

BOSTON



Birthplace of the American Revolution, Boston is one of the oldest cities in the United States and a fascinating, accessible tourist destination, even for first-time visitors to the USA. Widely considered to be the most European city in America, Boston will charm you with its rich history and its distinct neighbourhoods. Discover the architecture, culture and historic pride of this economic capital with a sightseeing tour—by bike, “Duck Tour” or on foot—or self-guided tour. Numerous historic sites bear witness to America’s fight for liberty, from North End to Beacon Hill to Back Bay.



BOSTON

WHAT TO DO

WATERFRONT ★

If you fancy a little salt air, a walk along the Boston Waterfront, on **Atlantic Avenue**, will allow you to admire the boats and the various docks such as **Commercial Wharf, Long Wharf and Rowes Wharf ★**. You can also stop for a picnic in **Christopher Columbus Park**.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM ★★★

The New England Aquarium has so much to offer that visitors of all ages hardly know where to look first! From sharks to penguins, clownfish to anacondas, the aquarium is home to **more than 600 species of animals, reptiles and fish**, including several **rare specimens**. The main attraction is, without a doubt, the **Giant Ocean Tank, a four-storey, 700,000-litre coral reef** featuring hundreds of Caribbean reef animals that visitors can observe through large glass windows. In addition to traditional aquarium tanks, the aquarium offers the chance to **observe an array of marine mammals and birds**. An open-air marine mammal habitat houses

seals and sea lions that can be seen lounging, playing and zooming around the exhibit space. Open Monday-Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. and Saturday-Sunday from 9 am to 6 pm.
1 CENTRAL WHARF, BOSTON
617-973-5200
WWW.NEAQ.ORG

WHALE-WATCHING TOUR ★

Climb on board the Voyager III, a **high-speed catamaran operated by Boston Harbor Cruises**, which has partnered up with the **New England Aquarium** to offer **3,5 hour whale-watching cruises**. The cruise will take you to the heart of **Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary**, one of the most active marine sanctuaries in the world, three miles north of Cape Cod at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay. You will have the chance to observe these majestic marine mammals in their natural habitat, and learn all about them from **onboard naturalist guides trained by New England Aquarium experts**. This area is home to **several kinds of large whales**, including acrobatic humpback whales, finback whales, minke whales,

pilot whales and the critically endangered right whales, as well as dolphins, sea birds and other marine life. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made directly on their website. Departures every day from mid-March to mid-November, with one departure per day in low season and several sailings per day in high season.
1 LONG WHARF, BOSTON
617-973-5206
WWW.NEAQ.ORG/EXHIBITS/WHALE-WATCH

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ★

If you're travelling with young children and would like to treat them to a **fun learning experience**, the Boston Children's Museum is sure to please! **One of the largest children's museums in the world and one of the oldest and most beautiful in the United States**, it is entirely dedicated to educating children through hands-on experience and play, with exhibits focusing on topics such as health & fitness, environmental awareness, culture, the arts and science. The museum's young visitors will enjoy interacting with the

museum's many innovative, child-centred exhibits. It is also one of the few children's museums in the world to maintain a **collection of more than 50,000 items**. Open Wednesday-Sunday from 9 am to noon and from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. You must reserve.
308 CONGRESS STREET, BOSTON
617-426-6500
WWW.BOSTONCHILDRENSMUSEUM.ORG

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART (ICA) ★

Contemporary art lovers are sure to enjoy visiting this **small museum overlooking Massachusetts Bay**. In addition to regularly-changing temporary collections, you can admire the **permanent collection of videos, photographs and paintings** by great **American and international artists**. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm and Thursday-Friday from 10 am to 9 pm.
25 HARBOR SHORE DRIVE, BOSTON
617-478-3100
WWW.ICABOSTON.ORG
BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS AND MUSEUM



WATERFRONT VIEW

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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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The Boston Tea Party was an important historic event that **paved the way for the American Revolution** and the **War of Independence of 1776**. More than one hundred **American patriots, angry** about the unpopular policies and taxes imposed by Great Britain and the British East India Company's monopoly on tea sales, **dumped an entire shipment of 45 tons of tea from three British ships into Boston Harbour**, disguised as Native Americans. The museum's guided tour will take you onto a full-scale restored 18th-century sailing vessel where you will **relive, and even take part in, the Boston Tea Party**, accompanied by **interpreters in period costume**. The museum also offers a collection of historic artifacts, interactive exhibits and an award-winning multi-sensory documentary. The museum is open Thursday-Monday from 10 am to 4 pm.

