Heritage Tours
by American Ancestors

A New England Sojourn
Tour Leader: Robert Charles Anderson
June 16–20, 2021 | Massachusetts
The Mayflower, having crossed the Atlantic in just over two months, made landfall on Cape Cod in November 1620 and came to anchor in what is now Provincetown Harbor. The ship and most of its passengers remained at that location for more than a month while some of the immigrants explored the Cape in search of a place to settle. Join Robert Charles Anderson, FASG, and other Mayflower experts as we explore New England and gain an understanding of the challenges facing the Pilgrims in the earliest months and years of settlement.

Our tour begins in Boston at New England Historic Genealogical Society before heading to the Mirbeau Inn & Spa in Plymouth, our base for five days. We will immerse ourselves in Pilgrim history with visits to Plimoth Plantation, the Pilgrim Hall Museum, the Alden Family Sites, Old Burying Ground, Jabez Howland House, Provincetown Museum, and more. Throughout the trip, we’ll enjoy guidance from talented academic leadership, behind-the-scenes visits, special presentations, and traditional New England fare.

MIRBEAU INN & SPA, PLYMOUTH
The Mirbeau Inn & Spa is a 50-room luxury boutique hotel situated on the Village Square in the award-winning community of The Pinehills, Plymouth. The hotel combines the amenities of a gracious French manor house, a world-class spa, and a nationally acclaimed fine dining establishment, all with the elegant comforts and residential feel of a private estate. The Inn and Spa buildings overlook the verdant Monet ponds and garden, creating a tranquil environment any guest is sure to love.

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Wednesday, June 16
Arrival in Boston & Plymouth

Meet at New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, where guests will be welcomed by American Ancestors staff and Robert Charles Anderson, who will give a talk on the religious-political events leading up to the Great Migration. There will be time for a tour of NEHGS and its current exhibits, Origins and Legacy of the Mayflower and The History of Wampum Belts. After lunch at a nearby restaurant, we will travel by private coach to Plymouth to check into the Mirbeau Inn & Spa, our home for the next four nights. Take time to settle in before gathering for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

Thursday, June 17
Plymouth & Provincetown

Arrive at Mayflower II for a presentation by a maritime artisan on the 17th-century travel and maritime skills in the age of the Mayflower. Located on picturesque Plymouth Harbor, Mayflower II is a full-scale reproduction of the 17th-century merchant ship that brought the Pilgrims to Plymouth in 1620. We will be among the first visitors in the world to board this national treasure after its multiyear, almost...
$10,000,000 restoration. The preservation of the tall ship Mayflower II for future generations is the signature event of the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims’ voyage. Nothing compares to touching, smelling, and seeing the massive oak timbers of the ship, standing on the deck, looking up at the rigging, and imagining 102 passengers in those cramped quarters traveling for 66 days in search of religious freedom.

Next, we’ll travel by ferry from Plymouth to Provincetown with great views of historic Plymouth Harbor and Cape Cod Bay. Robert Charles Anderson and a Plimoth Plantation museum educator will join us to provide historic information about the Pilgrims’ earliest experiences in the New World.

Arrive at MacMillan Wharf in Provincetown where we will walk to lunch in a nearby restaurant for rustic and simple selections using seasonal ingredients served with a twist.

This afternoon, we will visit the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. The Pilgrim Monument was founded in 1892 as the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial Association to commemorate the Mayflower Pilgrims’ first landing in the New World in Provincetown in November 1620. Here the Pilgrims spent 5 weeks exploring the tip of Cape Cod before they sailed on to Plymouth. They also drew up and signed the Mayflower Compact, which established the rule of law for the new land. President Theodore Roosevelt laid the cornerstone in 1907, and in 1910, President William Howard Taft dedicated the finished 252-foot tower. Provincetown Museum opened at the base of the monument, to educate the public about Provincetown’s role in Pilgrim history and American history.

