

Path of the Pilgrims

Provincetown & Plymouth, MA

This fall, let's hit the road and celebrate America! We are taking a journey to the past during this year's 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim landing. Trans-Bridge Tours will visit Provincetown and Plymouth to follow the path of the Pilgrims on a four day tour. Along the way, you will experience what life was like for our country's first settlers, learn some fun facts, and admire the monuments and artifacts associated with life as a Pilgrim.



Our first destination would naturally be Provincetown. After all, it is the first landing spot the Pilgrims came to in 1620 before heading ashore to Plymouth. Here, we will venture on a guided tour of the town. Stopping for a photo opportunity at the appropriately named "Pilgrims' First Landing Park", a plaque marks the spot of the landing location and features a small park setting. Nearby the historic landing is commemorated in a grand monument known as the Pilgrim Monument. It is the largest granite tower in the United States, standing at 252 feet tall and the most well-known monument on all of Cape Cod. Dedicated in 1910 by President Taft, he arrived by boat for the ceremony and dropped anchor near the same spot in which the Mayflower landed. From the top of the tower, you will be amazed by the exhilarating panoramic views of the harbor. On this site, is the Provincetown Museum, home to many items of Pilgrim life, details of Provincetown's rich maritime history, and timeline for the building of the Pilgrim Monument.



You will have time on your own for lunch and exploring Provincetown before we take a break from history to go on an exciting dune tour! This will be a narrated guided tour in a four-wheel drive vehicle through majestic dunes and seashore of Cape Cod National Seashore Park. With wispy beach grass and dark green pines trees, you will be sure to grab the chance for some lovely photos! We will travel to the Outer Cape area to see where the Pilgrims first encountered Native Americans and see the beautiful Cape Cod Light, the first light station on Cape Cod, known for stunning ocean views.

How do we top a grand day of sightseeing? We'll finish the evening with a delicious lobster dinner. Get plenty of rest afterwards because next on the itinerary is a day in Plymouth!

Our first point of interest in Plymouth is the Mayflower II, a full-scale replica of the 17th-century ship that carried the Pilgrims to the New World. The ship is docked at Pilgrim Memorial State Park and here you will learn about the journey the Pilgrims endured and witness the cramped quarters below deck where they stayed and slept.

In the center of historic Plymouth is the Pilgrim Hall Museum. The museum houses an unmatched collection of Pilgrim artifacts which come together to paint a picture of those looking to build lives in the New World. You will be introduced to the Wampanoag, the Native People who inhabited this area for 10,000 years before the arrival of the new settlers. This leads us to our final stop for day three at the Plimoth Plantation.



Plimoth Plantation is a 1627 Pilgrim Village and Wampanoag homesite. The attraction is a living history museum with costumed villagers tending to everyday Pilgrim life including feeding live animals, cooking, and blacksmithing. The Wampanoag greeters are actual Native Americans who live there. Reviews of the village often refer to the picturesque surroundings of the Eel River and the fun atmosphere. The onsite Visitor's Center offers a film, special exhibits, and shopping including historical books, cookbooks, Native American jewelry and specialty foods of New England. Yum! And speaking of yum, you will finish the day eating like a pilgrim with a traditional Thanksgiving feast!



Our tour on Cape Cod would not be complete without a visit to a cranberry bog. One-third of the country's cranberries are grown in Massachusetts and Cape Cod in particular. We will visit A.D. Makepeace, the world's largest cranberry growers! Our bus tour will include stops along the way for an up close look at the bogs in production. Every effort is made to show wet harvesting in detail as you learn about the interesting yearly cycle of cranberry growing and gain insight on what being a cranberry farmer is about. In addition to tours, Makepeace Farms is a country market on the premises offering fresh baked goods and an array of cranberry

products. A number of cranberry artifacts, videos, and images are also displayed throughout the country market for patrons to enjoy and admire.

Never has there been a time in American history when we need to remember who we are and how perseverance is part of what being American is all about. Pilgrims, together, made a life in a New World for themselves and we will honor that with our visit for this 400th anniversary. We look forward to this quinnessential American tour and hope you will join us for rich history, gorgeous views, delicious meals and tasty cranberry treats! The patriotic pride, fresh bay air, and comraderie of being together, will be invigorating and leave you feeling refreshed!

