

**OUTSTANDING FARMERS OF AMERICA CONVENTION**  
**Boston Pre Convention Tour**  
**Feb. 2 – 6, 2020**

**Day 1 – Sunday, Feb. 2: (D)**

Arrive Boston: (by rail from Westbrook or by plane from home cities)

Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

Welcome dinner at the Boston Park Plaza.

**Day 2 – Monday, Feb. 3: (B, L, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning city tour by motor coach, visiting the historic locations along the “Freedom Trail.” which will lead us to the U.S.S. Constitution, then on through the North End, home of Paul Revere and the Old North Church. We will pass the Old State House as we wind our way to Beacon Hill, passing by the Boston Public Gardens and the Boston Common and “Cheers”. Before we head back to the hotel, we’ll stop at the Trinity Church and John Hancock Tower for a panoramic view of Boston.

Lunch at Henrietta’s the menus focus on “fresh from the farm and honest to goodness home cooking.” Chef Davis and the team at Henrietta’s have a mission to serve up regional and organic ingredients with a support of local farmers. Some of the featured Massachusetts businesses they work with include Verrill Farm of Concord for produce, Westfield Farm of Hubbardston for cheeses, Westport Rivers Vineyard for wine and Taza Chocolate for decadent ingredients for desserts

We continue our Boston city tour through Harvard Square and then on to the Harvard Museum of Natural History featuring the Glass Flower Exhibition with 4,000 models representing 830 species of plants. You won’t find exhibits like these anywhere else in New England. Comprehensive in scope, yet intimate in scale, the museum presents a rare glimpse at the exotic and a fresh look at the familiar.

Evening North End "foodie" tour with a private guide.

**Day 3 - Tuesday, Feb. 4: (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning behind-the-scenes tour of Fenway Park, "America's Most Beloved Ballpark."

Lunch on our own at the Boston Public Market. The Boston Public Market is an indoor,

year-round marketplace featuring 35 New England artisans and food producers housed under one roof offering fresh foods, prepared meals, crafts, and specialty items. Residents and visitors alike can find seasonal, locally sourced food from Massachusetts and New England, including fresh produce, meat and poultry, eggs, dairy, seafood, baked goods, specialty items, crafts, and prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner options. Everything sold at the Market is produced or originates in New England.

Private tour of the market, meeting farm suppliers and other venders.

Afternoon visit to Cambridge and enjoy a private tour of Harvard University's campus. Your guide, a current student, will offer a unique perspective of college life at this famed institution, which was founded in 1636 and claims 44 Nobel laureates.

Dinner on our own.

Optional evening live performances: Choice of a Broadway Show, Sheer Madness, Blue Man Group or Boston Improv.

#### **Day 4 - Wednesday, Feb. 5: (B, D)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for Salem, home of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Witch trials. We will stop in at the Salem Witch Museum with free time for lunch on our own. Then we tour Cape Ann, the North Shore of Boston. We'll visit Gloucester, home of the ship the Andrea Gale, featured in the movie the Perfect Storm. We will enjoy a special presentation by a lobster man showing how the lobster are harvested year-round in New England; then onto the country's oldest fishing village, Rockport, with all its galleries, shops and beautiful coast.

A lobster dinner at the Gloucester House awaits us this evening. Return to Boston.

#### **Day 5 - Thursday, Feb. 6: (B, L)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart Boston by motor coach and drive south along the coast and Long Island Sound to Westbrook, or use this day to visit one or two OFA member farms on our drive to Westbrook.

Lunch included.

Arrive at the OFA convention hotel in Westbrook in time to prepare for the evening's festivities.

## **All About Costs:**

Packaged tour prices are per person, double-occupancy. Prices are subject to change until all services are confirmed.

35-39 passengers:	\$1483.00
30-34 passengers:	\$1527.00
25-29 passengers:	\$1590.00
20-24 passengers:	\$1681.00

Packaged tour prices include:

- \*4 nights at the Boston Park Plaza, per person share
- \*baggage handling for one suitcase per person at hotel
- \*daily breakfast, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- \*sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- \*private deluxe motor coach transport
- \*Private licensed step-on guides
- \*entrance fees to museums, Fenway Park, Public Market Private Tour
- \*hotel taxes, meal taxes and gratuities
- \*driver and guide gratuities

Not included:

- meals unless mentioned
- sightseeing and transportation unless mentioned
- arrival transfer into Boston on Day 1

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New York City Post Convention Tour

Feb. 9-13, 2020

## **Day 1 – Sunday, Feb. 9: (L)**

After check out, we gather in the hotel lobby for the short walk to the Metro Shoreline East Train Station for our 3-hour ride to Grand Central Station in New York City. A bus transfer is provided to the restaurant. (Note: there is a change of train enroute.)

