



400 YEARS IN THE MAKING

America is poised for an Anniversary of national and international significance; the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony. The Plymouth 400 Anniversary will highlight the cultural contributions and American traditions that began with the interaction of the Wampanoag and English peoples, a story that significantly shaped the building of America.

Each of Plymouth 400's commemorative events and programs highlight America's story of exploration, innovation, self governance, religious expression, immigration and thanksgiving. Learn how these legacies, sparked by these historic events, continue today as cornerstones of our nation.

NATIVE AMERICAN EXHIBIT & EVENT
PILGRIM DESCENDANT EVENTS
WAMPANOAG HISTORY CONFERENCE
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SUMMIT
MULTI-DAY CULTURAL FESTIVALS
ORIGINAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
AMERICAN THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION
HISTORIC EXHIBITS & TOURS
AUTHENTIC CUISINE
SEASIDE RESORTS
WORLD LEADERS & CELEBRITIES
HARBOR & OCEAN EXCURSIONS

Plymouth 400 Signature Events and Programs for 2020

PLYMOUTH 400 COMMEMORATION OPENING CEREMONY

An International Event | April 24, 2020

Location: Memorial Hall and surrounding area, Plymouth, MA

The Opening Ceremony will be a cross-cultural spectacle of historical content, visual and performing arts, special guest speakers and more. Honoring the past and celebrating the future, each of the commemoration's themes will be presented in creative ways. VIP invitations include national leaders, heads of state, and other international dignitaries.

OFFICIAL MARITIME SALUTE

June 27-28, 2020

Location: Plymouth, MA: Harbor & Waterfront

The Plymouth 400 Official Maritime Salute will honor the Pilgrim's *Mayflower* journey with a parade of sail in and around Plymouth Harbor. A regatta of wooden ships, official vessels, work boats and pleasure craft will culminate in a traditional New England lobster dinner at the waterfront.

WAMPANOAG ANCESTORS WALK

August 1, 2020

Location: Plymouth, MA

The Wampanoag Ancestors Walk will be led by people from the Wampanoag tribes of Massachusetts. Placards will be carried with the names of the original 69 villages of the Wampanoag Nation. Participants will pay homage to Massasoit and King Phillip and stop at designated sites to bless the spots where their ancestors once walked. The event will conclude with a drum ceremony and reception.

OFFICIAL STATE HOUSE SALUTE TO THE 400th ANNIVERSARY

Pilgrim & Wampanoag Story

September 14, 2020

Location: Massachusetts State House, Boston, MA

This Ceremony will honor the Pilgrim forefathers and Native people who are immortalized in the historic founding of Plymouth Colony. The rarely seen journal of Governor William Bradford will be on display and State legislators, the governor and other national and international dignitaries will be invited to speak.

EMBARKATION FESTIVAL

A Multi-Day Cultural Festival | September 19 & 20, 2020

Location: Plymouth, MA

This grand cultural and arts festival will honor the traditions, cuisine, and music of not only the original settlers and Wampanoag people but the diverse immigrants who followed and contributed to the fabric of American life. National and international in scope, invited dignitaries will include heads of state, celebrities, and students from around the world.

INDIGENOUS HISTORY CONFERENCE & POWWOW

October 30-November 1, 2020

Location: Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA

The conference will celebrate the longevity and continuity of America's indigenous people. This cultural event will feature the historical and contemporary contributions of the Wampanoag and other Native nations. Speakers will include both native and non-native scholars and experts and culminate in a traditional Powwow.

2020 THANKSGIVING EVENTS

Concerts: November 20

Parade: November 21

"One Small Candle" Ceremony: November 22

Thanksgiving Festival Events: November 23-24

Illuminate Thanksgiving: November 25

Location: Plymouth, MA

This series of events leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday, promotes gratitude and giving. The events are designed to create an inspirational atmosphere anywhere that people gather, to stimulate gratitude and giving in communities, groups and families. Based upon Governor Bradford's quote, "Just as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many..." the One Small Candle Award is given to an individual who has positively affected many.

