

# GHOSTS AND GILDED MANSIONS TOUR

**October 19 - 24, 2026**  
**Monday – Saturday**  
**6 days - 5 nights**

OVERVIEW: Embark on an immersive journey that weaves together **colonial chills, Gilded Age glamour, and pirate legends**. From the historic streets of **Boston and Salem** to the castles and cliff-swept harbors of **Gloucester, Rockport, and Newport**, this itinerary blends **history, theater, architecture, and ghostly lore** into an unforgettable story. Travel in comfort aboard a **private coach**, with **step-on guides and expert storytelling** at every stop. Enjoy **curated meals, exclusive experiences, and behind-the-scenes access** that bring the past vividly to life. Every moment of this journey is designed to entertain, enlighten, and delight.

## INCREDIBLE FULLY-LOADED PRICE includes:

- Round trip Airfare from Des Moines to Boston, MA
- Includes one personal item and carry-on bag (22x14x9)
- Airport Transfers in Boston
- Premium Motorcoach Transportation
- 5 nights Deluxe Lodging
- 10 meals: 5 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Full Day Guided Tour of the City of Boston
- Haunted Trolley tour of Boston
- Full Day Guided Tour of Salem
- Visit the Salem Witch Museum
- Enjoy the Gallows Hill Production
- Visit the Real Pirates Museum
- Full Day Guided Tour of Rockport and Gloucester, MA
- Tour the Hammond Castle
- Enjoy a nighttime Salem Ghost tour
- Enjoy a Guided tour of Newport, RI with a costumed guide
- Tour of The Breakers Mansion (built for Cornelius Vanderbilt II)
  - as seen on the HBO TV show 'The Gilded Age'
- Enjoy a Belcourt Castle Ghost walk
- Luggage Handling
- Gratuities for all Step-on Guides in Area
- Gratuity for Motorcoach Driver
- On Board Tour Leader
- *Not included: Checked bag fee*



## Per Person Price:

**\$2,406 Double**

**\$2,835 Single**

**\$2,356 Triple**

**\$2,306 Quad**



Travel Insurance  
offered-please ask

**Departure cities: Des Moines**

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PERSON DUE  
IMMEDIATELY UPON  
SIGNING UP. Deposit  
non-refundable after  
August 9, 2026. Final  
balance due August 9,  
2026**

**Day 1: Monday, October 19** – Welcome Aboard! **Arrival in Historic Boston** - Our adventure begins today as we depart Des Moines and fly to beautiful Boston! After checking into our hotel, you'll have time to unwind and relax from the flight. Tonight, we'll enjoy a **special included dinner** together as we kick off our **Ghosts & Gilded Mansions** experience.

**Day 2: Tuesday, October 20** – **Ghosts, Gravestones & Boston Legends** – Today we dive deeper into Boston's fascinating history and spooky charm, blending **historic streets, Halloween fun, and Gilded Age elegance**. After breakfast at the hotel, a seasoned guide will introduce you to the city's evolution from **colonial streets to a modern hub**, highlighting iconic landmarks like the **Freedom Trail, Beacon Hill's charming row houses**, and the scenic **waterfront**. Our guided city tour brings history to life as you stroll past **tea-sweetened parlors, elegant merchant houses**, and vantage points perfect for photos and storytelling. Hear tales of **revolution, refinement, and the colorful personalities** who shaped Boston, all delivered in an engaging and lively style that keeps the day entertaining. Lunch is on your own at a convenient downtown location near **Quincy Market**, offering hearty options—including Boston's famous seafood chowder—and accommodating any dietary needs. As evening falls, step aboard a **theatrical Halloween trolley** that combines history, legends, and playful spookiness. Your guide will share **ghost stories, ghoulish tales, and immersive scenes** that bring Boston's haunted history to life in a way that's fun, atmospheric, and perfect for a mixed-age group. This evening we'll enjoy an **included dinner** before returning to our local hotel.

