



Itinerary

It's our nation's premier Fourth of July Celebration complete with the Boston Pops and Royal Sonesta Hotel! Your hotel is THE place to see Boston's Fireworks Spectacular.

DAY 1: Hello Beantown! Arrive Boston's Logan Airport to begin your Boston Pops & fireworks adventure. Enjoy three exciting nights at the **Royal Sonesta Hotel** and a "Welcome Dinner" at **McCormick and Schmicks**. (D)

DAY 2: Old Ironsides! This morning enjoy a Boston Harbor Cruise. You'll see **USS Constitution** aka "Old Ironsides" for a special photo opportunity. Next tour the harbor while enjoying a bountiful buffet with musical entertainment included.

After lunch you'll actually visit "Old Ironsides". The USS Constitution was launched in Boston on October 21st, 1797, and is the world's oldest commissioned warship. She is manned by an active duty U.S. Navy crew.

Late afternoon finds you at the Esplanade for the **Boston Pops Rehearsal Concert**. After settling in, enjoy a **summer barbecue dinner**, then sit back and wait for the music to begin. Maestro Keith Lockhart brings his signature style and energy to champion great American music, while the orchestra and guest performers shine brightly on the "Oval", a space of lawn in front of the stage. This is the best way to actually see the Boston Pops. There will be only about 30,000 people in attendance on this night versus upwards of 750,000 on the night of the 4th. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: INDEPENDENCE DAY! Your day starts with a historic Boston tour, including parts of the Freedom Trail, a visit to Old North Church and Quincy Market. You'll have time in the Italian North End for lunch.

In the afternoon you'll visit the JFK Library and Museum. The museum captures the powerful story of the Kennedy years, giving an uplifting, "first-hand" experience of president Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy.

After dark the **Fireworks Spectacular** gets underway with an explosive and magical light show in the summer night sky! You just have to go outside, and you'll be on the banks of the Charles River not far from the fireworks barge. Or, you can watch from the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge where there are speakers. You can also see it on television in your room as the Boston Symphony Orchestra celebrates the birth of our nation with millions of households across the U.S. It's an awe-inspiring evening! (B,D)

DAY 4: Norman Rockwell. Depart for the Stockbridge where Norman Rockwell lived and worked in the Berkshires. You'll

Join us in the first city to celebrate the 4th of July!

Boston Pops Fourth of July



July 2-6, 2012

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- R/T air from Austin, Corpus Christi & San Antonio.
- 4-nts (3-nts Luxurious Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge & 1-nt Jiminy Peak Resort).
- 8 meals (4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners).
- **Boston Pops Rehearsal Concert.**
- **4th of July Fireworks Spectacular.**
- Historic Boston • Harvard Yard • Naumkeag Mansion • Norman Rockwell Museum • Old Ironsides • Old North Church • Quincy Market • Spirit of Boston and more.
- Hotel taxes, Luggage: 1 per person.
- Escorted by Pat McKinzie.

\$250 deposit;
Final Due 05/15/12.
No refund after final due date.

\$1799
pp/dbl.
single rate
\$2499

Please call for fares and schedules
to and from your city to Boston.

 Some walking,
Leisurely paced

have free time for lunch in this quaint, "picture postcard" town. Take time to visit the Red Lion Inn to see the antique furniture, their "teapot collection" (*hundreds of teapots from all over the world*).

This afternoon you'll visit the Norman Rockwell Museum. See many of the illustrator's works in the original oil paintings at your own pace. There are gallery talks, Rockwell's studio and a gift shop to explore.

Later, settle into the **Jiminy Peak Resort**, set in a beautiful country atmosphere.

Your final dinner is at the resort. (B,D)

Day 5: Berkshire Cottages!

Meet your local guide for to hear amazing stories about the Berkshires, known as the Inland Newport, with mansions built during the turn of the century before the days of income tax. These the estates of Andrew Carnegie, George Westinghouse, the Vanderbilt's and many others who formed the American Aristocracy.

After lunch you'll travel back to Logan International for your flight home. (B)

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