



A Victorian Holiday

Providence & Fall River Mansions

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 am ~ Depart from the Museums' State Street lot located across the street from the Springfield Main Library. Park in the lot and meet the bus at the curbside. We will make one rest stop on the way. *We ask participants to arrive by 8:15 am.*

10:30 am ~ Enjoy a docent-guided tour of the Fall River Historical Society's lavishly decorated Victorian period rooms. Holiday spirit abounds from room to room, with the focal point being a magnificent 14-foot Christmas tree in the Music Room. Following the tour, there will be time to visit the society's gift shop.

Founded in 1921, the Fall River Historical Society is housed in a granite mansion, originally built in 1843 in the Greek Revival style for Andrew Robeson, Jr., a prominent textile businessman. In 1870, the building was purchased by Robert Knight Remington, a wealthy Fall River industrialist, who had the entire structure dismantled and moved three-quarters of a mile north to its present location on Rock Street. At that time it was enlarged and redesigned in the then-fashionable French Second Empire style. Financial reverses caused Remington to sell the house to David Anthony Brayton, Sr., one of Fall River's most prominent textile magnates and a member of the city's wealthiest family. The mansion was to serve as home to the Braytons for the next 57 years.

12 pm ~ Lunch in the Easton Tea Room. We'll go next door to the Easton house for a three-course lunch in the Manner of a High Tea. Owned and maintained by the Fall River Historical Society, the historic 1870 Alexander Dorrance Easton house features an elegant interior with original period details.

Lunch Menu: *Vegetarian substitutions available.*

Open faced Roast Beef tea sandwich

Curried chicken salad tartlet

Cucumber sandwich

Gingerbread with honey cream cheese

Second Course:

Date & ginger scones with imported clotted cream & jam

Third Course:

Petit Dessert Assortment

1:30 pm ~ Meet the bus and depart for the Governor Lippitt Mansion, an Italianate Victorian home in Providence, RI. Built in 1865 by Governor Henry Lippitt (1818–91), a wealthy textile magnate who was the 33rd Governor of Rhode Island. Considered to be one of the finest Italianate mansion houses in the state, it captures the brilliance of Victorian design and represents a time in Providence's industrial history. Tour the rich interior complete with elegant holiday decorations and enjoy highlights of the museum's art and architecture. The stories of the Lippitt family, along with those of the domestic servants who lived and worked at Lippitt House, provide a window into Providence's Golden Age.

3:15 pm - Meet the bus and depart for Springfield with an estimated return of 5:30 pm.