

A historical scene set on a grand, ornate staircase. A man in a white coat and black hat, holding a cane, is descending the stairs. A woman in a red coat and white collar is standing on the stairs, looking towards him. The staircase has a dark wood handrail and white balusters. Large windows in the background let in bright light. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and greys, with the red coat providing a focal point.

THE MAYFLOWER AND THE ATLANTIC COLONIES

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Boston, Massachusetts to Portland, Maine	2 hours and 15 minutes/112 miles
Portland, Maine to Portsmouth, New Hampshire	1 hour/52 miles
Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Plymouth, Massachusetts	2 hours and 15 minutes/97 miles
Plymouth, Massachusetts to Newport, Rhode Island	1 hour and 30 minutes/66 miles
Newport, Rhode Island to New York, New York	4 hours/182 miles
New York City, New York to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	2 hours/95 miles
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Richmond, Virginia	4 hours and 45 minutes/255 miles
Richmond, Virginia to Virginia Beach, Virginia	2 hours/107 miles
Virginia Beach, Virginia to Wilmington, North Carolina	4 hours and 30 minutes/289 miles
Wilmington, North Carolina to Charleston, South Carolina	3 hours and 30 minutes/176 miles
Charleston, South Carolina to Savannah, Georgia	2 hours and 15 minutes/108 miles
Savannah, Georgia to Charlotte, North Carolina	3 hours and 45 minutes/252 miles



BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Day 1

Explore one of the oldest cities in the USA, **Boston**, established in 1630 as part of the Massachusetts Colony. Follow The **Freedom Trail**, starting at **Boston Common**, the USA's oldest city park, and encompassing 16 of Boston's key historic sites. Along the trail, visit **King's Chapel Burying Ground**; the **Old South Meeting House**, an integral piece to the Boston Tea Party; and one of the oldest public buildings in the USA, the **Old State House**, site of the Boston Massacre, a catalyst in 1770 for the Revolutionary War with England, and now a museum. Finish the tour at **Faneuil Hall**, which played a crucial role in events leading to the Revolutionary War, although its primary use was a market hall; it's still open today. This afternoon, explore **Boston Harbor**, where you can re-enact the **Boston Tea Party** at the **Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum**. Dine overlooking the Boston Harbor at **The Barking Crab** – the lobster roll is a must.

Accommodation: Boston, Massachusetts

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS TO PORTLAND, MAINE

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Day 2

Leaving **Massachusetts**, head northwest to what was the New Hampshire Colony. Pass through **Londonderry**, named after the Irish city and known for producing fine linens. Continue to **Dover**, stopping at the **Woodman Museum** to see its collection of Colonial artifacts and historic buildings. After entering **Maine**, drive about an hour to **Portland**, one the state's oldest settlements, established in 1632 along Casco Bay. Stroll **Congress Street** to view the **Cleeves and Tucker Memorial** honoring early settlers, the city's past names – Machigone, Casco and Falmouth – and present-day Portland. Admire spectacular views across **Casco Bay** of the **Portland Breakwater Lighthouse**, known as the **Bug Light**, as you walk along **Eastern Promenade Trail** through **Fort Allen Park** to **Fore Street** and the **Waterfront Historic District**. Enjoy dinner at **Scales**, known for its local seafood. Try the Maine mussels, clams and oysters.

Accommodation: Portland, Maine



Old State House, Massachusetts



Portland Head Light, Maine

PORTLAND, MAINE TO PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Day 3

Returning south today, drive along the spectacular **Maine** coast and visit towns and villages that were once fishing stations and settlements born in the 1600s to harvest the vast seafood stocks. **Old Orchard Beach** and the **Harmon Museum** are great places to stop to explore the history of the town. Farther south is **Cape Porpoise**, a small fishing village that once serviced fleets of fishing vessels along the Maine coast. At the **Brickstore Museum** in downtown **Kennebunk**, explore the town's storied history, then visit Dock Square in the heart of **Kennebunkport**. Shop at boutiques and galleries and enjoy lunch at one of the patio cafes before heading

south to **Portsmouth, New Hampshire**. At what was once Puddle Dock at the original seaport site is **Strawbery Banke Museum**, an outdoor museum with over 30 buildings that encompass historic homes, displays, and activities of the region. Explore downtown Portsmouth, strolling **Congress and Daniel streets** before dining at **Black Trumpet**, a waterfront bistro in the historic port.

Accommodation: Portsmouth, New Hampshire



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PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE TO PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

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Day 4

Return to **Massachusetts** and visit **Salem**, notorious for its witch trials in 1693. **The Witch House** museum is the only building still standing that is linked to the trials. South of **Boston** in **Quincy** is the **Old House at Peacefield** in **Adams National Historic Park**, birthplace of John Adams and John Quincy Adams, the second and sixth presidents of the USA, respectively. Proceed to **Plymouth**, the first permanent Puritan settlement and the landing site for the Mayflower in 1620. Visit **Pilgrim Memorial State Park**, home of **Plymouth Rock**, where the Pilgrims stepped ashore. See a replica of the Mayflower and explore **Plimoth Plantation**, a recreation of the 17th-century settlement. Before dinner, stroll the downtown historic district and see the **National Monument to the Forefathers** commemorating the Mayflower's Pilgrims. At **Shanty Rose**, eat seafood and enjoy a casual atmosphere and fantastic bay views.