306 CONGRESS STREET,
BOSTON
1-866-955-0667
WWW.BOSTONTEAPARTYSHIP.COM

FREEDOM TRAIL ★★★

This **4-kilometre red-lined route** will lead you to **16 official historic sites**, including churches, cemeteries, museums, parks and houses, that played a **significant role in the American Revolution**. The complete circuit takes about a day. If you don't have time to



BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS AND MUSEUM



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SUNSET ON BOSTON

see it all, here are some of the highlights you won't want to miss:

BOSTON COMMON ★

Boston Common is America's oldest **public park**. Located in the heart of Boston, the Common has **borne witness to many significant events in the city's history since its founding in 1634**. Puritan colonists purchased the land rights to the Common's 44 acres from the first settler of the area, Anglican minister William Blackstone. The pasture then became known as the **"Common Land" and was used to graze local livestock**. Over the years, it has served as a camp for British troops, a site for public hangings and civil war recruitment, and has played host to anti-slavery meetings, anti-Vietnam War and civil rights rallies, and public assemblies of all kinds. Boston Common is the **starting point for the Freedom Trail**. Pay a visit to the **Boston Common Visitor Center** (139 Tremont Street), inside the park, before setting out to explore the Trail. Boston Common is also the perfect spot to relax by "Frog Pond", which features a children's carousel and water games in summer and becomes an ice-skating rink in winter, or to go for a stroll along one of the park's short pedestrian trails.

BETWEEN TREMONT, CHARLES AND BEACON STREETS
WWW.BOSTON.GOV/PARKS/BOSTON-COMMON

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE ★★

This historic Puritan church, built in **1729, was the biggest building in all of colonial Boston** and an **important gathering place for almost three hundred years**. Members of the congregation included none other than patriot leader and founding father **Samuel Adams** and **Benjamin Franklin**, founding father and signer of the Declaration of Independence. This was the place where **colonists met time after time to challenge British rule**. On December 16, 1773, 5,000 colonists gathered to decide what to do about the tea on ships moored in the Boston harbour, leading to the events of the Boston Tea Party. Old South Meeting House is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. Please note that the doors will close at 4 pm on June 30 and July 1st.

310 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON
617-720-1713
WWW.REVOLUTIONARYSPACES.ORG/OSMH

OLD STATE HOUSE ★★

The **oldest surviving public building in Boston** and the former **seat of colonial government**, the Old State House was at the center of several events that sparked the American Revolution. It was in front of the Old State House that, on a cold night in March 1770, a group of British soldiers opened fire, killing five Bostonians and injuring many others. This incident, known as the **Boston Massacre**, fueled the anger of the Patriots and led to public protests and threats of retaliation. On July 18, 1776, the **Declaration of Independence was first read to the people of Boston** from the Old State House balcony. The museum is open every day from 10 am to 5 pm. Please note that it will open at 11 am on July 4, after reading the Declaration of Independence.

