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Plimoth Plantation Backgrounder 2013

The hearth of the local community and a Massachusetts state treasure, Plimoth Plantation is a non-profit living history museum and an international travel destination, welcoming more than 360,000 visitors annually from at least 80 countries around the world. Since the Museum was founded in 1947, millions of people have taken the opportunity to journey back in time to the 17th Century.

The Museum spans five major sites at three different locations: the Wampanoag Homesite, the 17th-Century English Village, the Craft Center, *Mayflower II* and the Plimoth Grist Mill. Intensive research combined with a great deal of passion creates this immersive experience that goes beyond a traditional museum venue. Plimoth Plantation brings the 17th Century to life by re-creating the people, artifacts and communities of the two starkly different cultures, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag, who came together in 1620. The multicultural significance of this period is not only meaningful, but globally applicable to the lives of contemporary Museum-goers of all ages.

Plimoth Plantation's guests connect with this story across each of the Museum's recreated sites via award-winning interpretation, live theater, demonstrations, exhibits, workshops, special interest clubs and dining experiences. Plimoth Plantation is committed to inspiring fun and education through powerful and creative means, adhering to the museum's philosophy, "You can't change history...but it can change you."

Additional Details

Plimoth Plantation is located off Route 3 south (Exit 4) in Plymouth, Massachusetts, less than one hour from downtown Boston and just 20 minutes north of the beachfront and resort communities of Cape Cod (Route 3 north - Exit 5). Facilities include a modern visitor center with theaters, multiple specialty shops, a dining café and courtyard, as well as private function rooms and exhibit space. Plimoth Plantation is open daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, the third week in March through November 24, 2013.

Plimoth Plantation is a private, 501(c)(3), not-for-profit educational institution supported by admission fees, contributions, memberships and revenue from a variety of educational programs/dining/special events and Museum Shops. Plimoth Plantation is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate and receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, private foundations, corporations and local businesses. The Museum is also the 2011 recipient of the Commonwealth Award for Creative Learning—Massachusetts' highest honor for the humanities.

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