Join fellow Yale Alumni, their friends, and family in a four-day, three-night adventure of discovery that will peel back myth and sentiment to explore how the American Revolution really played out in Boston.

We've all heard of the midnight ride of Paul Revere, and been taught about the few who steered a group of British colonies into rebellion. Now, view iconic Boston Revolutionary sites and events through fresh eyes!

• Consider the different revolutions experienced by men, women, and youth, across elite, middling, and lower ranks of Boston society.

• Explore the unique war-time quandaries and opportunities faced by Native American and enslaved African-Americans.

• Travel the Battle Road to Lexington and Concord, and learn why open conflict finally erupted there, long after sparks first flew between Crown and Colony.

• Visit Boston’s Old State House, and probe the backstory and implications of the Boston “Massacre” that took place on its doorstep.
• Tour Charlestown’s City Square, where Patriots conspired around tavern tables in spitting distance of Breed’s Hill, site of the battle better known as Bunker Hill.

• Explore Boston Harbor – home to the most infamous Tea Party of all time – with an eye to what it meant to be a colonial port city at war.

• Learn how archaeology is reshaping scholarly views of Boston’s historic past.

• Look past the surface of iconic artworks and publications, to reconstruct the beliefs underlying the actions that transformed a network of British colonies into the future United States of America.

The tour kicks off with a complimentary beer and wine reception, followed by dinner at our Lexington hotel. A casual, interactive welcome lecture will lay the groundwork for what we plan to see and do each day on tour.

Daily illustrated lectures will deliver new insights to even the most familiar sites and legends of Boston’s Revolutionary War experience.

In advance of the tour, you will receive suggested readings and printed materials for the lectures and tours.

**Lecturers**

Dr. Jake Ruddiman (Yale PhD ’10) is Assistant Professor of Early American History at Wake Forest University. He is an expert on the processes of Revolution and nation-making in America, 1750-1815. His 2014 book, *Becoming Men of Some Consequence: Youth and Military Service in the Revolutionary War*, explores the lives and choices of young men in the military maelstrom of the American Revolution.

Dr. Ruddiman’s current research examines the roles of slavery and enslaved people in soldiers’ travel writing during the Revolutionary War.
Dr. Karen Bellinger Wehner (Yale ’91) is a Registered Professional Archaeologist who holds a PhD in Anthropology from New York University, with a focus in Historical Archaeology. She has held research and teaching positions at New York University, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, and Queen Mary University, London.

Dr. Bellinger Wehner specializes in Early Modern English and Colonial New England and Chesapeake urban life.

Space is Limited. Register Now!

The cost per person is $1499, double occupancy, with a single supplement of $599. Payment is due by July 1, 2016 and is non-refundable after July 22, 2016.

Register online at www.yaleedtravel.org/boston16

Included in the registration price:

• 3 nights lodging in premium hotels in Lexington and Cambridge (see details below).
• Welcome reception with complimentary beer and wine.
• 4-course dinner in a private room of Concord’s historic Colonial Inn.
• 3 full buffet breakfasts, 2 dinners, and 3 box lunches.
• Luxury motor coach transportation to and from all tour sites.
• Admission to all tour venues, including Minuteman National Historical Park, Old State House, and Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts.
• Private 3.5 hour Boston Harbor cruise and National Park Service/US Coast Guard guided tour of Little Brewster Island.

PLEASE NOTE: This tour begins at the Elements Hotel in Lexington and ends at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Upon request, travelers driving their own cars and parking at the Elements Hotel Lexington will be provided free return transport to the Elements Hotel on Sunday, September 11, at approximately 4:30 pm.

Not included in the registration price:

• Saturday dinner on your own, allowing you to sample Boston’s gourmet options (Note: advance reservations are advised).
• Personal gratuities and non-scheduled excursions.
• Wines, liquors, and mineral waters not specified in included expenses.
• All items of a strictly personal nature.
• Parking or other charges for personal vehicles.
• Travel insurance.
**Detailed Itinerary**

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

**Arrival in Lexington**

Check-in after 3:00 pm at the Starwood Elements Hotel, 727 Marrett Rd, Lexington, MA 02421. (781) 761-1750.