Accommodation: Plymouth, Massachusetts

PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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Day 5

Formerly known as Providence Plantation, the state of Rhode Island became a popular destination for people seeking religious freedom in the mid-1600s. Today, the smallest state in the USA offers nature, culture and incredible coastal views. In Providence, visit **Benefit Street**, a steep hillside that runs from the riverfront to **Brown University**. View some of **Providence's** most historic and grand homes. **Newport**, settled in 1639, became the largest of the four first settlements in the Providence Plantations colony and one of the country's major trading ports, gaining a reputation as a haven for pirates. Because of its mild summer climate, **Newport** also became a resort destination for the wealthy from the Caribbean and Carolinas looking to escape the summer heat. While famous for its magnificent estates built in the 1800s, it also has a vast colonial history to explore. Start at **Washington Square** in the **Historic District**, then go to **Historic Hill** and **Bowen's Wharf**, a shopping and entertainment experience in Newport's historic waterfront neighborhood.

Accommodation: Newport, Rhode Island



NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Day 7

In **Lower Manhattan**, explore some of the city's oldest streets and the waterfront. Visit **St. Paul's Chapel**, where the first U.S. president, George Washington, prayed after his 1789 inauguration. **Wall Street**, named after the wall constructed by the Dutch to keep the British out, and home to **Federal Hall National Memorial**, was the site of Washington's inauguration and the USA's first **Capitol Building**. Explore **Battery Park**, where **New York City** began as a Dutch settlement in 1625. Take in breathtaking views of **New York Harbor** and the **Statue of Liberty**. Visit the **National Museum of the American Indian** across from **Battery Park** inside the **Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House**. Next to the museum is **Bowling Green**, the oldest public park in Manhattan. Take a short walk to the cobbled **Stone Street**, one of Manhattan's oldest streets. Stroll **Pearl and Water streets** before heading uptown to the **New-York Historical Society** at **Central Park West**; it's one of the best places to explore New York City history. Head back to **Lower Manhattan** for dinner at **Delmonico's**, famous for steaks and giving the world baked Alaska.

Accommodation: New York, New York

NEW YORK, NEW YORK TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

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Day 8

Leave the **Empire State** and enter **New Jersey**, named for the British Isle of Jersey. **Princeton**, on Kings Highway midway between **New York City** and **Philadelphia**, is home to one of the USA's oldest colleges, **Princeton University**, which was established in 1746. Walk around downtown and explore **Bainbridge House** and **Nassau Hall**, the largest building in New Jersey when it was built in 1756. **Morven Museum and Gardens** served as the New Jersey governor's mansion for many years and now showcases the state's history. Order your meal at **Nassau Street Seafood & Produce Co.** – try the oyster po'boy or fish and chips – and enjoy lunch outdoors while exploring **Princeton**. After a 15-minute drive, stop in **Trenton** and visit the **Old Barracks Museum**. Originally used to house British troops, the museum now brings the history of **New Jersey** and the colonial era to life. Depart **Trenton** and enter **Pennsylvania**, founded by William Penn. Its first settlement was Philadelphia, one of the USA's largest cities during colonial times and the nation's capital from 1790 to 1800.

Accommodation: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Princeton University,
New Jersey

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA TO VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

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Day 11

About an hour from **Richmond** are **Williamsburg** and **Jamestown**, towns that were earlier capitals of **Virginia**. In Jamestown, the first English settlement in the country, visit the **Cape Henry Memorial**, which commemorates where the early colonists arrived. Learn about the settlers' lives at the **Jamestown Settlement**, a living history museum. Take the **Colonial Parkway**, a scenic byway linking Jamestown and **Yorktown** to Williamsburg, which was founded as the capital in 1699. In Williamsburg, chat with people in period costume as you explore beautifully restored buildings, including the **Governor's Palace**. Take the **Colonial Parkway**

to Yorktown, where a battle effectively ended the war for independence. Explore the **American Revolution Museum**, home to an army encampment and other historical exhibits. Depart to Cape Henry, now part of **Virginia Beach**, where the first settlers made landfall. At the Cape Henry Memorial Cross, see the historic site where they came ashore. Take a relaxing walk along the Virginia Beach boardwalk before dinner.

