



Monday, November 10

Salem: Peabody Essex Museum

7:45 am – Please park and meet the bus at the State Street parking lot located across from the Springfield Main Library, 220 State Street.

8 am sharp – Depart for Salem, MA with one rest stop. En route to Salem, enjoy an engaging lecture by Elizabeth Kapp, curator of history at the Wood Museum of Springfield History as she delves into Springfield's lesser-known witch trials—which predate those of Salem—offering a fascinating regional perspective. Before the trip, don't miss the Springfield Museums' special exhibition, *Witch Panic! Massachusetts Before Salem*, curated by Knapp and on view now through **November 2, 2025**.

10:30 am – Estimated arrival at the **Peabody Essex Museum**. Our visit includes a docent-led tour highlighting treasures from the Peabody Essex Museum's renowned collection, spanning from the 1600s to the present day. The tour also includes a special focus on the Salem Witch Trials, offering insight into one of the most pivotal and haunting chapters of local history. This ongoing exhibit tells this story through court documents and authentic historic objects directly tied to people in Salem and nearby communities in the late 17th century.

Founded in 1799 by Salem captains, the Peabody Essex Museum's expansive permanent collection includes outstanding works of painting, sculpture, photography, textiles, decorative arts, and architecture. In 2003, Yin Yu Tang, a 200-year-old Chinese house, was relocated to the Peabody Essex Museum from China's southeastern Huizhou region. We will have the option at 1:45 pm to explore the stately 16-bedroom home that offers a glimpse into the daily life of the Huang family.

Lunch is on your own—choose from the museum café or one of the many charming restaurants in Salem's historic downtown.

1:45 pm – **Optional tour of the Yin Yu Tang House** – The Yin Yu Tang was the 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 pm – Board the bus for our return to Springfield with an estimated return by **5:30 pm**.

What to bring: Water and snacks for the bus; bottled water is provided on the return; dress in layers as temperatures vary on the bus and in the museum.

Cost: \$135, **Members,** \$159, **nonmembers;** includes admission, bus travel and driver tip.

Cancellation Policy: No refunds are issued for cancellations fewer than 2 weeks prior to November 10, unless you find a replacement. A \$15 fee is deducted for all cancellations received 2 weeks prior to November 10. Call 413-314-6482 or email travel@springfieldmuseums.org if you need additional information.