

The Peabody Essex Museum



Wednesday, October 5, 2016

7:30 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 7:15 am.***

10:30-11:30 am – **Enjoy a guided highlights tour of Peabody Essex Museum and the special exhibit featuring *American Impressionist: Childe Hassam and the Isles of Shoals*.**

The museum's permanent collection offers outstanding works primarily from the 1700s to today: paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings, textiles, architecture and decorative objects. The roots of the Peabody Essex Museum date to the 1799 founding of the East India Marine Society, an organization of Salem captains and supercargoes who had sailed beyond either the Cape of Good Hope or Cape Horn. Society members brought to Salem a diverse collection of objects from the northwest coast of America, Asia, Africa, Oceania, India and elsewhere.

American Impressionist: Childe Hassam and the Isles of Shoals exhibition features more than 40 oil paintings and watercolors dating from the late 1880s to 1912, offering a sustained reverie on nature, the pleasure of painting and a rapturous sense of place and color: a celebrated island garden with its gem-like flowers, dense thickets of bayberry wedged in granite crags, and the dark ocean breaking against rocks and swirling in tidal pools.

11:30 am -12:15 pm – **Free time to tour on your own or have lunch.** Dine at the Museum's Atrium Café or choose from recommended restaurants in the neighborhood of the museum.

12:15-1:15 pm - **Option to tour the Yin Yu Tang House.** Please let us know if you are interested.

Originally located in China's southeastern Huizhou region, the Yin Yu Tang was the stately, ancestral home to the Huang family for more than two hundred years until 1982 when the last descendants moved from the village. Please note that the floors in the house are original to the structure, and we ask that everyone watch their step while visiting. This tour lasts about 45 minutes.

3:30 pm – **Depart for Springfield.**

Please note: Non-flash photography of objects in the permanent collection only. No photography permitted in special exhibits and the Yin Yu Tang House. No selfie sticks allowed.

What to bring: Water and snacks for the bus. Items may be left on the bus while touring.