



Gloucester: Cape Ann Historical Museum & Hammond Castle Wednesday, October 11

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 with one rest stop on the way.

10:30 – Estimated arrival at the **Cape Ann Historical Museum**. The Cape Ann Museum features seven main galleries and five ancillary ones, each exploring a particular aspect of the region's history and culture through permanent and special exhibitions. We'll visit the permanent collection and the special exhibition of *Edward Hopper & Cape Ann: Illuminating an American Landscape*.

It was on Cape Ann that artist Edward Hopper (1882-1967) began painting the iconic watercolor landscapes and houses that launched his success. Exactly 100 years after his pivotal trip to Gloucester, the Cape Ann Museum is featuring *Edward Hopper & Cape Ann: Illuminating an American Landscape* a once-in-a generation exhibition offering a fresh look at one of America's best-known artists and the crucial period that profoundly shaped his art and his life. We'll enjoy a tour of this exhibition that details the significant story of Hopper's years in and around Gloucester, Massachusetts—a time and place that imbued Hopper's paintings with a clarity and purpose that had eluded his earlier work.

Following our group lunch at a local restaurant, we'll enjoy a guided tour of **Hammond Castle**, a medieval-style castle built between 1926 and 1929 by eccentric American inventor John Hays Hammond Jr. Its major architectural elements include doorways, archways, windows, decorative surfaces, alcoves, fireplaces, and even entire facades of medieval shops and dwellings. It was conceived and erected to incorporate Hammond's private collection of original European art & artifacts. He personally selected the items and directed his architectural firm to incorporate them within a structure using locally sourced materials.

In addition to his art collection, the building housed the Hammond Research Corporation, from which Dr Hammond produced over 400 patents and ideas for over 800 inventions. Second only to Thomas A Edison in the number of patents, John Hammond was one of America's premier inventors. His most important work was the development of remote control via radio waves, which earned him the title "the Father of Remote Control."

3 pm – Meet the bus and depart for Springfield with an estimated return at 6 pm. Bottled water is provided for the return home.

What to bring: Snacks, and a beverage for the bus. Dress in layers as temperatures on the bus and in the museums may vary. Bottled water is provided for the return home.



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