206 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON
617-720-1713
WWW.REVOLUTIONARYSPACES.ORG/OSH

FANEUIL HALL ★★

Faneuil Hall **played an important historical role in the build-up to the American War of Independence** and has served as an open forum for debate and discussion for over 250 years. Behind the Hall stands

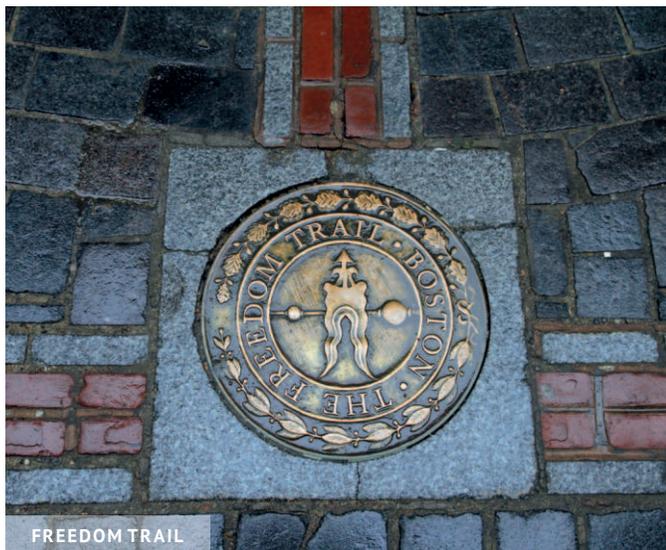
a statue of Samuel Adams, an important figure in American history. Known as the **Cradle of Liberty**, Faneuil Hall was **built in 1741 by wealthy merchant Peter Faneuil** to be a permanent public market house. The building is topped by the famous gilded **"Grasshopper"** weather vane, symbol of the Boston Harbour. Usually open Wednesday-Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days.

1 FANEUIL HALL SQUARE, BOSTON
WWW.NPS.GOV/BOST/LEARN/HISTORYCULTURE/FH.HTM

QUINCY MARKET ★★

Just behind historic Faneuil Hall **★★** is the **Faneuil Hall Marketplace**, a **series of restored 19th century buildings housing food stalls, cafes, shops and restaurants** of all kinds. The main building, **Quincy Market ★★**, is a Greek Revival gem built in 1826 to accommodate the overflow of vendors from nearby Faneuil Hall. You will find something for every taste: it's the perfect to stop for an inexpensive bite to eat. One of Boston's must-see attractions! Open Monday-Saturday from 10 am to 9 pm and Sunday from noon to 6 pm.

4 SOUTH MARKET STREET, BOSTON
617-523-1300
WWW.QUINCY-MARKET.COM



FREEDOM TRAIL

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OLD STATE HOUSE

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PAUL REVERE HOUSE★

Built around 1680, the Paul Revere House is the **oldest remaining structure in downtown Boston** and the only home on the Freedom Trail. Paul Revere, a goldsmith, **purchased the house in 1770**. He and his family lived here when Revere made his famous “**Midnight Ride**” to Lexington on the night of **April 18-19, 1775** to inform John Hancock and Samuel Adams of the route taken by the 800 British soldiers coming to arrest them and seize their weapons and ammunition. You will learn about the **life and times of Paul Revere**, and will even see several pieces of furniture that belonged to the Revere family. Usually open daily from 10 am to 4:15 pm.

19 NORTH SQUARE, BOSTON
617-523-2338
WWW.PAULREVEREHOUSE.ORG

OLD NORTH CHURCH★★

Visit the **oldest standing church in Boston, founded in 1723** and made famous by Paul Revere’s “Midnight Ride”. It was from the church’s **steeple (the tallest in Boston)** that **two lanterns were hung signalling** the arrival of British soldiers by boat across the Charles River rather than over land, **on the night of April 18, 1775**. A real icon of American history! Usually open daily from 9 am to 6 pm in high season and Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm in low season.

93 SALEM STREET, BOSTON
617-523-6676
WWW.OLDNORTH.COM

USS CONSTITUTION★★★

Built in 1794, the USS Constitution is the **oldest commissioned U.S. navy warship afloat**, and a great source of national pride. She earned the nickname “Old Ironsides” during the War of

1812 when cannonballs fired at her appeared to bounce off, causing one of her crew to remark that her sides were made of iron. Note that the USS Constitution is open for public visitation, free of charge. The nearby **USS Constitution Museum** boasts an impressive collection of more than 3,000 objects spanning over 200 years of naval history. Open daily from 10 am to 5 pm.

