



MetroWest Boston offers a number of attractions in the region for history enthusiasts, as well as being a convenient home base for visits to historical sites in other areas of New England. We recommend the following as one amazing itinerary:

## History Lover's Tour

**DAY 1:** Spend the morning at the **American Heritage Museum**, North America's most extraordinary museum of military and world history, featuring **an astounding collection of historic aircraft, tanks, armored vehicles, classic automobiles and rare relics** from the Revolutionary War through WWII to today, including over a dozen **one-of-a-kind artifacts, immersive exhibits and living history events**. Start your tour in a WWI trench, listening to a nurse tell the tale of treating wounded soldiers at the Front; while she's talking, bombs explode around you and the ground shakes, giving you a glimpse of what it would have been like to truly be there.



Once you've seen your fill of the Heritage's amazing collection, head into downtown Hudson for lunch at **Less Than Greater Than**, a mysterious, intriguing experience that provides guests with handcrafted classic cocktails and innovative boundary-pushing cuisine in a restaurant hidden in **an old Prohibition-era speakeasy** disguised as a cobbler shop (can't find it? You can always get there by asking for the secret door in the New City Microcreamery ice cream shop next door!)

After lunch, drive to **Longfellow's Wayside Inn** in Sudbury, which began life in 1716, making it **the oldest continuously operating inn in the United States**. Explore the historic buildings on this amazing property, including the **Old Barn**, dating from the early 1800's and currently displaying antique coaches, farming tools and other artifacts; the **Grist Mill**, a reproduction of the 1700's original built by Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motors, in 1929; the **Redstone Schoolhouse**, a charming one-room schoolhouse built in 1798 that gained fame as the school in the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb"; as well as the **Martha-Mary Chapel, Ice House, Gate House** and **beautiful grounds**. Finally, check in to the Inn for a gourmet dinner and to stay the night. End the evening with a cocktail in front of the cozy fire, soaking in the ambiance of the Wayside itself.

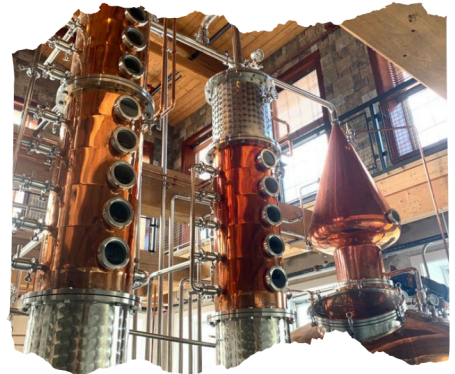






**DAY 2:** Indulge in a big country breakfast at the Inn, then make the short drive to the **Framingham History Center** to view their astonishing collection of 19,000+ artifacts, including pieces of enormous importance in American history, such as **John Hancock's signature**, one of only two **suffragette pins** left in existence, **tune books from the American Revolution**, and more. Visitors are allowed to not only wander the museum, but to access the Center's archive of historical documents.

After your museum visit, drive the half hour to Franklin, MA and have lunch at **GlenPharmer**, a restaurant and whiskey distillery housed in the historic granite and heavy timber mill buildings of **the Brookdale Mill, dating from 1883**. This premier destination distillery and tasting room offers behind-the-scenes tours as well as creative, chef-inspired cuisine that embraces the intersection of fine food and craft spirits.



After lunch, head over to the **Franklin Public Library**, the oldest public library in the U.S., to see **Benjamin Franklin's books**. The town was named for the famous statesman, and its citizens hoped he would donate a bell for the town's church, but instead, he gifted them with 116 books that became the core of the first lending library in America. The books are still on display in protected cases within the library.

Afterwards, stop at the **Franklin Historical Museum** to see other relics of the town's storied past, including **antique furniture, clothing, tools and household objects, and an enormous collection of old photographs**. Want to extend your stay in MetroWest? Find more historic sites and history-related events in the region on our website.



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