Accommodation: Virginia Beach, Virginia



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Jamestown Settlement, Virginia



Charleston, South Carolina

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Day 14

Explore **Charleston's Waterfront Park** and **Historic District**, starting by viewing artifacts and exhibits at the **South Carolina Historical Society Museum**. The **Old Slave Mart Museum**, in a historic building that was the site of slave auctions, tells the slaves' story and how they figured in the South's growth and wealth. One of Charleston's oldest buildings is the **Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon**, rumored haunted and now a museum featuring tales of pirates, slaves and

Southern women. After lunch, drive to **Middleton Place National Historic Landmark House and Museum**; the former rice plantation is home to the oldest landscaped gardens in the USA. Enjoy dinner at **Husk Restaurant** and experience authentic Southern food.

Accommodation: Charleston, South Carolina



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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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Day 15

Travel south through **Beaufort**, originally called Fishtown because of its fishing industry, and **Port Royal**, the original destination for ships landing at Charles Town. Cross the **Port Royal Sound** to **Hilton Head Island**, once home to many cotton plantations and now a resort destination. A short drive from Hilton Head Island and across the state border is **Savannah**, the last of the 13 colonies that is now the state of **Georgia**. Savannah, which is Georgia's oldest city, features 22 beautiful squares. The city's Historic District includes **Chippewa Square** and a statue of British Gen. James Oglethorpe, the colony's founder. Explore **River Street** and enjoy dinner overlooking the water.

Accommodation: Savannah, Georgia

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

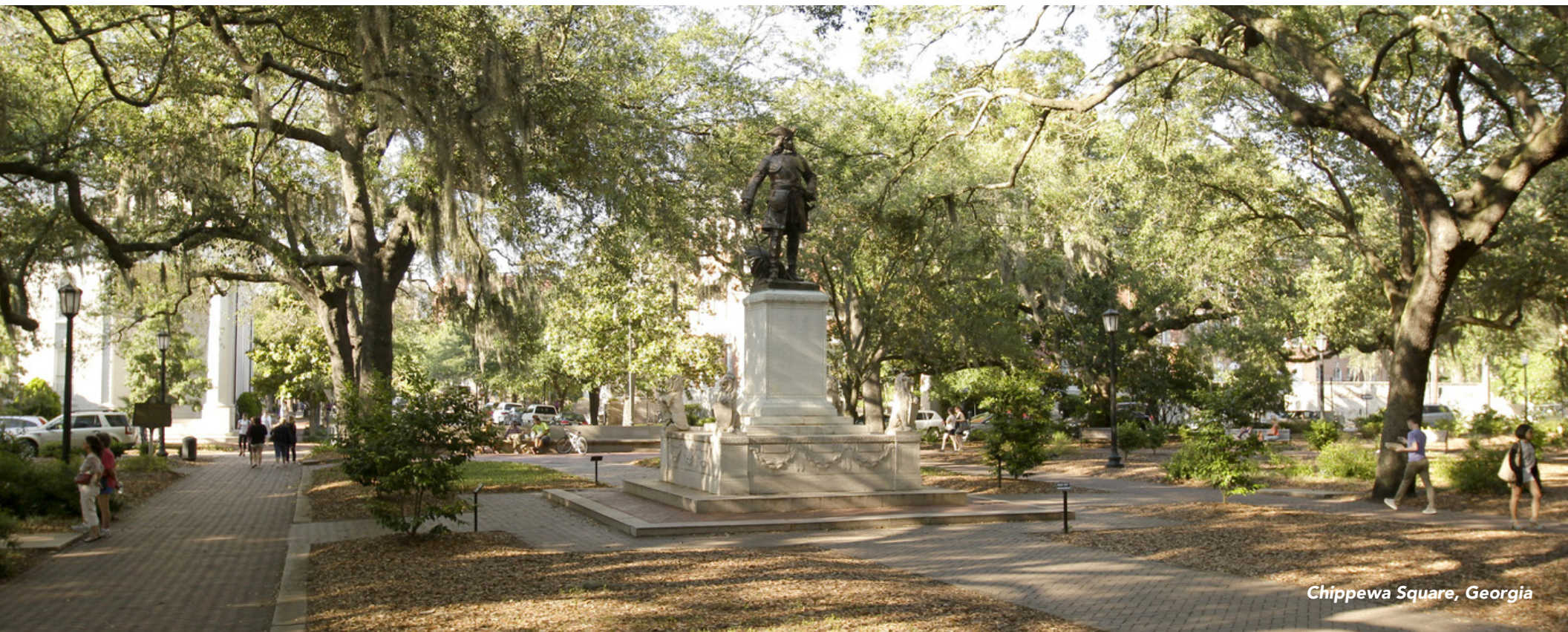
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Day 16

Head back to **North Carolina** to **Charlotte**, known as the "Queen City" and named after the wife of King George III. To explore the diverse history of the region, visit the **Charlotte Museum of History**, on the site of the **Hezekiah Alexander Homesite**, built in 1774 and still standing as the oldest building in Mecklenburg County, named after the queen's German homeland.



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Chippewa Square, Georgia

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