CHARLESTON NAVY YARD, BOSTON
617-779-8198
WWW.NAVY.MIL/LOCAL/CONSTITUTION



BEACON HILL ★★

Beacon Hill is **one of Boston's most picturesque neighbourhoods**, with its English-style red brick houses, gas lanterns and cobblestone streets. A walk through Beacon Hill is a must-do Boston activity, especially at night when the gas lanterns flicker to life, creating a romantic atmosphere! The neighbourhood is named for the **beacon installed on the top of the hill to warn residents of an invasion in the 17th century**. Here are some of the highlights you won't want to miss:

STATE HOUSE ★★

Rising on the top of Beacon Hill, **State House ★★** is a **real architectural gem**. Designed by architect Charles Bulfinch and **built in 1798**, its dome is completely covered in 24-carat gold leaf. It is the seat of government for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **Free guided tours** lasting 30-45 minutes are available Monday-Friday from 10 am to 3:30 pm.
24 BEACON STREET, BOSTON
617-727-3676
WWW.SEC.STATE.MA.US/TRS

BEACON STREET ★

During the 19th century, Beacon Street was very popular with the city's wealthier families. It is lined with a number of **sumptuous urban mansions**.

CHESTNUT STREET ★

Be sure to visit Chestnut Street, which features a variety of 1800-1830 architectural styles, including the so-called "**Swan Houses**" at numbers 13, 15 and 17.

MOUNT VERNON STREET ★★

It is said that the area's most elegant homes are found on Mount Vernon Street! One of these, the **Rose Nichols House Museum**, is one of the few Beacon Hill houses open to the

public (55 Mount Vernon Street), designed in 1804.
617-227-6993
WWW.NICHOLSHOUSEMUSEUM.ORG

LOUISBURG SQUARE ★★

This area of Beacon Hill is one of the **most affluent parts of Boston**. With its private park and elegant neo-classical mansions, it has been home to some of the city's most notable residents.

ACORN STREET ★

This charming narrow lane is the **most photographed street in Boston**: you're sure to get some great shots!

CHARLES STREET ★

Beacon Hill's main shopping street offers an array of **boutiques, antique dealers, art galleries, cafes and restaurants**. It's the perfect spot to do some shopping or take a break in a cafe!



STATE HOUSE BY NIGHT

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LOUISBURG SQUARE

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ACORN STREET

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BACK BAY★★★

East of **Boston Public Garden★★★** along the Charles River is Back Bay, a neighbourhood most famous for its **rows of Victorian brownstone homes** but also a popular shopping and dining destination. It's hard to believe that the area used to be covered in marshland!

COMMONWEALTH AVE★★★

Familiarly referred to as "Comm Ave", Commonwealth Ave is **one of Boston's major streets**. Designed by architect Arthur D. Gilman in the Paris boulevard style in 1856, it is a parkway divided down the centre by a 32-acre wide grassy mall. This greenway, called Commonwealth Avenue Mall, is punctuated with benches and memorials and lined with magnificent trees including elm, ash, maple and linden.

NEWBURY STREET★

Newbury Street, Boston's chic shopping district, will meet **all your shopping needs**, with its **many stores and boutiques of all kinds and for every budget**. There are also art galleries and antique shops, as well as many restaurants and cafes.
WWW.NEWBURY-ST.COM

PRUDENTIAL CENTER SKYWALK

Like large cities around the world, Boston has its Skywalk Observatory, on the 50th floor of the Prudential Center, offering visitors sweeping 360-degree views of Greater Boston and beyond. Open Monday-Saturday from 11 am to 9 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm.

