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The 2015 season of Boston's Architecture Cruises opens May 22

Co-sponsored by the BSA Foundation and hosted by the Charles Riverboat Company, the 2015 season of Architecture Cruises opens on Friday, May 22. Showcasing spectacular views of historic and contemporary architecture along Boston Harbor, the Charles River Locks, and the Charles River Basin, these 90-minute tours, narrated by Boston By Foot (BBF) guides, are a unique way to explore Boston's impressive architecture heritage and its history. Because of the tours' popularity, an additional tour at 2:30 pm on Saturdays is now available.

These are some of the fun and little-known facts shared on the cruises:

"The original State House dome was constructed of wood, which leaked and was clad in copper by Paul Revere in 1802. It was first gilded in 1874 and, since then, has been painted with gold leaf every 25 to 30 years."

"The John Hancock insurance company built its 790-foot, 60-story tower in a deliberate move to "out tall" the Prudential Tower, ironically on the site of the late-19th-century Westminster Hotel, which had to remove two floors due to height restrictions."

The boat has a cash bar where guests can purchase beer, wine, soda, and premium mixed drinks. Light snacks including chips and pretzels are also available.

Tours depart from the CambridgeSide Galleria (100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge) Friday, May 22, through Sunday, October 11, 2015). Hours are 10:00 am and 2:30 pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The cost is \$27.50 for adults and \$22.50 for children under 12, seniors, students, and Boston Society of Architects and BBF members. Private Architecture Cruises, ideal for corporate parties, can also be arranged. Call 617-621-3001 for pricing and availability.

Tickets are available online at charlesriverboat.com/tickets two weeks before a scheduled cruise date. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

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Charles Riverboat Company

The Charles Riverboat Company specializes in sightseeing cruises and private charters on the Charles River and Boston Harbor. It is open daily, from May 22 through October 11, with tours departing from the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall. Visit charlesriverboat.com for more information.



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