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East Coast College Tour BOSTON – NEW YORK – Washington DC July 18 – 29, 2012 **SUMMER SPECIAL**

The concentration of America's most well-known and historic educational institutions is located within a 500 mile radius. This 12 day tour will introduce you to not only the most prestigious Universities, but also to the places that are the foundation of the history of the United States... we welcome you to America, the land of opportunity...

Day One

Arrival in BOSTON, MA

Upon arrival at Boston's Logan Airport, you will be met by your tour manager and deluxe motor coach.

Boston, first incorporated as a town in 1630, and as a city in 1822, is one of America's oldest cities, with a rich economic and social history. What began as a homesteading community eventually evolved into a center for social and political change. Boston has since become the economic and cultural hub of New England.

As the region's hub, Boston is home to over 617,594 residents, many institutions of higher education, some of the world's finest inpatient hospitals, and numerous cultural and professional sports organizations.

Check into your hotel

Late afternoon board **THE BOSTON DUCK BOAT** which will give you an overview tour of the city of Boston from a very unique perspective.....by land and by sea! You've never toured Boston in anything that comes close to Boston Duck Tours. The fun begins as soon as you board your "DUCK", a W.W.II style amphibious landing vehicle. First, you'll be greeted by one of our legendary tour ConDUCKtors, who'll be narrating your tour. Then you're off on a journey like you've never had before. You'll cruise by all the places that make Boston the birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts, from the golden-domed State House to Bunker Hill and the TD Banknorth Garden, Boston Common and Copley Square to the Big Dig, Government Center to fashionable Newbury Street, Quincy Market to the Prudential Tower, and more. And, as the best of Boston unfolds before your eyes, your ConDUCKtor will be giving you lots of little known facts and interesting insights about our unique and wonderful city.



And just when you think you've seen it all, there's more. It's time for "Splashdown" as your ConDUCKtor splashes your DUCK right into the Charles River for a breathtaking view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines, the kind of view you just won't get anywhere else.

Included dinner at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, where shopping and food combine for a true Boston experience.



Day Two

Included breakfast at your hotel

This morning tour and information session at **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Harvard University is a private university located in Cambridge, Massachusetts and a member of the Ivy League. Founded in 1636 by the colonial Massachusetts legislature, Harvard is the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States and currently comprises ten separate academic units. It is also the first and oldest corporation in the United States.

On own lunch in HARVARD SQUARE where there are café's and restaurants to meet everyone's cuisine and taste.

This crossroads of the world is filled with students, locals and tourist making it a wonderful place to stop, relax and people watch while you are dining.



After lunch, visit the

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT) is a private research university located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. MIT has five schools and one college, containing a total of 32 academic departments, with a strong emphasis on scientific and technological research. MIT is one of two private land-grant universities and is also a sea-grant and space-grant university.



Return to your hotel to freshen up before your included dinner.

After dinner visit the Top of the Hub observation deck for a bird's eye view of this amazing city.

Day Three

Included breakfast at your hotel.

Morning visit **BOSTON UNIVERSITY**

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Boston University (BU) is a private research university located in Boston,

With nearly 4,000 faculty members and more than 30,000 students, Boston University is the fourth-largest private university in the country and the city's fourth-largest employer. The University offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees through 18 schools and colleges and operates two urban campuses. The main campus is situated along the Charles River in Boston's Fenway-Kenmore neighborhood, while the Boston University Medical Campus is in Boston's South End neighborhood.



On own lunch on the Northeastern campus before beginning the afternoon tour.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY Northeastern University, abbreviated NU or NEU, is a private university founded in 1898.



Northeastern's award-winning campus is located in the Fenway Cultural District of Boston. Northeastern is known for its Cooperative education (co-op) program, in which students complete eight semesters of full-time study and up to three semesters of paid full-time work. Northeastern a leader in interdisciplinary research, urban engagement, and the integration of classroom learning with real-world experience.

At the end of the day, it's time for a little fun..

Included dinner and evening at **BLUE MAN GROUP!** Comedy. Music. Multimedia Theatrics.

Combine all three, add a spot of blue, and you've got the makings of a totally unique form of entertainment.

More than 17 million people around the world have experienced the playful party atmosphere of a Blue Man.

Day Four

Included breakfast then pack your bags for departure.