Provincetown Museum exhibits highlight the arrival of the Mayflower Pilgrims, the town’s rich maritime history, the early days of modern American theater in Provincetown, and the building of the monument. There is also a recreation of a 19th-century sea captain’s parlor at home and his quarters at sea, a diorama of the Mayflower Compact being signed aboard the Mayflower in Provincetown Harbor, and a scale model of the first theater of the Provincetown Players.

There will be time for independent exploration of Provincetown before boarding the ferry for the return trip to Plimoth Plantation and a traditional New England Clam Bake in Gainsborough Hall.

Friday, June 18
Duxbury & Plymouth

Today we will explore the Alden Family Sites, a National Historic Landmark consisting of two separate properties in Duxbury, accompanied by Alicia Crane Williams, FASG, Lead Genealogist of Early New England Families Study Project.

The properties consisting of the “First Site,” the archaeological remains of John and Priscilla’s original home in Duxbury, ca. 1630, and the house which was traditionally dated to ca. 1657 as a work by Alden, are both significant for their association with John Alden, one of the settlers of the Plymouth Colony. However, by forensic analysis the house is judged to have been built around 1700, probably by John Alden’s grandson. The entire property has been under continuous ownership of the Alden family; it is now operated as a historic house museum by the Alden Kindred of America, a non-profit organization started in 1901 by descendants of John and Priscilla.

Before departing Duxbury, we will visit the Old Burying Ground, also known as the Myles Standish Burying Ground, the resting place of many Pilgrims as well as their descendants and other new arrivals who settled in Duxbury. The first burials occurred there as early as 1632. The area is also the site of the First Meetinghouse of Duxbury.

We travel by coach to Plymouth’s Town Wharf for lunch, followed by a private guided visit to the Jabez Howland House. The oldest portion of this two-story, wood-frame house was built by Jacob Mitchell (son of Pilgrim Experience Mitchell) in 1667, and purchased by Jabez Howland, son of Mayflower passengers John and Elizabeth (Tilley)
Howland. The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The Pilgrim John Howland Society owns and operates the historic house museum that has been restored and decorated with 17th- and 18th-century period furnishings.

Next we head to the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse and Burial Hill for a docent-led tour. The Mayflower Pilgrims' first meetinghouse was built at the top of Leyden Street in Plymouth in 1621. The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, built in 1897, is listed on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Massachusetts Most Endangered Resources List. Now under ownership of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD), a major restoration and preservation project is underway that will help transform the meetinghouse into an education center that will help promote GSMD's mission in telling the Mayflower story.

There will be time at the hotel to relax before we board the charming paddle boat Pilgrim Belle. While enjoying a catered picnic, we will cruise Plymouth Harbor passing Clark's Island, now a part of the town of Plymouth. It was named for John Clark, the first mate of the Mayflower. Here, a Pilgrim exploring party sought shelter during a storm in December 1620. It is also where the Pilgrims spent their first Sabbath in Plymouth. The island was initially considered for the location of the Pilgrims' settlement. However, it was rejected in favor of a site to the south, which became known as Plymouth, Massachusetts. Vicki Oman, Associate Director of Group Participation and Learning at Plimoth Plantation, will discuss “The Faith of the Pilgrims: A Foundation of Christian Belief in America.” We will learn about the faith of the courageous Christians who relocated to New England shores in 1620. We will return to the hotel for the rest of the evening at leisure.

Saturday, June 19
Plymouth

Our final day will be spent in Plymouth beginning with a tour of the gambrel-roofed Harlow Old Fort House, one of the few remaining 17th-century buildings in the oldest established town in the Commonwealth. It was originally the family residence of settler William Harlow, a farmer, cooper, and town official, who also served as sergeant of the local militia and participated in King Philip’s War. In 1676, Harlow was granted permission to salvage material from the Pilgrim’s fort-house on Burial Hill to use in the construction of his new dwelling. From the early 19th century, the Harlow House has been notable for the hand-hewn beams attributed to this source. The house, a local landmark for generations, is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

Next, we visit Pilgrim Hall Museum where Dr. Donna Curtin, Executive Director, will welcome the group. The Pilgrim Society was founded in 1820 to preserve Plymouth’s unique history, and in 1824, opened the doors of Pilgrim Hall Museum to the public. It is the oldest continuously operating public museum in the country and America’s museum of Pilgrim possessions.

