UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

8 DAYS | JUNE 13-20, 2019
DISTINGUISHED HOST: PETER OLIN, ARBORETUM DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Celebrate charming Cape Cod where the Atlantic splashes the coastline in glorious fashion! Experience quaint harbors, windswept beaches, lighthouses, museums, and gardens. Walk in the footsteps of pilgrims and travel the scenic byways that wind through centuries of Cape Cod history.

Our custom journey will highlight Nantucket, Martha’s Vineyard, Provincetown, Plymouth, Sandwich, Falmouth and Hyannis. Please join Peter Olin for a glimpse of Cape Cod & the Islands on this 7-night/8-day personally-escorted tour in collaboration with Skads Travel.

PACE:
This is a moderately-active itinerary with walking for one to two miles at a time, which may include climbing one or two flights of stairs and walking over uneven pavement, groomed hiking trails or cobblestones. Standing up to one hour or more may be required.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019

Your CAPE COD CUSTOM TOUR GUIDE will meet your group at LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT in Boston and will assist with luggage and will then help you board your coach.

Travel south to the sandy shores of CAPE COD. Extending some 70 miles into the sea, the Cape is home to both natural beauty and quaint colonial villages. You can walk pristine beaches, revel in the arts and culture, and reclaim childhood memories of seashells, sandcastles, and saltwater taffy.

Arrive at the HYANNIS HARBOR HOTEL where your guide will assist with check in.

WELCOME DINNER is included this evening at a local restaurant.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel.

Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel and will conduct a tour of HYANNIS including the John F. Kennedy Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, Hyannisport and a view of St. Francis Xavier Church, the summer parish of the Kennedy Family.

You will then travel to SANDWICH – the oldest town on Cape Cod. You will view the Village Green, the Great Salt Marsh, a Cranberry Bog, and Cape Cod Bay. Sandwich became the site of one of America’s largest glass factories, an industry that flourished during the 19th century. This quaint and quiet seaside community is the hometown of Thornton Burgess, naturalist and author of 170 children’s books.

Admission and Horticulture Tour of HERITAGE MUSEUMS & GARDENS. Heritage offers one hundred acres of trees, shrubs, flowers, and sweeping lawns. The one-hour tour leads you through the grounds, focusing on some of our favorite plants, including rhododendrons, hydrangeas, noble trees, daylilies, the changing perennial gardens, and more. The tour will also provide insight into the landscape and architectural features (1 mile to 1 ½ miles of walking). Be sure to visit the JK Lilly III Automobile Collection Museum, the American History Museum, and the Art Museum featuring an operating, hand-carved Carousel made in 1912. Also featured is the Old East Windmill built in 1800 which was moved from Orleans to Heritage in 1968.

Admission with docent is included to the DEXTER GRIST MILL located in the heart of picturesque Sandwich Village. The mill was first built in 1637 and underwent a complete restoration in 1961. You will watch water from Shawme Pond turn the wooden water wheel and a series of gears that turn the grinding stones which turn the organic corn into corn meal.

Admission is included to THE SANDWICH GLASS MUSEUM. A museum docent will be with you as you enjoy viewing sparkling exhibits that describe the transformation of a small farming community into one of the world’s most respected manufacturers of 19th century glass. Watch molten glass, drawn from the furnace, blown and pressed into exquisite shapes and visit the distinctive museum shop.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel and will escort you across the street to the HY-LINE DOCKS where you will board the ferry to the stunning island of NANTUCKET. Upon arrival your guide will point out the restaurants, galleries, shops, and museums that are within walking distance of the dock.

Admission is included on a private NANTUCKET ISLAND TOUR. (75 minutes) Enjoy lunch and shopping here on your own.

Admission and a Private Highlights Tour are included to the NANTUCKET WHALING MUSEUM. The museum houses a large collection of whaling artifacts and memorabilia, including longboats, harpoons, and scrimshaw, but the centerpiece is the complete skeleton of a 46-foot (14 meter) bull Sperm whale suspended from the ceiling. True to its original use as a candle factory, the museum also has exhibits regarding that trade. The exhibited beam press (used to extract oil from the spermaceti to make candles) is the only one in the world still in its original location.

Please remember to wear comfortable walking shoes for the cobblestone streets and brick sidewalks that line Nantucket’s downtown area.

Depart the island, arriving back on the mainland in the early evening.
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel for a full day of touring. You will travel historic ROUTE 6A, the Old King’s Highway, a scenic byway winding through centuries of Cape Cod history. It winds past hundreds of historic structures which characterize its early development. View the Eastham Windmill, a Cape Cod Lighthouse and visit the CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE VISITOR’S CENTER. Sand dunes and the ocean surround you as you approach “Land’s End” – PROVINCETOWN. You are now at the extreme tip of Cape Cod. Formerly known as the “Province Lands” the pilgrims landed here first before they decided to settle across the Bay in Plymouth. Take some time to enjoy the wonderful variety of restaurants, shops, and galleries that make this artists/fishermen village so unique.

Admission and Private Guided Tour (90 minutes) of THE PILGRIM MONUMENT AND PROVINCETOWN MUSEUM which commemorates the first landing of the Pilgrims in 1620. This 255-foot tower dominates the town and is the tallest granite structure in the United States.

On your way out of town a stop will be made at SUZANNE’S GARDEN (walking involved as the bus has to unload .3 miles away).