Stop in Providence RI where you will visit **BROWN UNIVERSITY**

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Founded in 1764, it is a member of the Ivy League and is renowned for the quality of its teaching, research, and unique curriculum. Brown's three schools offer nearly 100 programs of study. The University adheres to a collaborative university-college model in which faculty are as committed to teaching as they are to research, embracing a curriculum that requires students to be architects of their education. Brown's campus is composed of 238 buildings and sits on 143 acres in Providence, the capital of Rhode Island.

On own lunch on campus.

After lunch, we travel to Connecticut for a stop at YALE UNIVERSITY

YALE UNIVERSITY Yale University is a private research university in New Haven, Connecticut, and a member of the Ivy League. Founded in 1701 in the Colony of Connecticut, the university is the third-oldest institution of higher education in the United States. Yale has produced many notable alumni, including five U.S. presidents, nineteen U.S. Supreme Court Justices, and several foreign heads of state. Yale University comprises three major academic components: Yale College (the undergraduate program), the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the professional schools. In addition, Yale encompasses a wide array of centers and programs, libraries, museums, and administrative support offices. Approximately 11,250 students attend Yale.



Included dinner and we head for our overnight destination: NEW YORK CITY!

Hotel Check in

Here it is, the city that never sleeps.... Walk with your guide to Times Square....crossroads of the World. Times Square is a major intersection in New York City that was named after the Times Building (now One Times Square), where The New York Times was formerly headquartered. Nicknamed "The Crossroads of the World," Times Square is located at Broadway and Seventh Avenue and extends from West 42nd to West 47th Streets (click here to view a map of Times Square). Like city squares in many other major cities around the world, Times Square has become an illustrious landmark and a symbol of New York City. Tourists and locals alike are attracted to the vibrant energy and exciting atmosphere in Times Square. The bright lights and animated advertisements (known as "Spectaculars" and "Jumbotron") radiating across buildings throughout Times Square NYC are not only a brilliant sight to behold, they are required of business owners in the area per zoning ordinances.



Day Five

Included breakfast at your hotel

This morning visit NYU – **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**

New York University (NYU) Founded in 1831, New York University is the largest private university in the United States. The University, which is composed of 14 schools, colleges, and divisions, occupies five major centers in Manhattan. It operates branch campus and research programs in other parts of the United States and abroad, as well as study abroad programs in more than 25 countries.



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

On own lunch at South Street Seaport



Afternoon, tour **Fordham University** at Lincoln Center (FCLC), a close-knit intellectual and creative community of faculty and students located in the heart of Manhattan, and conducted in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition of education. Fordham College at Lincoln Center is uniquely formed for the expansion and exchange of thought: students are invited not to simply enjoy the rich, cultural life of the city, but to become engaged in its community; not simply to attend class, but to experience a classroom in the world outside the college's doors.

FCLC offers a full range of majors in the liberal arts and sciences with nationally recognized programs in the fine and performing arts. The college is the heir of a long history of Fordham in Manhattan. The campus is an eight-acre self-contained complex at the corner of Columbus (Ninth) Avenue and West 60th Street. Our neighbors include Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the AOL-Time Warner Building, the CBS Television Studios, and Central Park.

Included dinner

The day concludes with a birds-eye view of New York.



Ride to the top of the **EMPIRE STATE BUILDING** to visit the observation deck.

The Empire State Building is a 102-story landmark in New York City, United States, at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and West 34th Street. It is 1,250 ft (381 meters) tall.[7] Its name is derived from the nickname for New York, the Empire State. It stood as the world's tallest building for 40 years, from its completion in 1931 until construction of the World Trade Center's North Tower was completed in 1972. Following the destruction of the World Trade Center in 2001, the Empire State Building once again became the tallest building in New York City.

The Empire State Building has been named by the American Society of Civil Engineers as one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World

Day Six

Included breakfast at your hotel.

This morning visit the **UNITED NATIONS**

Due to its unique international character, and the powers vested in its founding Charter, the Organization can take action on a wide range of issues, and provide a forum for its 193 Member States to express their views, through the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies and committees.

The work of the United Nations reaches every corner of the globe. Although best known for peacekeeping, peace-building, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance, there are many other ways the United Nations and its System (specialized agencies, funds and programmes) affect our lives and make the world a better place. The Organization works on a broad range of fundamental issues, from sustainable development, environment and refugees protection, disaster relief, counter terrorism, disarmament and non-proliferation, to promoting democracy, human rights, gender equality and the advancement of women, governance, economic and social development and international health, clearing landmines, expanding food production, and more, in order to achieve its goals and coordinate efforts for a safer world for this and future generations.

