

National Festival of the States in Boston



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An Exclusive Concert Series



The National Festival of the States is an annual concert series developed by Music Celebrations in various cities throughout the United States. These performance tours are supported by local government offices, community organizations, tourist boards, and the like. Such affiliations offer a more memorable musical, cultural and educational experience for recommended ensembles (both instrumental and vocal) to perform in different venues in the most historic cities and celebrate the founding, history, and institutions of the United States! Music Celebrations has been successfully organizing the National Festival of the States concert series in Boston, Massachusetts for over 20 years.

By American standards, Boston is old! You can walk cobbled streets lit by gas lamps and visit sites integral to the American Revolution. This is the city of Paul Revere, Sam Adams, John Hancock and Elizabeth “Mother” Goose. By day, see a re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party or a game by the Red Sox, and at night attend a concert by the Boston Symphony or the Pops. Retrace Revere’s ride to Concord and Lexington, or go to Salem to visit the House of Seven Gables and the Witch Museum. Have a memorable seafood dinner in historic Gloucester or Rockport on Cape Ann.

From its celebrated symbols of patriotism to its undiscovered neighborhoods, the sights and sounds of the nation’s revolutionary birthplace inspire millions of visitors every year. Packed with famous sights, free attractions, and an endless calendar of special events, Boston offers year-round inspiring experiences.



Imagine your group performing at Quincy Marketplace, learning in a workshop at the New England Conservatory, Harvard, Berklee College of Music, or at Symphony Hall, participating in a service at historic Old North Church, playing pierside at the U.S. Constitution, or entertaining the lunch crowd at Copley Square. Perhaps your musicians would enjoy an impromptu recital at the John F. Kennedy Museum or on the Grand Staircase of the Massachusetts State House.

The National Festival of the States can make these possible for your performing ensemble! Participating groups are chosen on the basis of recommendation from state and national music educators, governors’ and senators’ offices and by audition. Selected groups perform in prestigious venues with maximum audience potential.

Sample Itinerary

Day One:

- Afternoon arrival in Boston
- Meet your Tour Manager who will be with you for your entire stay in Boston
- Lunch, on own
- Duck Tour - Panoramic, historic tour of Boston. Climb aboard a “Duck” (a W.W.II amphibious vehicle) and enjoy highlights of the golden domed state House, Boston Common, the historic North End, Newbury Street, Quincy Market, Prudential Tower and more. Finish the tour via the Charles River with a view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines
- (Alternative option: Panoramic bus tour of Boston with Tour Manager)
- The Museum of Science - The Museum of Science features a revolving schedule of temporary exhibits, IMAX films, and Planetarium shows, plus more than 700 interactive exhibits
- Check-in to a conveniently located Boston hotel
- Dinner at a local restaurant, overnight at the hotel

Day Two:

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit one of Boston’s prestigious universities, which may include Harvard University, Berklee or New England Conservatory
- ***Clinic or performance as part of the National Festival of the States***
- Lunch, on own
- Guided tour of Boston’s Freedom Trail to include Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, Boston Common, Massachusetts State House, Boston Latin School (with the Benjamin Franklin Statue), Paul Revere’s House and Old North Church. The Freedom Trail is a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution. The Freedom Trail is a world-renowned experience attracting millions of people annually to follow the footsteps of America’s founding fathers
- Free time to explore Boston Public Garden or Waterfront/Boston Harbor
- Dinner at a local restaurant, overnight at the hotel

Day Three:

- Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
- Take the morning ferry to Salem. Enjoy your scenic ride which includes historic narration and beautiful views of the New England coastline. In less than an hour you’ll be sightseeing, museum hopping, sampling the specialties of local chefs, and shopping in Salem’s many quaint boutiques and quirky shops
- The House of Seven Gables - Built by merchant and ship-owner John Turner and made famous by American author Nathaniel Hawthorne, the 1668 colonial mansion is one of America’s most beloved historic homes
- Lunch, on own
- Witch Dungeon Museum - You’ll experience the acclaimed performance of a witch trial adapted from the 1692 historical transcripts. Professional actresses in repertory reenact the electrifying scene
- Check-in to a conveniently located Salem hotel
- ***Performance in Salem as part of the National Festival of the States***
- Lobster bake dinner



- Ghost Tour – Under lamp-lit streets your guide will lead you through the spooky sites of the city. Keep an eye out for spirits as you pass reportedly haunted locations and hear true tales of the Salem Witch Trials and mysterious murders
- Return to the hotel for overnight

Day Four:

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Early morning return to Boston
- Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum – Explore a full-scale replica of an 18th-century sailing vessel while learning about the famous event that forever changed the course of American history. The museum provides a multi-sensory experience that includes live actors and interactive exhibits
- Lunch, on own
- Afternoon departure for home



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JFK Presidential Library & Museum
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Quincy Marketplace
Boston Museum of Science
Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Old North Church
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Trinity Church
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