800 BOYLSTON STREET
617-236-3100
WWW.PRUDENTIALCENTER.COM

COPLEY SQUARE★★★

This bustling public square was named in honour of celebrated American portrait painter John Singleton Copley, a bronze statue of whom can be found there. The square features several **marvels of**

American architecture including **Trinity Church★★★**, the **Public Library★★★** and cultural institutions like the **Museum of Fine Arts★★★**. If you visit on a Tuesday or Friday between mid-May and mid-November, you will have the chance to see the famous **Copley Square Farmer's Market**, Boston's **biggest and busiest farmers market** where many local farmers come to offer a vibrant selection of fresh produce.

BETWEEN BOYLSTON, DARTMOUTH STREETS AND ST-JAMES AVENUE

TRINITY CHURCH★★★

Located in Copley Square, this magnificent **neo-Roman style church** was designed by architect **Henry Hobson Richardson** and **built in 1877**. If you would like to visit this masterpiece, admission is around \$10 per adult and free for children aged 12 and under. Open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm (last entry for the visit at 4.30 pm).

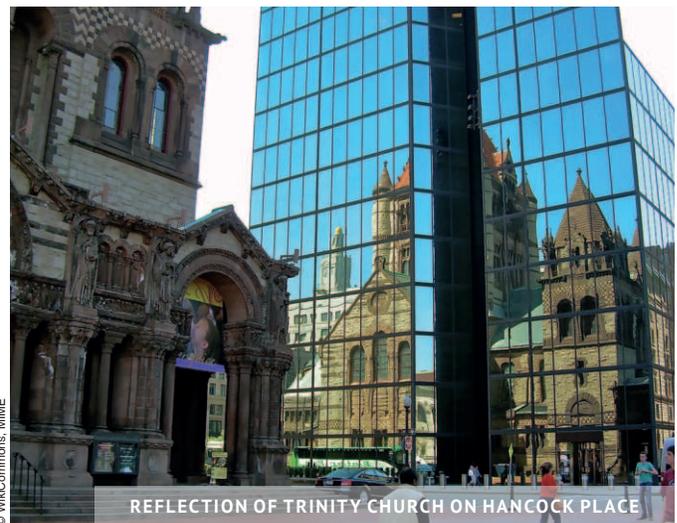
206 CLARENDON STREET
617-536-0944
WWW.TRINITYCHURCHBOSTON.ORG

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY★★★

Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1986, the Boston Public Library is the pride of



MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



REFLECTION OF TRINITY CHURCH ON HANCOCK PLACE



VIEW ON BACK BAY

Boston. Established in 1848, it was the **first large free municipal library in the country**, the first public library to **lend books**, and the first to have a **children's section**. Over the course of its history, the library was forced to change quarters several times, as its collection continued to grow. Today the Boston Public Library holds more than 23 million items in its various branches across the city. The Central Library in Copley Square is an outstanding example of Renaissance Beaux-Arts Classicism in America and is definitely worth a visit. Open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm.

700 BOYLSTON STREET
617-536-5400
WWW.BPL.ORG

PUBLIC GARDEN ★★

The Boston Public Garden, next to the Boston Common, was **America's first public botanical garden**. A popular tourist attraction is the iconic **Swan Boats**, which began operating in 1877. **Children** especially enjoy the short 15-minute ride on the artificial lake, passing under the

suspension bridge, surrounded by weeping willows (usually open every day from mid-April between 10 am and 4 pm for the tourist season / **swanboats.com**). Stroll along its **meandering pathways** with their decorative **trees, plants and fountains**, and admire the **statues** such as a bronze of the family of ducks immortalized in the children's book "Make way for Ducklings" and an equestrian statue of George Washington. You can even watch **real swans and ducks** on the lagoon!

4, CHARLES STREET
WWW.BOSTON.GOV/PARKS/PUBLIC-GARDEN

CHARLES RIVER ESPLANADE

Along the Charles River, between the Museum of Science and the Boston University Bridge and across the river from the City of Cambridge, stretches a **5-km leafy path**. The **perfect place to stretch your legs** or perhaps stop for a **picnic lunch**, the Esplanade features **walking trails, bike trails, historical monuments, a marina and children's playgrounds**.