Late morning, visit **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**



Columbia University was founded in 1754 as King's College by royal charter of King George II of England. It is the oldest institution of higher learning in the state of New York and the fifth oldest in the United States. Today, Columbia is one of the top academic and research institutions in the world, conducting path breaking research in medicine, science, the arts, and the humanities. It includes three undergraduate schools, thirteen graduate and professional

schools, and a school of continuing education.

On own lunch at Columbia

This afternoon, visit:

PACE UNIVERSITY



Pace University is committed to providing the best possible private education to a diverse and talented student body at each Pace University location. The University's continuous commitment to Opportunitas must be retained, strengthened and, when necessary, redefined in an uncertain world where many are excluded from the full benefits of higher education due to economic and social factors beyond their control. Pace's sustained emphasis on excellence will be a constant, which will guide decision-making regarding academic programs and other endeavors.

Included dinner in Times Square

Tonight included Broadway Show: The Lion King A musical, The Lion King garnered two Academy Awards for its achievement in music and the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy. Songs were written by composer Elton John and lyricist Tim Rice, with an original score by Hans Zimmer



Day Seven

Included breakfast at your hotel

This morning, board the Statue ferry to visit the STATUE OF LIBERTY AND ELLIS ISLAND.



The **Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World** was a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States and is a universal symbol of freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886, designated as a National Monument in 1924 and restored for her centennial on July 4, 1986. **Ellis Island....America's Golden Door.....**They came seeking freedom, opportunity, new lives. Over 12 million immigrants passed through the doors of Ellis Island between January 1, 1892 and November 1954, hoping to achieve the "American Dream". These people, and their descendants, have woven their way into the fabric of American life. They have helped create the America we know today.

Late afternoon time to explore the Chinatown and Little Italy districts.
Included dinner

Dinner will be included this evening before returning to your hotel to pack for tomorrow's departure.

Day Eight

Included breakfast at your hotel

9: 00 AM Board coach and travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On own lunch at the Bourse in historic downtown Philadelphia



Afternoon see the **LIBERTY BELL** and the National Constitution Center.

The Liberty Bell's inscription conveys a message of liberty which goes beyond the words themselves. Since the bell was made, the words of the inscription have meant different things to different people. When William Penn created Pennsylvania's government he allowed citizens to take part in making laws and gave them the right to choose the religion they wanted. The colonists were proud of the freedom that Penn gave them. In 1751, the Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly ordered a new bell for the State House. He asked that a Bible verse to be placed on the bell - "Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10). As the official bell of

the Pennsylvania State House (today called Independence Hall) it rang many times for public announcements.

The **National Constitution Center** in Historic Philadelphia is America's most interactive history museum. Located just two blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall, it is the only museum devoted to the U.S. Constitution and the story of **We, the People**.

3:00 PM Board coach and travel to Washington DC

Dinner stop will be included on route.

8:30 PM Check into your hotel

Day Nine

Included breakfast at your hotel

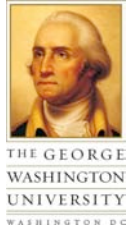


Our Nation's Capitol!

Your guide will take you on a guided tour of the **US CAPITOL BUILDING**. The United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., is among the most architecturally impressive and symbolically important buildings in the world. It has housed the meeting chambers of the Senate and the House of Representatives for almost two centuries. Begun in 1793, the Capitol has been built, burnt, rebuilt, extended, and restored; today, it stands as a monument not only to its builders but also to the American people and their government.

First on our tour of Universities will be:

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. The George Washington University is a private, coeducational, top-tier university located in Washington, D.C. The school was chartered on February 9, 1821 as The Columbian College in the District of Columbia by an Act of Congress and since that time has developed into a nonsectarian research institution. There are 9,700 full-time undergraduates studying in 87 majors with 1,500 in business, 500 in engineering, 2,000 in international affairs, 700 in communications and media, 800 in sciences and math, 2,900 in social sciences, and 1,300 in arts, languages, and humanities. Nearly 900 students participate in GW's Study Abroad Programs each semester in 50 countries. Additionally, about 125 entering students each fall join the University Honors Program community of 500 students. The George Washington University has been ranked by The Princeton Review as in Top 10 for the following categories: Most Politically Active, Dorms Like Palaces, Great College Towns and Best in the Northeast.



On own lunch at the Marvin Center on Campus

This afternoon visit:



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. Georgetown University is a Jesuit private university located in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Father John Carroll founded the school in 1789, though its roots extend back to 1634. The University has approximately 6,853 undergraduate students 4,490 graduate students on the main campus. Georgetown University offers undergraduate degrees in forty-eight majors in the four undergraduate schools, as well as the opportunity for students to design their own individualized courses of study. All majors in the College are open as minors to students in the College. Master's and doctoral programs are offered through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Law Center, the School of Medicine, and the School of Continuing Studies.

