



## Boston: Paul Revere & The Battle of Bunker Hill Wednesday, May 10

**7:30 am** – Meet and board the bus at the State Street parking lot located across from the Springfield Main Library. **7:45 am** – Depart from the Museums' State Street lot Park for Boston with one rest stop on the way.

**10 am** – Estimated arrival. Begin our day in Boston's historic North End with a visit to the home of Paul Revere (January 1, 1735- May 10, 1818). On the night of April 18, 1775, silversmith Paul Revere left his small clapboard home in Boston's North End and set out on a journey that would ultimately make him a legend. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the Paul Revere House. Opened to the public in April 1908, it is one of the earliest historic house museums in the nation.

**11 am** – We'll join historian Brooke Barbier to learn more about revolutionary life in Boston. Our morning includes a walking tour to Old North Church – Boston's oldest surviving church building known for "One if by land, and two if by sea," and the midnight ride of Paul Revere, followed by a tour of nearby Copp's Burying Ground. Laid out in 1659, it is the final resting place of over 10,000 people. Its prominent location overlooking the harbor gave it strategic military importance.

Next stop is Charlestown to learn about the Battle of Bunker Hill with Brooke Barbier. We'll visit the Bunker Hill Monument—a 221-foot-tall granite obelisk, erected in 1843 as a memorial to those who died in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

**1 pm** – Enjoy lunch at the Historic Warren Tavern – the oldest Tavern in Massachusetts.

Brooke Barbier received her PhD in American History from Boston College, researching Boston's social and cultural life during and after the American Revolution. Because she believes beer makes history even better, she founded Ye Olde Tavern Tours in 2013, offering spirited tours of Boston's Freedom Trail. She is the author of *Boston in the American Revolution: A Town Versus an Empire* and co-host of the "Beer Makes History" podcast series. When she's not talking about history, she's usually reading or watching baseball. A native of San Diego, she has resided in Boston for twenty years.

**2:45 pm** – Meet the bus at the drop off point and return to Springfield for an estimated return by 5 pm.

**What to bring:** Camera, water/snacks for the bus. Dress in layers for variable temperatures on the bus and museum. Items may be left on the bus or checked in the museum. Bottled water is provided for the return home. *This day trip will require about 30 minutes of walking in historic North End over cobblestones and uneven surfaces. Wear comfortable walking shoes.*

Please call 413-314-6482 for more information.