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THE FREEDOM TRAIL® FOUNDATION WILL OFFER HISTORIC HOLIDAY STROLL

BOSTON – August 13, 2008 – One of the best times to stroll the Freedom Trail is during the holidays, when the streets are sparkling and the window displays are enticing. Visitors can enjoy this festive atmosphere once again on The Freedom Trail Foundation's Historic Holiday Stroll. This merry **90-minute tour will be offered Thursday through Sunday at 3:30pm beginning November 15 through January 2008.**

Led by a costumed tour guide dressed in 19th century *Dickensian* garb, visitors learn how holiday traditions evolved in Boston and experience highlights of the American Revolution. A stop at one of the museum stores for last minute shopping, where visitors will enjoy 10 to 20% off "traditional" gifts for loved ones or themselves is included at three Freedom Trail sites – Old South Meeting House, Old State House (3 locations) and Old North Church. . The tour ends with visitors warming their bones with hot chocolate, tea, or wine and Boston Crème Pie at the historic Omni Parker House Hotel.

"This tour is a wonderful way to experience revolutionary history on the Freedom Trail and even get some last minute shopping done," said Mimi La Camera, President of The Freedom Trail Foundation. "History comes alive, especially during the holidays when the atmosphere in Boston is reminiscent of the 19th century. The Holiday Stroll will make visitors feel like characters in 'A Christmas Carol' set against the unique backdrop of The Freedom Trail and the American Revolution. "

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The Historic Holiday Stroll is offered **Thursday through Sunday** and begins at the **Faneuil Hall Bostix Booth at 3:30pm*** The **cost is \$27 for adults and \$18 for children** and includes a 90 historic minute **tour, shopping discounts and refreshments at the Omni Parker House**. Reservations are required and can be made online at **TheFreedomTrail.org** or by calling **617.357.8300**. * (weather permitting, though the tour has never been canceled)

About the Freedom Trail Foundation

The Freedom Trail Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to marketing, promoting and preserving the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail is a 2.5-mile path that leads to 16 of the country's most significant historical landmarks. The Sites are not adaptations or re-creations, they are real, and each one played a pivotal role in America's rebellious beginning – familiar events such as the Boston Tea Party, the Boston Massacre, Paul Revere's role in the first battle, the Battle of Bunker Hill – and the growth of the young nation. Marked by a red brick path or a painted red line, the Trail weaves its way through Boston's proud past in the midst of this vital, modern city. Development of the African American Patriots Tour was underwritten in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.