"OUR"STORY: 400 YEARS OF WAMPANOAG HISTORY

Regional Traveling Exhibit - Ongoing

Told from the Native perspective, "Our"Story is an educational exhibition created to highlight critical elements of Wampanoag history, "Powwow" being the most recent addition to the series. This exhibition, created by a Wampanoag research and design team, travels regionally. The exhibit expands each year leading up to 2020 with new "chapters" in the history and culture of the "people of the dawn."

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Visit Plymouth400inc.org for more information on upcoming events, partnership opportunities, and other ways you can be part of this once-in-a-lifetime commemoration!

Commemorating the 400th Anniversary of America's Founding Story

THE OFFICIAL PLYMOUTH 400TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

"Plymouth 400 is an American story and a National Legacy. So much of what has defined our Nation is found in this iconic tale of exploration, innovation, self-governance, religious freedom, immigration and thanksgiving. The cultural contributions and American traditions that began with the interaction of the Wampanoag and English peoples have significantly shaped the building of America and continue to provide lessons for our future. In fact, we have yet to realize the many legacies sparked by these historic events."

Charles D Baker,
Governor of Massachusetts

The Wampanoags or People of the First Light were here long before any Europeans arrived and they continue to live on Cape Cod. On our tour you will get to meet some of them and hear how the landing of the Pilgrims affected their way of life.



Day 1 BOSTON – DUXBURY – PLYMOUTH

Visit the New England Historic Genealogical Society for an orientation and tour of the library, as well as a special presentation about the First Families. Admission to the Alden Family house museum.



Day 2 - PLYMOUTH

Our Wampanoag Guide talks about the meeting of the Pilgrims and discusses life in the tribe at that time. Our Plymouth historian takes us to the key Pilgrim sights and to Leyden Street – where the Pilgrims first lived. Admission to the Pilgrim Hall Museum housing an unmatched collection of Pilgrim possessions.



DAY 3 - PLYMOUTH

Admission to the Plimoth Plantation. Visit the 17th-Century English village with live demos on blacksmithing, farming and cooking – then visit the Wampanoag Homesite. Head to the waterfront to see the Mayflower II – Learn about the Mayflower Compact and sign your own copy. Board our boat for a cruise around Clark's Island to hear about its significance both for the Native People and also for the Pilgrims (sight of the first Sabbath in the New World). This evening experience a tribal social feast with music arranged by one of the native members of the Wampanoag Tribe.



DAY 4 - CAPE COD

Admission to the Provincetown Pilgrim Monument and Museum. See the First Landing Park and Mayflower Compact Monument. Get both the Pilgrim and Native perspective at Corn Hill and First Encounter Beach. Enjoy a Lobster Bake.



DAY 5 – MARTHA'S VINEYARD (NOEPE)

Our Wampanoag Guide will give us a tour of the island.



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The Official Plymouth 400th Anniversary Tour

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an Orientation Tour of Boston including an exclusive visit to the New England Historic Genealogical Society with a special presentation of the "First Families"
- Visit the King's Chapel Burial Ground and see the gravesite of original Plymouth Pilgrim, Mary Chilton
- Discover present-day Plymouth and visit Leyden Street, the site of the original Pilgrim settlement and oldest continuously inhabited street in the U.S.
- Tour the Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest in America, and see the incredible collection of Pilgrim artifacts
- Explore the living history museum of Plimoth Plantation and its associated sites, including the Wampanoag Home Site and Mayflower II, the Pilgrims floating home for 66 harrowing days (when she's in port)
- Visit Coles Hill and Burial Hill, the burial grounds of the Pilgrims
- Visit nearby Duxbury and tour the home of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins as well as the Myles Standish Monument and gravesite
- Journey to the very tip of Cape Cod and enjoy a tour of Provincetown, where the Pilgrims first landed and signed the Mayflower Compact
- Travel to Corn Hill where the Pilgrims stole a cache of corn belonging to the Wampanoags, which helped keep them alive that first winter
- Explore First Encounter Beach where the first skirmish with the Wampanoag people occurred
- Visit the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum and learn about the original Native inhabitants of the area and their 12,000 years of history and culture
- Sail to Martha's Vineyard (Noepe) and visit the spiritual site at the Clay Cliffs of Aquinnah and the Aquinnah Cultural Center for a closer look into the lives of the island's native people



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