

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

**AMERICA'S 250TH - IT'S THAT SEASON IN SALEM! A GHOST, A WITCH,
AND A TURNING POINT IN AMERICAN BELIEFS & PERSECUTIONS.
TUE-SAT OCT 22-26, 2026**

**Departures, as applic: Elyria, N. Olmsted, Middleburg Hts, Independence,
Beachwood/Orange, Mayfield, Ashtabula.**



Salem is a coastal city, steeped in history, on the North Shore of Greater Boston. The Europeans first settled in this region in the mid-1600s, and, within years, it became one of the most important seaports in the country. The history of Salem, Massachusetts, has led to a reputation known world-wide for its connection to witchcraft . . . which is why we arrive here as Halloween approaches. What many may not be aware of, the Capital of Massachusetts was moved to Salem about the same time as America was founded 250 years ago . . . so you might say that both Salem and Our Country are “sharing” their “250th Anniversary!!!

The infamous Salem Witch Trials began during the spring of 1692, after a group of young girls claimed to be possessed by the Devil and accused several local women of witchcraft. As this wave of hysteria spread, a special court convened in Salem to hear the cases; the first “witch” was convicted in June and eighteen others met similar fates at Salem’s Gallows Hill. During the next few months, about 150 more men, women and children were accused. Within several months of these trials, the hysteria diminished, and public opinion led to the overturn of future trials by the State’s General Court, annulling the remaining charges against accused witches. Some residents believe that this location is haunted, even as of today. Interestingly, there are reportedly still police cars that carry the witch logo on the sides of their vehicles and the High School teams that are named “The Witches”.



This tour begins with our arrival in Providence, Rhode Island, where we will be treated to a “story telling dinner” at **Pot Au Feu**. The tavern, owned by a local historian and entrepreneur, is located in the historic Wilcox Building. In 1875, workmen carved the massive stones which became the foundation of this building. You can still see the drill and chisel marks on the bistro wall!

Following our meal, a guide will take our group to the **Jack O’Lantern Spectacular!** Named a “Top 100 Event”, our group will be guided through more than 5,000 whimsically themed

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 9 PM to 11 PM, although this may vary.

jack-o-lanterns on display for the fall season. This year's theme is Trivia, where many of the carved pumpkins display a pop culture reference or historical legend!

During our first day in Salem, a Local Guide will escort our group to the famed **House of the Seven Gables**. Built in 1668 by Captain John Turner, the home would later inspire Author Nathaniel Hawthorne to write a novel of the same name. Our tour will take you through the home and grounds, showcasing the beautiful colonial style architecture and the scenic views of the harbor as well.

Our next stop will be the **Salem Witch Museum** where we will witness the testimony of the hysterical girls, the suffering of the blameless victims, and the decisions of the fanatical judges who sent innocent people to their deaths, all based on actual trial documents

The next day will be joined by our Local Guide for a day of touring, first traveling to the **Pirate and Witch Experience** that centers on the tale of "*Black Sam*" Ballamy, the richest and one of the youngest pirates and the love of his life, Maria Hallett, also known as the "*Witch of Wellfleet*". Meet the infamous crew and follow their journey as they seek to amass the greatest pirate treasure of all time!

Things do "brighten up" as we have included a Boston Harbor Dinner Cruise. Back in 1614, John Smith discovered Boston Harbor, now one of the most important ports in the country. Enjoy your meal cruising through the Harbor that holds so much of our early history, including the famous Boston Harbor Tea Party... an event that helped spark the birth of our nation and an integral part of the Country's 250th Anniversary . . . which you can be part of!

As with a number of our tours, we have included a mid-afternoon "closing dinner" to celebrate the fascinating inclusions of the past days in Massachusetts.

**IT'S THAT SEASON IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS –
OCTOBER 2026 (SAME PRICE AS 2025!)
Package includes 9 meals**

**\$1984 per person in a double
\$1964 per person in a triple
\$1944 per person in a quad
\$2436 per person in single**



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