

**USS BOSTON SHIPMATES REUNION**  
**GLOUCESTER AND ROCKPORT Tour**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2014**

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**Tour # 1      6 Coaches are reserved**

**9:00 AM** Coaches will stage at the Doubletree Hotel, Danvers by the Ballroom door. Coaches will be labeled "Gloucester and Rockport Tour"  
Tour Guide will have list and check passengers off / collect tickets  
Coaches will have a bottle of water for each person on board



**9:30 AM** Relax as we head up the Gold Coast of the North of Boston Region. Gloucester, MA, settled in 1623, is America's oldest seaport. Located 35 miles north of Boston, Gloucester is situated at the center of Cape Ann, has one of the finest harbors in Massachusetts and remains one of the busiest fishing ports on the Eastern seaboard.

Visit **Hammond Castle** - located on the Atlantic coast in the Magnolia area of Gloucester, Massachusetts. John Hays Hammond, Jr. built his medieval-style castle between the years 1926 and 1929 to serve both as his home and as a backdrop for his collection of Roman, medieval, and Renaissance artifacts. The castle was constructed as a wedding present for his wife Irene Fenton Hammond to prove how much he cared for her. In addition, the building housed the Hammond Research Corporation, from which Dr. Hammond produced over 400 patents and the ideas for over 800 inventions. Second only to Thomas Alva Edison in number of patents, John Hammond was one of America's premier inventors. His most important work was the development of remote control via radio waves, which earned him the title, "The Father of Remote Control." You will visit the great hall, indoor courtyard, Renaissance dining room, two guest bedrooms, the inventions exhibit room, the library, the War room, the kitchens, the Natalie Hays Hammond exhibit room, servants quarters, as well as several smaller rooms and passage ways including a secret passageway.

You may also enjoy the beauty of the castle grounds and a view of the Atlantic shore line while strolling through our gardens or sitting on a bench taking in that view.

**Bus 1: 10:00 AM    Bus 2: 10:30 AM    Bus 3: 11:00 AM    Bus 4: 11:30 AM    Bus 5: 12:00 PM    Bus 6: 12:30 PM**

Then, it's onto **Rockport** where you will have time for lunch and browsing at **Bearskin Neck**



*Bearskin Neck is a small neck of land that juts out of the town center into Rockport Harbor. Legend has it that the small peninsula is so-named for menacing bears that early settlers routed onto the neck and hunted. Rockport's early fishing and granite industries made Bearskin Neck a busy commercial dock area owing to its convenience as a landing place. The tip of the Neck actually housed a fort during the War of 1812 which was fired upon regularly by British warships. Today the rocky end of the Bearskin Neck jetty offers a fine view of both Sandy Bay and the town of Rockport.*

*What really makes Bearskin Neck one of the principal attractions in Rockport however is the quaint little studios, shops, and restaurants that line its narrow roads. For Bearskin Neck is a bustling artist colony where one is just as likely to see an artist at his easel as a lobsterman hauling his traps. The tiny studios surround a famous old red fish house known as **Motif #1**. The "Motif" was originally built in 1884 and has had to be rebuilt several times due to the ravages of nature. It's still a treat for the eyes however, and is said to be the most photographed building in the country. Bearskin Neck offers something for every visitor and is well worth the trip to one of Cape Ann's easternmost points.*

**2:00 PM** Board your coach to return to the Doubletree Hotel.

**2:30 PM** Approximate return to hotel

**Price per person: \$41.00 per person**

**Price includes: Motorcoach transportation and driver gratuities, guide and guide gratuities, admission to Hammond Castle, and Bottled Water on board coach.**