

# 2008 SBL ANNUAL MEETING TOUR FORM

November 21-25 • Boston, MA

## EXPLORE BOSTON TOUR- \$45.00 USD

Friday, November 21, 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Explore Boston's historical sites with a narrated tour aboard an luxury motorcoach. Your tour takes you through Boston's beautiful Victorian Back Bay area, built entirely upon reclaimed wetlands. In the center of the Back Bay is Copley Square, where you will see the architectural masterpiece, Trinity Church. You also pass by the historic Symphony Hall and the Boston Public Library. Next, you drive through the prestigious Beacon Hill neighborhood and pass by the Massachusetts State House, the Boston Commons and Public Gardens, home to the our famous swan boats. In the Boston's renowned North End, you take a brief walk up to the historical Old North Church. During your walk, you experience the North End's unique culture accented by tiny, curvy streets of cobblestone and home to over 85 restaurants and dining establishments, mostly Italian in taste and style. Your tour proceeds to the Charlestown Navy Yard, where "Old Ironsides" is berthed, for a photo opportunity and visit to the gift shop. Pass Bunker Hill Monument on your way back into Boston before returning to your hotel.

## INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART TOUR - \$56.00 USD

Saturday, November 22, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fans of modern art and architecture will enjoy visiting Boston's newest museum, the first major cultural institution to be built here in almost 100 years. After seventy years at the leading edge of art in the city, the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) has opened a new, visionary building poised to capture the stimulation of contemporary culture and the excitement of a revitalized waterfront area. The new ICA features a dramatic folding ribbon form and a cantilever that extends to the water's edge. The building was conceived both "from the sky down," as a contemplative space for experiencing contemporary art, and "from the ground up," providing dynamic areas for public enjoyment. The design weaves together interior and exterior space, producing shifting perspectives of the waterfront throughout the museum's galleries and public spaces. An influential forum for multi-disciplinary arts, the ICA has been at the leading edge of art in Boston for seventy years. Its exhibitions and programs provide access to contemporary art, artists, and the creative process, inviting audiences of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the excitement of new art and ideas.

## MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS TOUR - \$75.00 USD

Sunday, November 23, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Originally situated in Copley Square, the Museum of Fine Arts (affectionately referred to by locals as "the MFA") opened on July 4, 1876 — the nation's centennial — with over 5,600 works of art. Over the next several years, the collection and number of visitors grew exponentially, and in 1909 the Museum moved to its current home on Huntington Avenue. Today the MFA is one of the most comprehensive art museums in the world, with a collection encompassing nearly 450,000 works of art. The MFA welcomes more than one million visitors each year to experience its art from ancient Egyptian to contemporary, special exhibitions, and innovative educational programs. Designed by the world-renowned Foster and Partners architects, the New MFA comprises a new wing for American art; renovated art of Europe galleries; improved conservation and education facilities; a West Wing devoted entirely to contemporary art; and a new, larger public space—the Glass Courtyard. As you navigate through the exhibits with your museum guide, each turn reveals exquisite works of arts representing masters of early American painting, Asian scrolls, and Egyptian mummies.

## BOSTON'S NORTH END CULINARY TOUR - \$107.00 USD

Monday, November 24, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Tour Boston's historic North End and experience "Little Italy" like a native. Learn about its rich history. Discover the *pasticcerias* that offer the best *biscotti*, *amaretti*, *sfogliatelle*, *cassata*, *taralli*, *cannoli* and other confections. Visit an authentic *salumeria* in search of the best olive oil, balsamic vinegar, olives, *salami*, cheese, *prosciutto* and *pasta*. Savor the scents of a 70-year-old coffee and spice shop and an Old World candy store. Learn and be inspired by how the Mediterranean diet has influenced peoples' health since antiquity. Tour an *enoteca* to learn how to select *aperitivi* to begin, wine to complement, and *digestivi* to conclude your meal. Enjoy the colorful sights, the tantalizing aromas and authentic tastes of America's most vibrant Italian neighborhood. At the conclusion of the tour, you'll stop at a local *trattoria* to enjoy a refreshing espresso, gelato or a glass of *Prosecco*. Your North End vendors and tour guide are happy to answer any questions about any of the wonderful Italian products discovered on tour.

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Tour Reservation Deadline: Friday, October 31, 2008

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

TOUR	NUMBER OF TICKETS	CHARGES
Explore Boston Tour	_____	x \$45 _____
Institute Of Contemporary Art Tour	_____	x \$56 _____
Museum Of Fine Arts Tour	_____	x \$75 _____
Boston's North End Culinary Tour	_____	x \$107 _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____ USD</b>

## Form of Payment (choose one)

Note: Registration will be accepted in USD funds only.

Charge a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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My check is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Make payable to Society of Biblical Literature; U.S. funds drawn on U.S. bank in U.S. dollar account.

## Mail Form To:

2008 SBL AM Tours  
Society of Biblical Literature  
The Luce Center, Suite 350  
825 Houston Mill Road NE  
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## Fax Form To: 1-404-727-3101

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Please allow 10 business days for processing.

## Questions Only:

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