

ARA Fall/Winter 2024 Cultural Tours Notice

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).

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.*

We will be using Premier Coach Lines and Wilson Bus Lines.

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 DEBBI FORSTER, Tour Director (603-397-5788), if you will be asking for assistance for any tour.

Making Your Reservations: Reservations for Fall/Winter 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 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 **Debbi Forster (603-397-5788)** and she 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 Debbi Forster (603-397-5788). 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 the Tour Director in a timely manner.

Contacting Tour Director within 30 minutes of departure: If you need to reach Debbi Forster just before time of departure, call her cell phone at 310-749-8356.

DRIFTER POLICY: **Note:** *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."*

Note: ARA cannot be responsible for those who leave the tour group should they get left behind. Occasionally during a tour schedule, changes must be made at the last minute. There is no way to communicate such changes to persons who have gone off on their own. Every effort will be made to locate drifters, but the bus will be held no longer than 15 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 Debbi Forster, Tour Director, at 603-397-5788.

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Tour #1 – Friday, September 20, 2024

Squam Lake Natural Science Center Trail Exhibit

Pontoon Boat Narrated Cruise on Squam Lake

Lunch included at Walter’s Basin on the Lake

Departure: Newington 7:15 AM and Durham 7:30 AM

Approximate time of return: Durham 5:30 PM and Newington 5:45 PM

New Hampshire is famous for its picturesque lakes and mountains and Squam Lake is truly a gem among many. We’ll begin our visit on the ¾ mile Live Animal Exhibit Trail which winds up and down through the various habitats. You’ll see a mountain lion, bobcat, white-tailed deer, river otters, black bear, many birds and a raptor exhibit. There are numerous places along the trail to sit and rest. Beautiful Kirkwood Gardens await you at the halfway point of the trail.

Following our morning excursion, we’ll enjoy lunch at Walter’s Basin. Entrée choices include: (1) Chicken Salad Sandwich; (2) Open-faced Tuna Melt served on an English muffin; (3) French Dip au jus (roast beef on ciabatta); (4) Turkey BLT wrap; all served with kettle chips.

After lunch we’ll head to the docks for a 90-minute narrated cruise on Squam Lake. You’ll see its amazingly clear water, rocky shores, celebrated islands, historic homes, scenic mountain views and remarkable wildlife. Listen for the iconic loons and don’t forget to bring binoculars. You may want to watch the classic film “On Golden Pond” (featuring Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda) filmed entirely on Squam Lake.

The Natural Science Center is not handicap accessible!

Cost: \$149.00 per person

Tour #2– Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME

Lunch included at the College Alumni Center

Departure: Durham 7:00 AM and Newington 7:15 AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 6:15PM and Durham 6:30PM

The Colby College Art Museum is a treasure set in Central Maine. It is a teaching museum and a destination for American art. The museum is located on the College campus and actively contributes to the College curriculum and to the region’s quality of life. It inspires connections between art and people through distinctive exhibitions, programs and publications and through an outstanding collection that emphasizes American art and contemporary art with holdings that span cultures and time periods.

After small group guided tours of “Eastman Johnson and Maine” (a major exhibition at the museum) and some personal time to view other exhibits, we will be served a buffet lunch in the Alumni Center followed by a talk from a faculty member.

The Taste of North End luncheon buffet includes: Tuscan Caesar Salad with sun-dried tomatoes, olives and shaved parmesan; Chicken Parmesan with marinara and mozzarella cheese; Fettucine with creamy alfredo sauce; Sauteed zucchini and summer squash with garlic; onion and roasted tomatoes; rolls with whipped butter, tiramisu, fresh fruit salad with berries and assorted soda, seltzers and water.

Don’t miss ARA’s first Colby College Museum Tour!

Handicap Accessibility: The Museum and Alumni Center are handicap accessible.

Cost: \$129.00 per person

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Tour #3 -Thursday, November 14, 2024

Boston Symphony Open Rehearsal, Symphony Hall, Boston, MA

Lunch on your own at the Prudential Center, Boston, MA

Departure: Durham 8:00AM and Newington 8:15AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 6:00PM and Durham 6:15PM

We are pleased once again to return to Symphony Hall for an Open Rehearsal of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (Philippe Jordan conducting). Upon arrival, you'll have time for coffee before the rehearsal begins at 10:30 AM. Canadian pianist Jan Lisiecki is the soloist in Mozart's mysterious and stormy Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor, which owes much to the composer's sensitivity to operatic drama and expressivity. This concert was particularly admired by artists of the Romantic era. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky said of his poignant Symphony No. 6, *Pathétique*, "I love it as I have never loved any of my musical children." It was his last completed work; he led the premiere less than two weeks before his death.

Following the morning rehearsal, our bus will take us to the Prudential Center where you will enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants there including: The Cheesecake Factory, Eataly, California Pizza Kitchen, CAVA, Beacon Bistro, Clover Food Lab and Ben & Jerry's, to name a few. You may prefer to shop in one of the many elegant boutiques, or just sit and people watch. We'll depart for home at 3:30 PM.

Handicap Accessibility: Handicap Accessible

Cost: \$78.00 per person

Tour # 4 Saturday, December 7, 2024

Christmas Time, The Reagle Theater, Waltham, MA

Early Dinner at The Chateau, Burlington, MA

Departure: Durham 9:45AM and Newington 10:00AM

Approximate time of return: Newington 7:00PM and Durham 7:15PM

"Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly", the Reagle Theater's beloved Christmas extravaganza returns to the stage in 2024 in a production that will entertain adults and children of all ages! Featuring a cast of more than 100 performers and a live orchestra, the 2024 edition of Christmas Time includes precision dancers, a living nativity, a visit to the North Pole, Nutcracker Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, and more than twenty yuletide songs. The Reagle Music Theater is thrilled to bring back this beloved Holiday Show in all its glory for the upcoming holiday season! You won't want to miss it!

Following the performance, we'll travel to The Chateau for an early dinner buffet. Our menu will include: Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana, Chicken Marsala with marsala wine, fresh mushrooms and pancetta, Broiled Haddock, Butternut Squash, and Baked Stuffed Shells topped with tomato sauce. The buffet also includes a fresh garden salad, Italian bread and butter, plus coffee and tea. Enjoy a mini chocolate chip cannoli for dessert.

Handicap Accessibility: Both venues are handicap accessible.

Cost: \$151.00 per person.

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Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Relationship _____

Emergency contact's daytime phone _____

ENTRÉE CHOICES: (1) Chicken Salad Sandwich _____; (2) Tuna Melt _____; (3) French Dip
au jus _____; or (4) Turkey BLT Wrap _____.

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