Three-course lunch at Tavern on the Green in Central Park, followed by 20 minute horse-drawn carriage-ride through the winding trails of Central Park. The Horse-drawn carriages are a unique and historical way to experience the beauty of Central Park. In New York City, horses are a symbol of a bygone era before the advent of cars, buses and trains. It was during this time that New Yorkers got around from place to place on horseback or by means of horse-drawn carriage. As a result, and over time, horses became iconic to the history of Manhattan. One of the best ways to get a taste of old-time New York is to take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the winding trails of Central Park. Arrive at this hotel in the late afternoon. **Cambria Suites Hotel, Times Square.**

Dinner and evening on our own.

## **Day 2 – Monday, Feb. 10: (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

All day city sightseeing by private motor coach and New York City licensed tour guide.

The National September 11 Memorial Museum opened as the country's principal institution concerned with exploring the implications of the events of 9/11, documenting the impact of those events and exploring 9/11's continuing significance.

Our lower Manhattan walking tour explores where I all began – lower Manhattan – or New Amsterdam. Walk back in time and rediscover the historic, political and cultural sites associated with the birth of New York and the nation. Highlights may include Bowling Green Park (the city's first park); Battery Park (with views of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island); Castle Clinton (a former fort, immigration processing center, concert hall, and aquarium); the former United States Custom House, the Promenade overlooking New York Harbor, Hanover Square; Fraunces Tavern; St Paul's chapel (the oldest church in Manhattan, it sustained relatively little damage notwithstanding its proximity to the WTC site and served as the heart of the massive rescue and relief effort after September 11, 2001); Trinity Church and its graveyard.

Three course lunch at Fraunces Tavern, followed by a visit to the One World Observatory. Positioned on top of the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. One World Observatory will provide unique, panoramic views of New York City from three floors (100, 101 and 102) from above 1,250 feet. One World Trade Center is 104 stories high. The antennae on top will make it 1,776 feet high.

Return to the hotel for dinner and evening on our own.

### **Day 3 – Tue. Feb. 11: (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning we travel to Fort Tyson Park in Washington Heights to visit the Cloisters Museum and Gardens, the branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe, largely dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The building and its cloistered gardens are treasures in themselves, effectively part of the collection of approximately two thousand works of art housed here.

Three-course lunch at New Leaf in Fort Tyson.

Late afternoon private tour and tasting at Farm One (Manhattan's only indoor hydroponic farm). Sip complimentary Prosecco sparkling wine as we taste new and unique flavors from around the world. Inside the Tribeca production farm they use LED lighting, hydroponics and technology to grow 200 varieties of culinary plants. No chemicals or pesticides are used and 95% less water is used compared to a traditional farm. Clients include Michelin-starred restaurants around the city, including Eleven Madison Park, Atera, Daniel, Chef's Table and others. In this one-hour tour, we will have the chance to taste dozens of rare plant varieties, most of which are never available fresh in New York City. With expert guidance, you will uncover the science of how plants thrive in completely-controlled conditions, and experience new flavors and ways of thinking about culinary plants.

Return to the hotel for dinner and evening on our own.

\*Optional performance at Radio City Music Hall or other entertainment venue.

### **Day 4 – Wed. Feb 12: (B/L)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Late morning Circle Line Best of NYC Harbor Cruise circumnavigating Manhattan Island, including over 101 sights: 3 rivers, 7 major bridges, 5 boroughs, and a magnificent close up view of the Statue of Liberty.

Three course Family-style lunch at ABC Kitchen. The restaurant is passionately committed to offering the freshest, safest ingredients in our seasonal menu that is sourced from regional farmers and fair-trade cooperatives.

(Alternative sightseeing in case of bad weather): One hour Federal Reserve tour. Learn about the role of the New York Fed and wider Federal Reserve System in setting monetary policy, promoting financial stability, and serving communities to advance economic growth. The Federal Reserve's gold vault is in the basement of the main building. Built during the construction of the building in the early 1920s, the vault provides account holders with a secure location to store their monetary gold reserves.

Tonight we enjoy a Broadway Show performance.

