

ARA Summer 2025 Cultural Tours Notice

WE HAVE A NEW TOUR DIRECTOR, VASANT DASS!
Please contact Vasant at (603-343-6599) with any tour-related questions.

Please save this Notice for reference until all the trips are over.

The Durham pick-ups will be at the Durham Evangelical Church, 114 Dover Road (Rte. 108). **PLEASE BE ON TIME**

Directions for Newington pickup: From the Portsmouth Traffic Circle, take Rte. 16 North (Spaulding Turnpike). Take Exit #1 (Gosling Road/Pease), turn right onto Gosling Road. Get in the left lane to turn left at the first set of lights (just past McDonald's). Stay in the left lane to make a left turn at the stop sign. You will be on the mall perimeter road. Turn right into the parking lot opposite the Longhorn Steakhouse. *Tours will be picked up at the times indicated. PLEASE BE ON TIME.*

We will be using Premier Coach Lines for Tours 2 & 3.

PLEASE SIGN UP ONLY FOR TOURS YOU KNOW YOU CAN FULLY AND SAFELY ENJOY. Members and guests are asked to consider their health and well-being before registering for tours requiring greater physical exertion than others (such as more walking, stair climbing, etc.).

Please call the Vasant Dass if you will be asking for assistance for any tour.

Making Your Reservations: Reservations for Summer 2025 Tours will be accepted by mail and will be honored in the order they are received. Reservation forms are included with this mailing. Please **complete (with your luncheon choice where appropriate)** and **promptly mail** the reservation form(s) **with a separate check dated the date of the tour(s) along with each reservation form** to the address indicated on the form. **Separate checks are necessary** because checks are not deposited until after each individual tour. **Make your check(s) payable to ARA.**

Please do not staple, tape, or clip check to the reservation form. Email reminders will be sent approximately one week prior to tour date. If you do not have email, you'll receive a phone call reminder.

Eligibility: **Members in good standing for the current 2024-25 year** are eligible to participate in the trips.

Guest Policy: Reservations will be filled on a "Members First" basis. After this is accomplished, guests will be accommodated if there is room. If you would like to bring a guest, please check with **Vasant Dass** and he will guide you through the process.

Cancellation Policy: Refunds are made if there is a waiting list and someone else can take your place. Cancellations and/or substitutions must be made with **Vasant Dass**. The bus company may cancel trips in the event of bad weather. Someone will contact you should this happen.

ARA Wait List Policy: When a tour is full, members assigned to a Wait List will be informed by Vasant Dass in a timely manner.

DRIFTER POLICY: *During the tour, for your own safety and to ensure that the schedule is maintained, individuals must not separate from the group for any reason, unless the tour leader has authorized "time on your own."* ARA cannot be responsible for those who leave the tour group and risk being left behind if changes in the trip schedule must be made at the last minute. Every effort will be made to locate drifters, but the bus will be held **no longer than 5 minutes**.

Other: Costs include all gratuities. *The cost for wine and alcoholic drinks, however, is not included and must be paid for separately.*

For Further Information: Contact Vasant Dass (603) 343-6599

REMEMBER: CHECKS WILL NOT BE DEPOSITED UNTIL AFTER THE TRIP.

Note: A separate check (payable to ARA and dated the date of the tour) must accompany each tour reservation. Please send your reservation as early as possible; reservations are honored on a first-received basis.

ARA Summer 2025 Cultural Tours Notice

TOUR #1 – SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

Maine State Music Theater “Anastasia,” Brunswick, ME

Boxed lunch on board the Amtrak Downeaster

Departure: Durham Train Station 9:30 AM

Approximate time of return: 7:40 PM

We'll be travelling to Brunswick on the Downeaster to the Pickard Theater on the Bowdoin College campus to enjoy Maine State Music Theater's performance of "Anastasia." The musical is a captivating journey of self discovery and adventure inspired by the legend of the lost Russian princess.

Please be at the train station in Durham at 9:30 AM. When you arrive you'll be given instructions on where to park your car. Boxed lunches from The Works will be at the train station. You will have to pick yours up before boarding and enjoy it on the train before we arrive in Brunswick. Choices include (1) Turkey with field greens, onion, tomato and sprouts; (2) Ham & cheese with field greens, onion, tomato and sprouts; (3) Cape Cod chicken salad; (4) Farmer's Veggie and cheese. All lunches will include a bag of chips, bottle of water, cookie and an apple.