Here, we will enjoy a private guided visit of Pilgrim Hall with its multimedia exhibition illuminating the human dimensions and authentic experiences of the Mayflower passengers and Native peoples of Plymouth Colony. The exhibition includes rarely displayed original Pilgrim possessions and colonial documents, as well as digital representations of true-life historic figures. In addition, we will see a short orientation film, special 400th anniversary exhibits, and treasures of the collection not on public view. It’s an intimate story of families, of differing cultures, and of courage in the face of great difficulties. In many ways, it’s the story of the founding of America.

After time for an independent lunch and free time at the hotel, we head to Plimoth Plantation for a special guided tour led by Richard Pickering, Deputy Executive Director at Plimoth Plantation, of the living history museum of 17th-century Plymouth Colony and the Wampanoag Homeland.
Our day comes to an end here at Plimoth Plantation, America’s Museum of Thanksgiving. While savoring turkey with all the trimmings, a classic Yankee meal inspired by centuries of New England cookery, we will hear the story of the first feast and learn about the people who were there. This memorable dinner will be located in the Fort/Meetinghouse overlooking the Pilgrim Village, and we will be joined by members of the Museum’s role-playing staff portraying Mayflower passengers who were part of the First Thanksgiving.

Sunday, June 20

Departure

Board the coach for the group transfer to Boston Logan Airport (BOS) to meet independent flights back home.
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Tour Cost:
Land Package .......................................................... $3,495
Single Supplement .................................................. $780

Tour price is per person, based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 18 paying participants.

Activity Level: Moderate; good walking ability is advised.

Deposit & Final Payment: A deposit of $1,000 per paying participant will be required to guarantee participation in the program. This may be paid by check, or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Final payment will be invoiced and is due on March 8, 2021. Final payment is due to NEHGS by check, or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Registrations will be accepted beyond this date on a space-available basis.

Flights: Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for all aspects of their round-trip air arrangements.

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Travel Insurance: NEHGS strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. NEHGS will send you travel insurance information upon tour registration. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

Tour Price Inclusions: Four (4) nights’ deluxe accommodation at the Mirbeau Inn & Spa in Plymouth, MA; breakfast daily, three (3) lunches, four (4) dinners; all sightseeing and admission charges as outlined in the itinerary; land transportation by deluxe air-conditioned coach; bottled water on coach; leadership of Robert Charles Anderson for duration of the tour; services of Cy Britt, Director of Heritage Travel, as tour manager; expert, local guides for all planned sightseeing activities; gratuities at included meals and for guides and drivers; one (1) group transfer upon departure from the Mirbeau Inn & Spa to Boston Logan International Airport (BOS); handling of two (2) pieces of luggage per person at the hotel upon arrival and departure; service charges and taxes; complete pre-departure documentation and materials, including recommended reading list, travel tips, and destination information.

Tour Price Exclusions: Airline tickets, airline taxes, or fuel surcharges; airport porterage; arrival airport transfers; transfers to the airport upon departure for individuals not using the group transfer; gratuities for hotel cleaning staff; personal items such as wines, liquors, à-la-carte orders, meals other than those specified in the itinerary, personal services, room service, valet/laundry service, and tour deviations. If due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend any additional nights, you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfer, and meal costs. Personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation is not included. Tour cancellation/Interruption Insurance is strongly recommended. Travel insurance forms will be supplied to registrants by ISDI.
Please find enclosed deposit(s) in the amount of $1,000 per person for _____ spaces on A New England Sojourn, June 16-20, 2021.

Name (Participant 1)          Name (Participant 2)

Street Address

City          State          Zip

Home Phone          Cell Phone

E-mail Address □ Please send mailings to my e-mail address so I may receive information more quickly.

DEPOSIT PAYMENT INFORMATION:

□ Check in the amount of ________________ enclosed (made payable to “New England Historic Genealogical Society”).

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