### **Day 5 – Thu. Feb. 13: New York City – Depart for home (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Return to Westbrook, CT on your own to pick up your car if you drove to the OFA conference, or if you used air transportation from your home to the convention, you may wish to consider returning to your home airport from one of the three major airports that serve NYC. Please contact Carol at Harvest Travel International for more information about these travel options. Transfers to rail station and/or airports are not included.

## **All About Costs:**

Packaged tour prices are per person, double-occupancy. Prices are subject to change until all services are confirmed.

35-39 passengers:	\$2149.00
30-34 passengers:	\$2202.00
25-29 passengers:	\$2277.00
20-24 passengers:	\$2389.00

Packaged tour prices include:

- \*4 nights in a mid-Manhattan hotel near Times Square, including tax and mandatory baggage handling for one suitcase per person
- \*daily breakfast, 4 lunches
- \*sightseeing as described in the itinerary
- \*private motor coach transport
- \*private licensed step-on guides
- \*horse-drawn carriage ride
- \*1 live performance: Broadway show
- \*tips to drivers and guides
- \*one-way rail transportation from Westbrook to New York City

Not included:

- meals unless mentioned
- sightseeing and transportation unless mentioned
- departure transfer to Grand Central Station or NYC airports

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## 2020 OFA CONVENTION –PRE AND POST TOURS

### General Information and Conditions

**Registration and Payments:** To enroll, complete the registration form and submit it to Harvest Travel International along with a deposit of \$100 per person for one or both tours. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Enrollment deadline is November 1, 2019. Final payment is due no later than November 15, 2019.

**Cancellations and refunds:** For all cancellations received by Harvest Travel international at least 65 days prior to departure will receive a full refund. Cancellations received 65 or fewer days prior to departure are totally nonrefundable.

**Documentation:** Please carry your government issued I.D. (driver's license or US passport) with you throughout the trip.

**Luggage:** If you are arriving by air, most airlines limited checked baggage to one suitcase measuring 62" overall and no more than 50 pounds for each passengers. Please refer to your airline's specific baggage allowances. If you are arriving by car, please limit yourself to one suitcase per person, which you can handle yourself as occasions arise.

**Travel Insurance:** Cancellation/Travel Insurance is highly recommended to cover loss of nonrefundable deposits/final payment in case of an accident or illness prior to departure. Medicare/supplemental insurance covers most medical emergencies that occur within the 50 United States. Make sure you are familiar with the coverage.

**Other Information:** Departure Instructions will be issued within 30-21 days prior to departure.

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## 2020 OFA Convention Pre and Post Tour Reservation Form

- 1.**    **1<sup>st</sup> Passenger's Name**
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|       | <i>First</i> | <i>Middle</i> | <i>Last</i> |
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Passenger's Name**
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- 2.**    **HOME ADDRESS:**  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.**    **PHONES:** Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_; Business: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
**FAX:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_. **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.**    **I/WE WISH TO ENROLL IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM(s):**  
\_\_\_\_ Pre-Tour, Boston, February 2-6, 2020  
\_\_\_\_ Post-Tour, New York City, February 9-13, 2020
- 5.**    **FLIGHTS BETWEEN HOME CITIES & BOSTON/WESTBROOK/NEW YORK CITY:**  
If you need assistance in arranging flights between your home and the East Coast, please call Carol at Harvest Travel: 510 482-5535.
- 6.**    **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:**  
\_\_\_ Double: (one bed for two people)  
\_\_\_ Twin (two beds for two people);  
\_\_\_ Single: (one bed for one person paying the single supplement)  
\_\_\_ Share: (with a friend or acquaintance of the same gender)
- 7.**    **MEDICAL: Please indicate any special physical limitations or health history or other disabilities:**  
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- 8.**    **REGARDING TRAVEL INSURANCE: (Check One)**  
\_\_\_ We/I DO wish to purchase optional travel insurance. Please send me more information.  
\_\_\_ We/I DO NOT wish to purchase the optional travel insurance. I understand we/I have been offered travel insurance, but we/I have chosen not to purchase it.
- 9.**    **EMERGENCY CONTACT WHILE I'M ON THE TRIP:**  
Name of person to contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to me/us: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

We/I understand that a deposit of \$100 per person for each tour (\$200 per person for both tours) is due at the time of enrollment. We/I further understand that our/my final payment will be due by Nov. 15, 2019. Cancellations received up to 65 days before departure are fully refundable. Cancellations received 65-0 days before departure are nonrefundable.

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