PLYMOUTH
A Controversial Foundation Story
September 15 - 19, 2021
Everyone has heard the traditional story of the first Thanksgiving, but most do not know the multiple narratives and less celebrated facts of this complicated part of American history. You’ve likely heard about how the English settlers had a difficult first year in the New World and when harvest finally came they feasted on turkey, mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce with their Native friends. Simple as it sounds, this story is not quite accurate. The true tale—and a more interesting one—will unfold during this five-day New England journey to explore the origins of this American myth and holiday. Learn about life in the 17th Century from the perspective of the Wampanoag people, as well as the English Colonists. After this program, you won’t look at a buckled hat or ear of corn quite the same way again. Dive into the world beyond Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower to see the individuals whose daily choices would become the foundation of our history and build the nuanced nation we live in today.
SEPTEMBER 15—ARRIVAL IN A NEW WORLD

Arrive at Boston Logan International airport and meet your guide. Transfer to our centrally-located accommodations near Plymouth Harbor. Freshen up at the hotel before coming together at a Welcome Reception and dinner, where you will get to know your fellow WAC travelers and compare stories of the First Thanksgiving that you learned growing up.

Overnight: Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor or similar
Meals: D

SEPTEMBER 16 — GOOD MORROW, PLYMOUTH!

After breakfast at the hotel, stroll down to the quaint Plymouth Waterfront. Begin the day at Pilgrim Hall with its unmatched collection of 17th Century Pilgrim’s possessions from cooking pots to writing cabinets, artifacts passed down for generations, and each with a personal story to add to the understanding of the English and Wampanoag interactions during this time. Enjoy a tour of the recently restored Mayflower II. A replica of the famed vessel which brought the Pilgrims on its hazardous voyage to America, this boat also sailed across the Atlantic in 1957 as a gesture of good will from England to the US after WWII. Now a living history museum, you'll learn about the Pilgrim’s voyage, the 1957 crossing, as well as the takeover by American Indian Movement (AIM) protesters in the 1970s.

After lunch on your own, tour the Grist Mill, a still-operating water-powered mill which was used to transform maize corn into flour. This building increased the efficiency of the colonists who would otherwise have pounded the corn by hand with a mortar and pestle. In the afternoon, explore the historic side of town on a walking tour told from the Native perspective. Learn about the impact of the Europeans' decimation of the Pawtuxet village and what tense relationships grew after the arrival of the Mayflower. Finish the day over dinner with a local historian who will speak to the manner in which Plymouth maintains its connection to its roots while growing into the 21st Century.

Overnight:
Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor or similar
Meals: B, D
SEPTEMBER 17—THE TRUE FIRST THANKSGIVING

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before traveling to one of the finest living history museums in the United States, Plimouth Plantation. Learn the stories and lifestyle of the colonists in 1627 and speak with the Native peoples who live in the area and share their traditions with the public at this museum. After a morning exploring the Native Homesite, English Village, and Traditional Craft House, feast on flavors of both the English settlers and the Wampanoag, enjoying a taste of the two cultures for lunch. For those still curious, explore more of the museum on your own; others can spend the rest of the afternoon at their leisure. In the evening, enjoy a special demonstration of 17th Century hearth cooking from food historians.

Learn a few historical recipes, some good enough to try at home! With your appetite whetted, end the evening over dinner and continue the conversation with the food historian comparing your favorite Thanksgiving dishes to those more likely served at the first Thanksgiving—pigeon, salted cod, and venison.

Overnight: Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor or similar

Meals: B, L, D
SEPTEMBER 18—KING PHILIP'S WAR

This morning, visit the Wampanoag Reclamation Project, founded by Jessie Little Doe, a Wampanoag tribe member. This project has revived a language which had not been spoken for seven generations. Once eradicated by force and assimilation, the Wampanoag language is one of a handful of languages which was once thought to have become extinct. And now, as a result of this project, there are individuals who speak it fluently as their first language. Enjoy lunch nearby and speak with students about their experience of learning the language of their ancestors and the political issues the tribe faces.

The afternoon will be spent in a somber visit to the sites of King Philip’s War. Learn the story of the Wampanoag leader, Massasoit, who lived peacefully with the English for fifty years, and his son-- known by the English as King Philip—who in 1675 would start a war against the Europeans to drive from their lands. The brutal war lasted three years, resulting in the devastation of the native population of New England. After a reflective afternoon, come together over dinner to consider the historic impact of the stories heard.

Meal: B, L, D

SEPTEMBER 19—FARE THEE WELL!

Savor a final breakfast together this morning at the hotel with a new appreciation of America’s true colonial foundation and the many elements that contributed to it. Say farewell before returning to Boston Logan International Airport to catch your flight homeward.

Meal: B
**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**THIS PROGRAM INCLUDES**

- All activities, sightseeing, and entry fees listed in the itinerary.
- Accommodations as described in the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the itinerary, including wine and beer at dinner.
- Transportation by private motor coach.
- Bottled water during all excursions.
- Whisper headsets for all tour participants.
- Comprehensive cultural information and reading materials.
- The services of World Affairs Council tour managers and hosts.
- All gratuities for participants and staff to cover drivers, wait staff at group meals, guides, and tour directors.

**THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Transportation to and from Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- Personal expenses (including cab fares, laundry, personal items, room service charges).
- Food and beverage other than that specified in the itinerary.
- Travel insurance (strongly encouraged).
- Medical expenses.
- Costs associated with trip interruption or modification due to weather, travel conditions, political/civil disputes, medical emergencies or other causes beyond our control.

**HEALTH**

- All travelers must be at least 18 years of age by the date of travel. Trip participants must ensure that they are suitably fit to allow full participation.

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

- Final payment is due 90 days before the trip, June 17, 2021. Cancellation after this period incurs cancellation fees. The deposit is non-refundable but may be transferred to future credit on another trip.
  - 50% non-refundable if cancelled after June 17th, 2021
  - 100% non-refundable if cancelled after July 17th, 2021

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

- We strongly recommend the purchase travel insurance, including trip cancellation insurance. Information on recommended travel insurance will be shared in the welcome email and made available upon request.

**SPECIAL NOTE ON COVID-19**

We understand that travelers are wary of booking arrangements because of the growing concern of COVID-19. If authorities deem it unsafe to travel to Plymouth, we will cancel the trip no later than 30 days before departure as safety is always our number one priority. In the event of cancellation on our end due to COVID-19 concerns, we will fully refund all participants less any unrecoverable costs.
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**ROOMING OPTIONS:**
- I will be sharing a room with my travel companion, and will required: ____ one bed in our room OR ____ two beds in our room.
- I would like to be paired with another traveler of the same gender. I understand if that is not possible, I will have a room to myself and agree to pay the $499 single room supplement.
- I prefer to have a private room to my self and agree to pay the $499 single room supplement.

**PAYMENT:**
Here is my deposit of $_____ ($200 per person) for ___ place(s)
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Signature

Signature Traveler 2 (if applicable)

Date