Visit and tour the TRURO VINEYARDS. Learn how they have pioneered the art of maritime grape growing, producing wine with intense flavor and lush varietal character. Enjoy a WINE TASTING in the carefully restored 1830’s farmhouse in your very own SOUVENIR GLASS. Visit the gift shop for their signature “lighthouse bottles” of wines.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel and will travel to America’s Hometown – PLYMOUTH. Home of our Pilgrim Fathers and one of the country’s first settlements, it is well known in the United States for its historical value.

Admission and Docent Led Tour (2 hours) is included this morning at PLIMOTH PLANTATION, the first permanent European settlement in Southern New England. It is the site of a living museum dedicated to recreating 17th century life ways in the New World with the Wampanoag’s. Step back in time as costumed interpreters portray residents of the colony.

Next a picture stop will be made at the Forfather’s Monument, the largest, solid granite monument in the United States. She stands facing the harbor, welcoming those who come by water. A picture stop will also be made at the Plymouth Rock, the traditional site of disembarkation of the Pilgrims in 1620.

Visit beautiful BREWSTER GARDENS PARK. Created in the early 1920s, the park covers the original garden plot of Pilgrim Elser William Brewster. Running through the park is the Town Brook, a 1.5-mile stream that provided drinking water to the Pilgrims who made their homes adjacent to the brook on Leyden Street. You will meet Leo Martin, local historian, who will take you back in time as he tells stories of struggles, survival, and faith that set the cornerstones of our country. Hear about the relationship between the Pilgrims and Natives and how they worked together in support of each other. (one hour)

This afternoon’s highlight is a CRANBERRY BOG Tour by A.D. Makepeace, the world’s largest cranberry grower. June is “blossom” month. Your bog guide will show you examples of an existing bog, currently in production and will discuss the stages of the cranberry growing process. There are two methods of harvesting. Learn from the expert cranberry growers about farming and harvesting this fruit named “craneberry” by the Pilgrims.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel and will escort you across the street to the HY-LINE DOCKS for ticketing and boarding of the morning ferry to the island of MARTHA’S VINEYARD. Upon arrival at 10:00 am you will board a local bus for a SIGHTSEEING TOUR you will learn about the history and lifestyles of the islanders.

A stop will be made in West Tisbury at the POLLY HILL ARBORETUM where your docent will point out the rare trees and shrubs from around the world that are set among stone walls, meadows, and fields, including Polly’s famous North Tisbury azaleas.

Board your tour bus to an included LUNCH in Oak Bluffs. After lunch stroll through “Cottage City” with its brightly painted cottages and decorative “gingerbread” trim. This afternoon there will be free time in the historic whaling town of Edgartown. Dinner is on your own.

Depart the island, arriving back on the mainland in the early evening.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel and you will travel to FALMOUTH, home of Katharine Lee Bates, author of "America the Beautiful".

Admission and one-hour docent guided tour to HIGHFIELD HALL, one of the early summer mansions to grace Cape Cod with plenty of history within the glorious old walls, surrounded by restored gardens, peaceful walking trails and conservation land.

One-hour docent tour of ASHUMET HOLLY AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY. This eight-acre coastal plain pond is considered a globally rare natural community attracting over 30 species of dragonflies and rare pond shore wildflowers. The sanctuary is also known for its 1,000 holly trees of 65 varieties.

Admission is included to the world-renowned WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC Exhibit Center. There will be a 30-minute presentation on the work of its researcher. After a 7-minute movie you will have a half hour to explore the interactive exhibits on the discovery and exploration of the Titanic. Learn about whale and dolphin research and listen to actual recordings of marine mammals. Step inside a full-size model of the inner sphere of Alvin and learn about the pressure at the sea floor.

Visit the WHOI SCIENCE AQUARIUM (no docent). This touch tank displays approximately 140 species of marine animals found in Northeast and Middle Atlantic waters. (about 3 blocks to walk to this building from the Discovery Center)

FAREWELL DINNER is included this evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel.

Depart the hotel and travel to BOSTON’S LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT for your flight home with sand in your shoes, seashells in your pocket and many fond memories of your visit to CAPE COD!

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND PRICING

Custom tour designed for The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum
7 nights Hyannis First-Class accommodations in one central location
Meals: 6 Breakfats, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners
Daily Sightseeing with local experts
Admissions per itinerary
Private deluxe motorcoach transportation
Roundtrip ferry passages
Baggage handling
Taxes and service charges while on tour
A $200 tax-deductible donation to The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

$ 2995 per person based on double occupancy
$ 995 per person single supplement

Deposit: $500 per person
Final Due: May 1, 2019

Flights are additional; Delta nonstop flights from Twin Cities are approximately $495 per person (as of 2/15/2019), main cabin.

Non-members of The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, add $100 to tour cost. For membership information, please call 612-301-1257

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To secure your tour reservation, a deposit of $500 per traveler is required. Final Payment will be due May 1, 2019.

- Check (Please make payable to Skads Travel)  
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CANCELLATION and REFUND POLICY.

| Before May 1, 2019 | $250 |
| May 1 – May 13, 2019: | 50% of Tour Cost |
| May 13, 2019 or later: | No Refund |

Valid U.S. Passport is required for this itinerary with 6 months validity. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. International airfare is additional. Skads Travel will assist with air arrangements.

Approximate airfare from Twin Cities is $495 per person (as of 2/15/2019)

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