**Day 3: Wednesday, October 21** – **Salem: Witches, Pirates & Coastal Legends** - After a delicious breakfast at the hotel, we'll meet our guide and journey to **Salem**, a coastal town steeped in centuries of history, legend, and maritime lore. The scenic ride transitions us from Boston's city streets to Salem's **shores filled with stories of stern judgments, daring pirates, and unforgettable legends**. Upon arrival, we'll explore Salem's **Haunted Happenings** on a guided walking tour. Discover the town's infamous **Witch Trials** and its unique maritime history, visiting landmarks that bring both history and drama to life. The **Salem Witch Museum** offers a visually rich, cinematic experience that immerses you in 1692, revealing stories of **fear, faith, and resilience**. At **Gallows Hill**, pause to reflect at this historic site, capturing dramatic photos while honoring the town's storied past. Lunch is on your own, giving you the chance to explore Salem's charming streets, enjoy casual dining, or browse unique local shops. In the afternoon, we dive into the **Real Pirates Salem Museum**, a hands-on adventure featuring authentic artifacts and treasures from the **Whydah Gally shipwreck**. Learn about the daring lives of pirates, their ships, and the maritime world that shaped Salem's history. The day concludes with a **theatrical reenactment on Gallows Hill**, blending history and drama into an unforgettable performance. **Dinner at a local restaurant is included this evening**, giving everyone a chance to relax, share stories, and savor the flavors of Salem after a day filled with history, legend, and adventure.

**Day 4: Thursday, October 22** – **Coastal Charm, Castles & Salem's Spirits**- After breakfast at the hotel, we'll head to the picturesque **oceanside village of Rockport**, where the iconic **Motif #1** fishing shack on Bradley Wharf captures the essence of New England's artistic and maritime heritage. Stroll the harbor, enjoy the **lighthouse views**, and take in the town's charming artist studios and seaside atmosphere. Next, we visit the historic fishing village of **Gloucester**, America's oldest seaport, to tour the **Hammond Castle Museum**. Built in the 1920s by John Hayes Hammond, the inventor of remote control, this Gothic-Italianate castle blends **fantasy, history, and breathtaking Atlantic views**, offering a glimpse into the life of a true visionary. Lunch is on your own in Gloucester, with plenty of options to enjoy fresh seafood or other local favorites as you explore this storied town. In the afternoon, we return to **Salem** for a thrilling evening. Slip into a mood of suspense on a guided **haunted tour** through select historic streets, or experience a themed "**Spirits of the Sea**" narrative, crafted to entertain and intrigue without overwhelming. The day concludes with an **included dinner**, providing time to relax, share stories, and reflect on the blend of **coastal charm, architectural romance, and ghostly history** that makes this tour so unforgettable.

**Day 5: Friday, October 23** – **Newport: Gilded Mansions & Ghostly Legends** - After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and journey to **Newport, Rhode Island**, the coastal jewel that defined the **Gilded Age**. A scenic drive sets the stage, with views of the Atlantic and the elegant summer cottages that once hosted America's wealthiest families. Upon arrival, we meet our costumed guide, stepping straight out of the Gilded Age, who brings **Newport's society-era glamour to life** on a walking tour through downtown. Today's mansion visits include the **Breakers**, the iconic Vanderbilt estate, where opulent architecture and sweeping ocean views reveal the ambition, elegance, and luxury of 19th-century high society. Along the way, we also glimpse **The Elms, Marble House, and the Astor residences**, each a testament to a bygone era of grandeur. Lunch and shopping are on your own, giving you time to explore charming downtown Newport at your own pace. As evening falls, the tour takes a thrilling turn with a **candlelit ghost walk at Belcourt Castle**, Newport's French-inspired chateau-esc jewel. History, haunting stories, and theatrical storytelling combine for a memorable finale, highlighting the **legends, ghosts, and ghouls** that have lingered along the sea for centuries. The day concludes with an **included dinner**, providing a perfect opportunity to reflect on the week's mix of **Gilded Age elegance, coastal beauty, and ghostly intrigue**, leaving lasting memories for every traveler.

**Day 6: Saturday, October 24** – **Farewell to New England** - After breakfast at the hotel, we check out and prepare for our journey home. Travel to **Logan Airport** with fond memories of cobblestoned streets, gilded mansions, coastal villages, and ghostly legends. As your **Ghosts & Gilded Mansions** adventure concludes, take a final moment to reflect on the stories, sights, and experiences that made this trip truly unforgettable. Safe travels home!