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Boston, MA, with French Culture
3 Days 2 nights

Day 1:

Depart from your school for Woonsocket, RI.
Arrive at the Museum of Work and Culture in Woonsocket, RI.
Enjoy your bag or boxed lunch in the outdoor picnic area.
Admission to the Museum of Work and Culture in Woonsocket, RI, to include a guided tour, subject to availability.

Option: ***We can request a French speaking guide, subject to availability.***

An interactive Museum that presents the compelling story of the French Canadians who left the farms of Quebec for the factories of the New England area, showcasing the remarkable story of a people's preservation of their faith, language and customs and their acculturation into the working class of America. Cross the threshold of a Quebecois farmhouse to encounter a habitant's life and family in the pre-industrial era, then journey through Woonsocket's workaday world. Through the Museum's changing exhibits, visitors can explore the history, art, and culture that exist in Woonsocket and the Blackstone River Valley area today. Visit the Museum Store.

Hours vary: *closed on Mondays.*

Tour of St. Ann's Arts and Cultural Center in Woonsocket, RI, *April - December, subject to availability. St. Ann's Church was built between 1913 and 1917 by French Canadian immigrants to serve the religious & social needs of the community. Built in modern French Renaissance style, the building exhibits all of the rich classical details of Romanesque architecture. In the 1920's, over 40 stained glass windows, designed and produced by French artists, were installed.*

The interior walls, vaults, and ceilings of the church were completely covered in fresco paintings by Guido Nincheri, a native of Florence, in the style made famous by Michelangelo and Raphael. In many ways, the themes and extent of the paintings are reminiscent of those in the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

When the Diocese closed and sold off St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in 2000, former parishioners worked with art lovers to step in and save the building that had been a second home to so many poor French Canadian immigrants and mill workers since the early 1900s.

Depart for Boston, MA.

Approx. 1 hr. driving time depending upon traffic.

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Arrive in Boston, MA.
Dinner at a local French restaurant, subject to availability.
90 min. Walking Ghost Tour takes you through the historic and haunted streets in search of the countless ghosts rumored to haunt the city. Follow the guides as they lead you by lantern-light while telling you about the ghost stories and legends of the city.
Depart for a local hotel outside Boston.
Time to check in.

Day 2:

Breakfast.
Depart for New England Aquarium.
Entrance to the New England Aquarium located at Central Wharf. The new open-air pavilion features a 60-foot long 68,000 gallon pool. The new Boston Harborwalk wraps around the Center so that visitors can view the seals from the Harborwalk.
Aquarium hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 5pm.
Saturday, Sunday and most holidays: 9 am – 6 pm.
Option: ***Add an IMAX film at the Aquarium for an additional price per person.***
Time for lunch on your own.
Guided Walking Tour of the Historic Freedom Trail to include Faneuil Hall and the Paul Revere House, with focus on the French contribution to Boston's History.
Time for shopping, sightseeing and picture taking on your own at Quincy Market.
Option: *Visit Harvard Square on own.*
Option: ***For an additional price per person: Entrance to Jay Gees to include the "Fun Pass per person." 1 Go-Kart Ride, 1 Round of Mini-Golf, 1 Batting Cage Token, 1 bumper car ride and 1 Ice Cream Cone or Slush, subject to change. There is an arcade – tokens not included.***
Dinner at the Hard Rock Café, or similar local restaurant, subject to availability.
Admission to the Prudential Tower Skywalk at the Prudential Center on the 50th floor which offers a panorama of the city and suburbs. Hours: Hours: Daily 10 am -10 pm, subject to change.
Depart for the hotel.

Day 3:

Breakfast.
Depart for Museum of Fine Arts Boston.

Admission to the Museum of Fine Arts Boston with self-guided visit. *Explore the MFA's collection of sixteenth to twentieth century French paintings, including one of the largest and best collections of French Barbizon, as well as Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings outside of France. Features works by Corot, Millet, Courbet, Manet, Degas, Cezanne, Monet, Renoir, Gauguin and Matisse.*

Option: *A guided tour is an additional price per person.*

Time for lunch on your own at the Prudential Center Food Court.

OPTION: **Admission to Six Flags New England is an additional price person, subject to park hours.**

Depart for your school.
Highway stop for dinner on your own
Arrive at your school late at night.