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Boston's Freedom Trail® Foundation Announces Yearlong Walking Tours

Boston, Massachusetts –18th century costumed guides of the Freedom Train Foundation will offer yearlong daily walking tours to the delight of both visitors and residents alike. The Freedom Trail Foundation's most popular **Walk Into History** tour will continue to be offered 12 times **daily through November, on the hour every hour** from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and **on the half hour every hour** from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Starting in **December, the walking tours will be offered continuously through March at 12:00 noon daily** from the Boston Common.

The **Walk Into History North End** tour will be offered daily from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. **through November 20**; the tour features stops along the Trail including Paul Revere's House, Old North Church, and Copp's Hill Burying Ground. Boston's "must-see" history enhanced this year with the NEW highly popular **Pirates & Patriots Tour** of the American Revolution as played out on Boston Harbor with rebellious deeds of colonial agitators, global trade, embargoes, hijackings, and pirate pranks. This exciting tour will be offered daily at 12:30 p.m. from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth **through October 31**.

Specialty tours currently offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation between November and March include the following:

Led by a costumed tour guide dressed in 19th century *Dickensian* garb, the **Historic Holiday Stroll** tells visitors how holiday traditions evolved in Boston as they also experience highlights of the American Revolution. The **Stroll** will be offered from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth, Thursday through Sunday at 3:30 p.m., from **November 17, 2011 through January 20, 2012** (excluding holidays). This festive tour ends with visitors warming their bones with complimentary hot chocolate, tea, or wine and Boston Cream Pie at the historic Omni Parker House Hotel. Reservations for the tour are required.

During the month of **February 2012**, the Freedom Trail Foundation celebrates Black History Month with the popular **African-American Patriots Tour**, taking visitors through historic events of the American Revolution and the contributions of African-Americans who played a significant role in the shaping of America. Tales of intrigue, bravery, poetry and defiance unfold during the **African- American Patriots Tour**, which will be offered from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on Thursday through Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and is always available as a private tour by appointment.

Revolutionary ideas may have come from speeches at Faneuil Hall or a meeting of the Sons of Liberty, but their courage and inspiration came from Boston's Taverns. The **Historic Pub Crawl** takes visitors to four taverns – The Point and the Bell in Hand, Green Dragon, and Union Oyster House – and offers traditional Boston fare and sample-sized Samuel Adams beer at each



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stop. Along the way, visit the Boston stone and the house of John Hancock's brother and these historic taverns and pubs that played a major role in fermenting revolution. The **Historic Pub Crawl** is offered on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. departing from the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth or is available as a private tour by appointment. Reservations for the tour are required and one must be 21 years or older to receive beer samples.

All walking tours and specialty tours are available as private tours year-round by appointment and are perfect for outings with family and friends, company parties, corporate activities, team building and more.

"Boston's Freedom Trail continues to offer fun and exciting, educational opportunities all year for people of all ages," said Suzanne Taylor, Executive Director of the Freedom Trail Foundation. "We encourage schools, individuals and groups to experience the tales of revolutionary women and men who shaped America by enjoying Freedom Trail sites' exhibits, activities and programs and taking one of the many tours offered daily."

Whether you are a visitor or resident, Boston's Freedom Trail® provides year-round affordable fun while hearing the tales of the country's rich history. All Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours with 18th century costumed guides are \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors/students, and \$7 for children. Daily walking tour tickets include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Preservation Fund and some fees may apply for on-location purchases. The Historic Holiday Stroll is \$29 for adults and \$19 for children and the Historic Pub Crawl is \$43. Tours are offered daily excluding major holidays. Tickets may be purchased by calling 617.357.8300, at the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common or at the Faneuil Hall Marketplace ArtsBoston booth, or via TheFreedomTrail.org to receive a 10% discount.

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About the Freedom Trail Foundation

The Freedom Trail® Foundation is dedicated to marketing, promoting and helping to preserve the Freedom Trail through varied tourist services and activities, educational programs, and marketing and public relations efforts. Marked by a red brick or painted line, Boston's 2.5 mile Freedom Trail connects 16 of the country's most significant historical landmarks weaving its way through Boston's proud past in the midst of this vital, modern city. The Freedom Trail Foundation Preservation Fund supports preservation, rehabilitation and capital projects for official Freedom Trail sites which help avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects of the elements and manmade wear and tear of Boston's and America's precious 18th century sites. For Freedom Trail Foundation information, please call 617.357.8300 or visit www.thefreedomtrail.org