Give Me Libertea!

Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum and Old South Meeting House join to celebrate the 245th anniversary of The Boston Tea Party

The Boston Tea Party will come to life on Sunday, Dec. 16, when Boston celebrates the 245th anniversary of one of America’s most foundational public protests. The annual re-enactment will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Boston’s Old South Meeting House and the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, and is a great tour stop for groups.

More than 100 re-enactors will tell the story of the evening of Dec. 16, 1773 with a spirited re-creation of the stirring debate at the actual historic hall where colonists gathered to protest the Tea Act of 1773 and demand colonial rights. Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere, and other colonial leaders will be on hand for the heated debate with crown-loving Loyalists—only this time, you are the audience and encouraged to join in on the debate. (Note: Tickets are required for this portion of the event. All other parts of the re-enactment are free and open to the public.)

Led by fife and drums, your group will then join a march from the Old South Meeting House to the waterfront (where Griffin’s Wharf once stood) to watch the Sons of Liberty destroy actual (expired) loose tea donated by London’s own East India Company, which is still in existence, and the general public (see Hot Tip).

For tickets, up-to-date details on the event, and a list of participating hotels and restaurants, visit www.december16.org.

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