



An American Revolution Celebration Concord Museum & The Old Manse

Friday, July 24

7:45 am – Park and meet the bus at the South Lot of the Naismith Hall of Fame.

8 am sharp – Depart for Concord, Massachusetts.

En route, Curator of History Elizabeth Kapp will share engaging stories from the exhibition *Declaration of Innovation: Springfield's Revolutionary Ideas* at the Wood Museum of Springfield History, highlighting Springfield's legacy as a center of bold invention and transformative ideas.

Upon arrival in Concord, enjoy a guided tour of the Concord Museum where the enduring legacy of the American Revolution comes to life through special exhibitions featuring rare artifacts, commemorative objects, and personal items connected to this defining moment in history. The museum also showcases treasures related to Concord's celebrated transcendentalist authors, including Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau.

12:30 pm - Group buffet lunch at the historic Concord Colonial Inn. **Menu:** Farmer's Salad, Chicken Piccata, Ritz Cracker Crusted Cod, Boston Cream Pie, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

2 pm - Visit the Old Manse for a guided tour of *Home to Two Revolutions*. This experience traces the story of the house and its residents—from the American Revolution of 1775 to the literary and cultural revolutions of the 19th century—revealing how both well-known figures and lesser-known individuals shaped and responded to a rapidly changing nation.

Built in 1770 for patriot minister William Emerson, the Old Manse overlooks the North Bridge, site of the pivotal battle on April 19, 1775. After the tour, enjoy time to explore the scenic grounds, including centuries-old stone walls and easy walking paths connecting the Old Manse to the North Bridge.

3:30 pm – Depart for return to Springfield with an estimated arrival by **6 pm**.

What to bring: beverage, snacks for the bus; dress in layers as temperatures vary on the bus and on our museum tours; comfortable walking shoes. Bottled water is provided on the return to Springfield.

Cost: \$149, Members, \$175, nonmembers; includes guided tour, lunch, bus travel and driver gratuity.

Cancellation policy: A full refund, minus \$15, for cancellations received before July 10. After this date, no refunds will be issued unless you find a replacement.

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