The morning train will arrive in Brunswick at 12:10 PM. The theater is a short walk (1/5 mile) from the train station. No need to rush; there will be a little time to relax before and after the performance (which begins at 2:00 PM). The train home departs Brunswick at 5:45 PM (the last train of the day) and arrives back in Durham at 7:40 PM. Snacks and drinks are available at the train station and on board.

Handicap Accessibility: The train and the theater are handicap accessible.

Cost: \$137.00 per person all inclusive.

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Boxed lunch on board the Amtrak Downeaster

\$137.00 per person

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

_____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Relationship _____

Emergency contact's daytime phone _____

Box Lunch Choice: _____ Turkey with Field Greens _____ Ham & Cheese _____ Cape Cod Chicken
_____ Farmer's Veggie & Cheese

Mail with check payable to **ARA** dated the day of the tour (June 21, 2025) to: ARA, c/o Vasant Dass, 14 Old Dover Road, Rochester, NH 03867.

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TOUR #2 – THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

Historic Boston Harbor Cruise

Lunch at The Charthouse Restaurant

Departure: Durham 9:00 AM and Newington 9:15 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 4:30 PM and Durham 4:45 PM

Boston Harbor is awash in legend and lore, not to mention beauty. On this fully narrated one-hour Historic Cruise through Boston's world-famous harbor, narrators will regale us with heroic tales of the Revolutionary War and local legends of the sea. You will learn how the harbor was transformed into one of the cleanest waterways in the country. Other highlights include views of the Boston Harbor Islands, USS Constitution (Old Ironsides), and the Bunker Hill Monument.

Following the cruise, we will have lunch at The Charthouse Restaurant. Entrée choices include: (1) Chicken BLT, (2) Diner Cheddar Burger, (3) Fried Fish Sandwich. Dessert is a choice of Crème Brulee or Strawberry Cheesecake.

Handicap Accessibility: The Charthouse Restaurant and the boat are wheelchair accessible, but the bathrooms onboard the boat are not.

Cost: \$122.00 per person all inclusive.

TOUR #2 - THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

Boston Historic Harbor Cruise

Lunch at The Charthouse Restaurant

\$122.00 per person

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
_____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Relationship _____

Emergency contact's daytime phone _____

Choice of Entrée: _____ Chicken BLT _____ Diner Cheddar Burger
_____ Fried Fish Sandwich

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Mail with check payable to **ARA** dated the day of the tour (July 24, 2025) to: ARA, c/o Vasant Dass, 14 Old Dover Road, Rochester, NH 03867.

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TOUR #3 - TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

Casco Bay Ferry Cruise, Portland, ME

Lunch at DeMillo's On the Water, Portland, ME

Departure: Durham 7:30 AM and Newington 7:45 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 5:00 PM and Durham 5:15 PM

Portland, Maine, and the islands scattered across Casco Bay have a long and storied history. Settled as a trading village in 1632, the area has continued to grow into the thriving city that it is today. In 1853 the Grand Trunk Railway was completed, traveling through Portland to Montreal. As Portland grew, people and businesses also expanded out to the Casco Bay Islands. Today we will be cruising on Maine's Casco Bay ferry (a line in operation for nearly 150 years). We embark from Portland's very busy working waterfront and circle the bay, stopping at various islands to both drop off and pick up passengers and cargo. You'll experience beautiful scenery and a plethora of sea birds and ocean wildlife (whales or dolphins, perhaps), as well as observing a workboat going about its freight and people deliveries.

Following our tour we will return to Portland for lunch at DeMillo's On the Water. Your choice of entrees include (1) Baked Chicken Breast stuffed with apples & cranberries; (2) Broiled Haddock topped with seasoned breadcrumbs; (3) Honey-baked fresh Scallops with Cracker Crumbs. Dessert is Maine Blueberry Cobbler.

Handicap Accessibility: The ferry has elevators; the DeMillo's function rooms are accessible by chair lift for those who may have issues with stairs.

Cost: \$131.00 per person all inclusive.

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Casco Bay Ferry Cruise, Portland, ME

Lunch at DeMillo's On the Water, Portland, ME

Cost: \$131.00 per person

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

_____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Relationship _____

Emergency contact's daytime phone _____

Choice of Entrée: _____ Baked Chicken Breast _____ Broiled Haddock _____ Honey Baked Scallops

Please check here for NEWINGTON PICK UP _____

Mail with check payable to **ARA** dated the day of the tour (August 26, 2025) to: ARA, c/o Vasant Dass, 14 Old Dover Road, Rochester, NH 03867.