Meet your tour mates at the 6:00 Welcome Reception, followed by an interactive kickoff lecture and casual buffet dinner.

Enjoy free wifi, indoor pool and gym, and a great night’s sleep in your four-star, non-smoking accommodations.

Starwood Elements Hotel, 727 Marrett Rd, Lexington, MA 02421. (781) 761-1750.

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

**Lexington and Concord**

After a buffet breakfast, gather for an illustrated lecture to set the stage for our tour of the Lexington and Concord Battlefields, the Battle Road, and Minuteman National Historical Park, where we will enjoy a picnic lunch, weather permitting. The tour will combine coach travel and walking, so wear comfortable shoes.

We will return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner, which will be a festive seated affair in a private room in Concord’s historic Colonial Inn.

We will return to the Elements Hotel at approximately 9:00 pm.


**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

**Boston and Charlestown**

After a buffet breakfast, gather for an illustrated lecture preparing our tour of downtown Boston sites, including the Old State House, Boston Massacre site, City Square Charlestown, and the site of the Battle of Breed’s Hill (Bunker Hill). This day will blend coach travel and some walking, so wear comfortable shoes.
Following a box lunch, we will enjoy a hands-on introduction to how archaeology enhances our understanding of the historic past.

Buses will drop us at the Boston Marriott Hotel (Cambridge) at approximately 4:00 pm.

Take a break to get settled in and freshen up, before gathering for an illustrated lecture on how Boston’s status as a port city shaped its citizens’ experience of revolution.

Dinner is on your own tonight, giving you a chance to explore Boston’s vibrant culinary scene!

Overnight: Boston Marriott Hotel, 50 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142. (617) 494-6600.

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Boston Harbor Tour and MFA

After a buffet breakfast, we will travel by coach to embark on a 3.5-hour tour of Boston Harbor on our own private ferry. National Park Service Rangers will provide an overview of Boston’s Harbor Islands. U.S. Coast Guard personnel will lead a guided stop at Little Brewster Island, best known as the home of Boston Light, the country’s first and oldest lighthouse station (1716).

Financed by a tax on all vessels entering and leaving the harbor, the original lighthouse was damaged by Patriot militias, and destroyed by the British when they evacuated Boston at the end of the Revolutionary War. It was rebuilt in 1783 and is the only remaining US light station to be staffed by a US Coast Guard light keeper.

With mixed terrain on the island and an optional climb up Boston Light’s 86 steps, comfortable shoes are a must.

Depending on weather, box lunches will be enjoyed in a picnic on Little Brewster Island, or aboard our return ferry.

Once back on dry land, the coach will bring us to Boston’s famed Museum of Fine Arts, where we will enjoy an exclusive private tour of art and artifacts relevant to Revolutionary Boston.

This marks the end of the tour, but you are free to explore the rest of the Museum as you like before departing!

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**Tour content subject to change. We regret that we cannot offer this tour without specified hotel accommodations.**
**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Health:** All participants should be in good health and capable of walking, sometimes over steep or rough terrain, and climbing stairs. By forwarding payment, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other conditions of disability that would create a hazard for him/her or other participants. The Yale Club of Boston, MA (YaleBoston), and Yale Educational Travel reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the enjoyment of the other participants.

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**Cancellations and Refunds:**
Full payment due by July 1, 2016. All cancellations must be made in writing to YaleBoston. All payments are non-refundable as of July 22, 2016. When YaleBoston receives written notification of cancellation, no further charges will be made to you. All refunds are subject to a $75 processing fee. To the extent that payments made exceed the scheduled amount, funds will be refunded to you. No refunds will be given for cancellation that occurs subsequent to July 22, 2016. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the program (including, but not limited to, unused meals, hotel nights, and sightseeing), for any reason.

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