea Room** for our **afternoon tea\***. Clara J's serves proper Tea in a gracious historic building in uptown Maumee, Ohio. They serve handcrafted delights inspired by the season on an eclectic mix of fine China.
- 5:30 PM** Following tea, we'll check into the **Home 2 Suites by Hilton\*** for our overnight stay.



## Day #2 – Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>:

- Full Hot Breakfast\*** is served at the hotel this morning.
- 7:00 AM** It's time to depart for our next stop in Niagara Falls, New York. We'll make a break stop along the way as needed.
- 2:00 PM** We arrive in Niagara Falls, New York where you'll have 2-1/2 hours to enjoy this area and see the American side of Niagara Falls.
- 4:30 PM** Let's board our coach and depart for Geneva, New York.
- 7:00 PM** We arrive at **Edgar's Restaurant** for a **sophisticated dining experience\*** in the historic 1880's Belhurst Castle on the shores of Seneca Lake.
- 8:30 PM** Approximate check in time at the **Fairfield Inn by Marriott\*** for the night.

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### Day #3 – Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast\*** is served at the hotel this morning.
- 8:00 AM** We depart for Stockbridge, Massachusetts making a break stop along the way.
- 12:30 PM** Arrival in Stockbridge finds us at the **Red Lion Inn where we honor the tradition of Afternoon Tea and the concept of taking a break in the day to indulge in aromatic teas and tasty treats\***.
- 2:30 PM** We depart for the Norman Rockwell Museum.
- 2:45 PM** We arrive at the **Norman Rockwell Museum for a tour\***. This famous museum, home to the world's largest collection of Norman Rockwell art, is a "must see" while in the Stockbridge area.
- 5:00 PM** We depart Stockbridge for our next stop in Sturbridge, Massachusetts.
- 6:30 PM** We arrive at the **Historic Tap Room at the Publick House** for dinner on your own. We'll stagger times as they can accommodate only small groups of people at one time.
- 9:00 PM** Tonight, we check into the **Publick House Hotel\*** for our overnight stay.

### Day #4 – Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast\*** is included this morning here at the hotel.
- 8:00 AM** We check out and depart for Boston, Massachusetts!
- 10:00 AM** We visit the **Boston Tea Museum\***. We'll enjoy a tour of the museum along with some **tea sampling\***.
- 12:30 AM** Next, we'll take you to **Commonwealth Wine School in Harvard Square for a light lunch, tea & chocolate experience\***.
- 3:30 PM** Following lunch we'll take you to Quincy Market for some time on your own.
- 6:00 PM** Tonight, we'll enjoy a **sunset cruise aboard Classic Harbor Line\***. Dinner is on your own while on the boat.
- 8:00 PM** Upon docking, we'll board our waiting motorcoach and depart for Braintree, Massachusetts for the night.
- 9:00 PM** We check into the **Hyatt Place\*** in Braintree for the night.

### Day #5 – Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast\*** is served at the hotel.
- 9:00 AM** This morning we've planned a **visit to the John Adams House\***.
- 10:30 AM** We depart the John Adams House with time to see more of Boston before we depart for Plymouth.
- 2:00 PM** We arrive at the **Plymouth Tea Room for our afternoon tea\***.
- 4:00 PM** Following tea, we depart for Newport, Rhode Island for the next 2 nights. Dinner will be on your own tonight near the hotel.



### Day #6 – Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>:

**Breakfast\*** is included at the hotel.

- 9:00 AM** This morning we'll enjoy a **Guided Tour\* of Newport**. Our guide will be with us about 2-1/2 hours to give us the history and highlights of this city.
- 11:30 AM** Following the tour, we'll depart for Bristol, Rhode Island.
- 12:30 PM** Arrive at Blithewold Manor & Gardens
- 1:00 PM** We've included an **Afternoon Tea** at Blithewold.
- 2:00 PM** You'll enjoy a self guided tour of Blithewold Manor & Gardens.
- 3:30 PM** Depart Blithewold and head back to the hotel for a short time to freshen up.
- 5:30 PM** Depart for dinner on your own at a choice of restaurants at **Bowen's and Bannister's Wharf**.

### **Day #7 – Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- Breakfast\*** is included at the hotel.
- 9:45 AM** This morning we'll **tour Rosecliff Mansion\***.
- 11:15 AM** Lunch will be on your own at the LaForge Restaurant. Get a table overlooking the gardens of the Tennis Hall of Fame if you can. You can also walk the gardens if you choose.
- 1:30 PM** Depart for our next stop.
- 1:45 PM** This afternoon, we'll **tour The Marble House\***, a gift from William Vanderbilt to his wife, Alva, as a 39<sup>th</sup> birthday present. This is also a "self-guided" tour of the home.
- 3:30 PM** Our afternoon tea\* awaits us at the **Iconic Chinese Tea Room** at the magnificent Marble House.
- 5:30 PM** Following tea, we're off to Yonker's, New York where we'll overnight.



### **Day #8 – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- Breakfast\*** is included this morning.
- 7:30 AM** We depart for **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**.
- 9:30 AM** We arrive in Philadelphia where you'll be able to enjoy visiting Independence Hall and some other historical buildings, celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America's founding.
- 1:30 PM** Sadly, it's time to depart for our final overnight stop. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed.
- 8:30 PM** We check into the **Hampton Inn, Wheeling, West Virginia\***.

### **Day #9 – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- Breakfast\*** is included.
- 8:00 AM** We check out, board our coach and depart for home making rest & meal stops along the way. *Note: Don't forget to set your watches back an hour as we re-enter the Central Time Zone.*
- 5:00 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Normal.
- 5:45 PM** Approximate arrival time back in Morton.

6:15 PM      Approximate arrival time back in Peoria.

**Cost Per Person:**

**Single: \$2960.00      Double: \$2335.00      Triple: \$2080.00**

**Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver, Donna Day & Becky Schotthofer as your Tour Hostesses, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk\***

**If you feel your Driver & Tour Hostesses have done a good job, it is appropriate to tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver and \$2 per Customer per day for each of the Tour Hostesses on this trip.**

**Hotels:**

**Day #1:**

**Home 2 Suites  
1701 Tollgate Drive  
Maumee, OH 43537  
419-887-9062**

**Day #2:**

**Fairfield Inn  
383 Hamilton Street  
Geneva, NY 14456  
315-325-4905**

**Day #3:**

**Publick House  
277 Main Street  
Sturbridge, MA 01566  
508-347-3313**

**Day #4:**

**Hyatt Place  
50 Forbes Road  
Braintree, MA 02184  
781-848-0600**

**Day #5 & #6:**

**The Pell Hotel  
425 E Main Street  
Middletown, RI 02642  
401-846-3555**

**Day #7:**

**Hampton Inn & Suites  
160 Corporate Blvd  
Yonkers, NY 10701  
914-377-1507**

**Day #8:**

**Hampton Inn & Suites  
795 National Road  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
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