Included dinner at Carmines Restaurant

Evening Illuminated monument tour to include: The Lincoln, Korean, Vietnam and World War 11 Monuments



Return to hotel following tour.

Day Ten

Included breakfast at your hotel

Morning tour



American University. American University (AU) is a private United Methodist-affiliated research university in Washington, D.C., USA, the main campus of which comes to a corner at the intersection of Nebraska and Massachusetts Avenues at Ward Circle, straddling the Spring Valley, Wesley Heights, and American University Park neighborhoods of Northwest. Roughly 6,000 undergraduate students and 3,912 graduate students are currently enrolled. Though there is sometimes confusion, American University is separate from most "American Universities" around the world.

On own lunch at American University

Afternoon visit the **Smithsonian Museums on the National Mall**

You will have an opportunity to visit the **National Air and Space Museum**, the **Museum of Natural History**, the **American History Museum** and the **Portrait Gallery**. These collections are among the largest in the world.

The National Mall is not just a great place to visit our world class museums and national landmarks, but also a gathering place to picnic and attend outdoor festivals. Americans and visitors from all over the world have used the expansive lawn as a site for protests and rallies. The impressive architecture and natural beauty of the National Mall make it a unique place that celebrates and preserves our nation's history and democracy.

Included dinner this evening and evening tour of the **Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials**.



Day Eleven

Included breakfast at your hotel

Morning visit **Arlington National Cemetery**

Welcome to Arlington National Cemetery, our Nation's most hallowed ground. This historic cemetery bears witness to our American heritage and the military service and sacrifice of men and women in uniform throughout our history.

We believe that caring for our Nation's heroes and their families during their time of need is a sacred duty entrusted to us. It is important for the American public to know that our Nation's veterans are laid to rest with dignity and honor at Arlington National Cemetery by a compassionate and dedicated work force. Each day, we strive for excellence. We are committed to ensuring America's confidence in the cemetery's operation.



Following our visit to Arlington National Cemetery, we will head to the **NEWSEUM**



The Newseum — a 250,000-square-foot museum of news — offers visitors an experience that blends five centuries of news history with up-to-the-second technology and hands-on exhibits. The Newseum is located at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Sixth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., on America's Main Street between the White House and the U.S. Capitol and adjacent to the Smithsonian museums on the National Mall. The exterior's unique architectural features include a 74-foot-high marble engraving of the First Amendment and an immense front wall of glass through which passers-by can watch the museum fulfill its mission of providing a forum

where the media and the public can gain a better understanding of each other.

The Newseum features seven levels of galleries, theaters, retail spaces and visitor services. It offers a unique environment that takes museumgoers behind the scenes to experience how and why news is made.

On own lunch at the Newseum

Return to the hotel to freshen up for our **farewell evening** aboard the **Spirit of Washington**

Washington's historic waterfront and join in for a Spirit of Washington cruise on the mighty Potomac River. A Spirit dinner cruise is the perfect night out. A magical setting enhanced by dazzling city sights and harbor lights. An evening filled to the brim with wonderful cuisine, live music and dancing under a canopy of stars. For a party of two, a couple of couples, or a grand affair, this is the ultimate Washington experience.



Day Twelve

Included breakfast at your hotel.

Pack our bags for departure home.

Activities today to be determined after flight time has been confirmed.

PRICING FOR THIS TOUR PER PERSON*			
QUAD	TRIPLE	DOUBLE	SINGLE
\$3299.00	\$3459.00	\$3789.00	\$4769.00

Based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers

**Prices may be increased due to the current unsettled fuel situation.*

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE - AIRFARE ADDITIONAL
AIRFARE IS NOT COMPED, AND TO BE PAID ON A PER PERSON BASIS.
Does not include baggage check fees – baggage fees additional**

Tour includes:

Roundtrip transportation via deluxe equipped motor coach; 11 Nights hotel, taxes and private nightly security, 11 Breakfasts, 11 Dinners, All admissions as listed, Services of a full time tour manager.

NOTE: One (1) American High School Teacher/Educator chaperone will be provided per every ten passengers.

At times Restaurant menus may change at the discretion of the Restaurant Management. These circumstances are beyond our control.

ALL TOURS AND RESERVATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY BASED UPON TIME OF BOOKING.