617-227-0365
WWW.ESPLANADEASSOCIATION.ORG

MUSEUMS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS...

Museum of Fine Arts ★★★

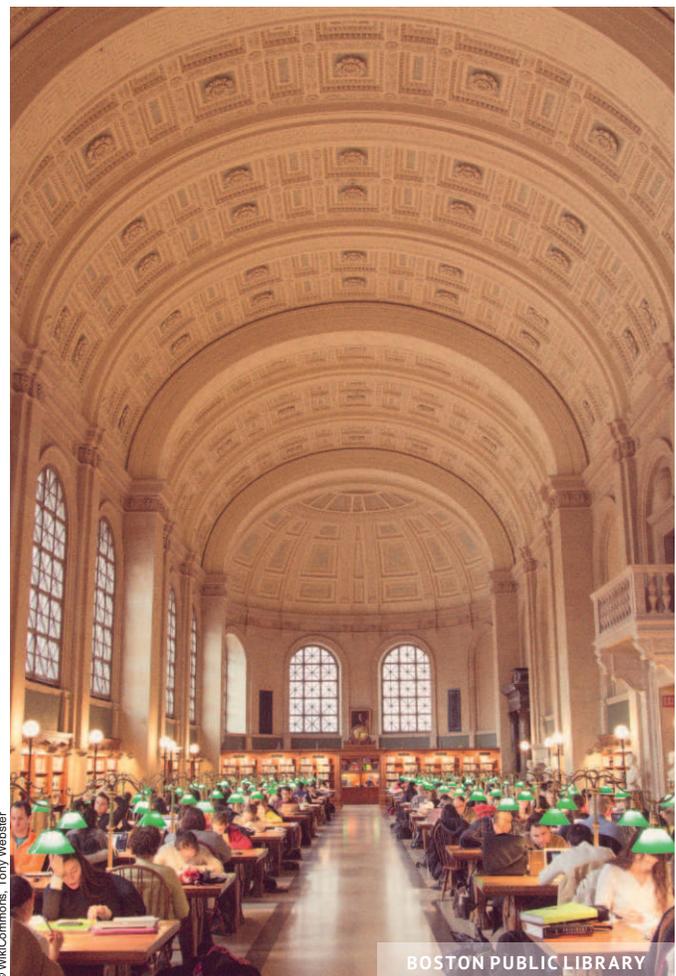
The Boston Museum of Fine Arts was **founded in 1870** and is one of the **most comprehensive art museums in the world**. The museum's collection encompasses more than **500,000 works of art**, with **13 collection areas**: Art of the Americas, Art of Europe, Art of Asia, Art of Africa and Oceania, Art of the Ancient World, Contemporary Art, Judaica, Photography, Prints and Drawings, Musical Instruments, Department of Textiles and Fashion Arts, and Jewelry. It also houses frequently-changing **temporary exhibitions**, offering visitors new experiences with every visit. Take a **tour of the museum with a touch screen mobile Guide** (available in several languages) and learn more about the different exhibits and works of art. Open Wednesday-Monday from 10 am to 5 pm (last admission at 4:30 pm).
465 Huntington Ave, Boston / 617-267-9300 / www.mfa.org

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum ★★★

Isabella Stewart Gardner was a **passionate collector of art and rare objects**. She travelled around the world collecting more than **2,500 treasures**, including furniture, sculptures, drawings, ceramics, rare books and manuscripts (including early editions of Dante), paintings, textiles, silver, photographs and letters written at different times in history including Ancient Rome. After the death of her husband in 1898, she had a **magnificent 15th-century Venetian-style palace with sumptuous gardens** built to house her extensive collection, and the museum opened its doors to the public in 1903. You will find **works by great masters such as Michelangelo, Botticelli, Manet, Rembrandt, Raphaël, Matisse, and many more**. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 am to 5 pm, Thursday from 11 am to 9 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. Closed on Tuesdays.
25 Evans Way, Boston / 617-566-1401 / www.gardnermuseum.org



PUBLIC GARDEN



BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

LET'S TALK SPORTS!

