

# When the Witches Were in Salem

4 Days July 25-28, 2024

*Salem, Massachusetts is a small town with a spooky past – but that's what gives it its charm! Infamous for the Salem Witch Trials that took place in the 17th century. Come explore the unique colonial history, seaside charm and breathtaking fall foliage. Salem is sure to bewitch you with its spellbinding history.*

## Tour Highlights:

- Salem Tour & Morning Coffee Walk
- House of Seven Gables Tour
- Ghostly Night Tour
- Salem Witch Museum
- See the Bewitched Sculpture
- Salem Maritime Heritage Site
- The Friendship of Salem Replica
- Salem Armory Visitors Center Film
- Cry Innocent: People vs Bridget Bishop Trial
- Gallows Hill Ghost Hunt
- Three Nights First Class Lodging
  - Hampton Inn Boston/Peabody
- Three Breakfasts
- Three Dinners
- Luggage Handling (as available)
- All Taxes and Tips on above services
- Motorcoach Transportation

## Per Person Prices:

**\$1,120** DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$1,020 TRIPLE...\$970 QUAD...\$1,470 SINGLE

Full payment due by June 3, 2024

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**Day 1 – Salem, MA** - Travel today takes you to Salem, MA on a Starr Tours motorcoach. On arrival, check into your suburban hotel, the Hampton Inn in Peabody, MA, for a three-night stay. Tonight, enjoy a family-style dinner at Marco's Restaurant serving delicious authentic Italian Food. **(D)**

**Day 2 - Salem Tour & Morning Coffee Walk - House of Seven Gables – Free Afternoon - Ghostly Night Tour** - This morning, get a great overview of this delicious City, on an AM Coffee Walk including organic coffee or tea (or bottle of water), a sweet treat, a mini spice tasting. As you Walk you'll enjoy information on the local history, including the illustrious spice trade history, walking past historic landmarks, and learning about the wonderful shops and restaurants, dynamic cultural scene, and more. When you are done you will know where to eat, shop and visit!

Today's touring includes the House of Seven Gables. The House of the Seven Gables (also known as the Turner House or Turner-Ingersoll Mansion) is a 1668 colonial mansion in Salem, Massachusetts, named for its gables. It was made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne's 1851 novel *The House of the Seven Gables*. The rest of the afternoon is free time to explore Salem on your own.

Tonight, dinner is included at an area restaurant followed by an eerie experience not to be missed! On this Ghostly Night Tour, see some of the most haunted sites in America and learn of the bone-chilling stories behind each haunting! Learn about the history behind these amazing locations and about the tools that early ghost hunters would have used to examine these phenomena. You will also hear about some of history's most famous Gothic horror authors and the real events in Salem that inspired such legends as H.P. Lovecraft, Edgar Allen Poe, and Salem's own Nathaniel Hawthorne. **(B,D)**



**Day 3 - Salem Witch Museum - Bewitched Sculpture - Cry Innocent: The People vs Bridget Bishop Trail – Salem Maritime Heritage Site - Friendship of Salem Replica - Ghost Hunt** – Start

the day with a visit to the Salem Witch Museum. It examines one of the most enduring and emotional events in American History-the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. Experience the drama of that dark time through thirteen life-size stage sets, figures, lighting and narration as they are witness to the web of lies and intrigue of the Salem witch-hunt. Exhibits also focus on the presentation of witches and the evolution of the image over time.

Then visit the Bewitched Sculpture, honoring the TV Show, "Bewitched." It was donated by TV Land and was officially dedicated on June 15, 2005. The statue depicts actress Elizabeth Montgomery astride a broom and framed by a moon crescent. It's a nice, goofy sculpture in small, neatly manicured Lappin Park.

This afternoon, see a theatrical performance of *Cry Innocent: The People vs Bridget Bishop*. It's 1692. Bridget Bishop is accused of witchcraft and YOU are the jury. Hear the evidence, cross-examine the witnesses and determine the outcome. The actors respond as Puritans, revealing much about the Puritan mind. Is Bridget Bishop capable of witchcraft? You decide. Then see a different side of Salem in September! Cruising from Pickering Wharf in Salem, MA cruise by the local shorelines and the Misery Islands.

Next, visit the first National Historic Site in the United States, Salem Maritime National Historic Site's 12 historic structures along the Salem waterfront. During your time there, stop at the Salem Armory Visitors Center, watch the park film, and explore the rotating exhibits. Walk through *The Friendship of Salem*, a replica of a three-masted, square rigged "East Indiaman", the type of merchant ship that made Salem a leader in opening international trade with the Far East, Europe and Russia in the years immediately after the American Revolution. The new *Friendship* was built through a unique collaboration between volunteers, the greater Salem community, and the National Park Service.

Tonight, dinner is included at an area restaurant. Then you will be joined by Kimberly Bizjak, former owner of Paranormal Salem, for a night of Ghost Hunting! This is a real paranormal investigation with real ghost hunting equipment. If you are a fan of all those ghost hunting shows on TV, this is your chance to collect your own evidence in haunted Salem. The night will include instruction on paranormal history, activity, communication, mediumship, and protection. You are then armed (her newly trained ghost hunters) with various ghost-detecting equipment such as EMF detectors, infrared thermometers, audio recorders and more. You'll then participate in a hands-on indoor investigation. **(B,D)**

**Day 4 – Depart for Home** – After breakfast at the hotel, depart for home. **(B)**