Like many large American cities, Boston has **several major league sports teams**. If you're in town between April and September and have the time, why not buy tickets to a **Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park**, home of the Red Sox since 1912? It's the ultimate all-American sports experience!

Red Sox: www.mlb.com/redsox/ballpark

Basketball fans can see the **Celtics** in action from October to April at **TD Garden**, which is also the headquarters of **one of the oldest hockey clubs** in the National Hockey League (**NHL**), the **Boston Bruins**, founded in 1924. Their regular season begins in September and runs until April.

Celtics: www.nba.com/celtics
Bruins: www.nhl.com/b Bruins



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TD GARDEN



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FANEUIL HALL



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BOSTON COMMON

ATTENTION BEER LOVERS 

If you love a good brew, be sure to visit **Samuel Adams Brewery**, named in honour of one of America's founding fathers. The brewery's story began when its founder, **Jim Koch**, brewed the first batch of Boston Lager in his kitchen – using a recipe that belonged to his great-great-grandfather that he found in his father's attic back in the **early 1980's**. Jim believed that beer drinkers deserved a better beer option that what was available at the time, and this remains a motivation today. The **brewery opened its doors 1988** and **admission is free**. Guests aged 21 or over can take a **brewery tour**, which **includes samples of three Samuel Adams beers**. These tours are available from Thursday to Sunday. The brasserie is open Monday to Friday from 2 pm to 8 pm, Saturday from noon to 8 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 6 pm.

30 Germania Street, Boston
617-368-5080
www.samueladams.com



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NEARBY

CAMBRIDGE ★★★

Boston's reputation is due in part to neighbouring Cambridge, home to two of the world's most prestigious universities, **MIT** ★ (Massachusetts Institute of Technologies) and **Harvard University** ★★★.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ★★★ AND HARVARD YARD ★★

Founded in 1636, Harvard is the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Its sprawling 209-acre main campus houses some 500 buildings large and small. **Harvard Yard** ★★ is the **oldest part** of the university campus. Take the time to admire the classical and modern architecture and to take a walk through the campus of this iconic university whose alumni include **such notable figures** as John F. Kennedy, Bill Gates, Barak Obama, Nathalie Portman and Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg. The oldest building on campus is **Massachusetts Hall**, built in **1720**, followed by **Holden Chapel** in **1744**, **Hollis Hall** in **1763** and **Harvard Hall** in **1766**, which is just off Peabody Street. It is a Harvard tradition to **touch the left foot of the statue of John Harvard**, also known as the **Statue of Three Lies**, in front of **University Hall** (1815). The inscription on the statue reads "John Harvard-Founder-1638". In fact, John Harvard was NOT the founder of Harvard, he was merely a donor; Harvard was NOT founded in 1638, it was founded in 1636; and the man portrayed in the statue is NOT John Harvard! **Student-led public walking tours** of the campus are available, **free of charge**. Tours depart from the **Harvard Information Center** (30 Dunster Street, Cambridge / 617-495-1573 / www.harvard.edu/on-campus/visit-harvard) on the Smith Campus and last **about one hour**. The tour provides a history of the university, general information, and a unique view

on the student's individual experience. Reservations are not required, but tours are capped at 35 attendees and you must register for the tour one hour prior to departure time. You may prefer to take a **self-guided walking tour** using a **tour pamphlet** offered in nine different languages, which can be purchased from the information center for a minimal charge. You can also download **audio files** of historical information on each of the buildings in Harvard Yard. (see www.harvard.edu/on-campus/visit-harvard/tours/ audio-tours).

HARVARD SQUARE ★

This **lively plaza** adjacent to Harvard Yard is teeming with **independent bookstores** (more than thirty of them!) **cafes**, **restaurants** and **boutiques** of all

kinds. It also houses theatres, movie theaters and concert halls, making it a major commercial and cultural hub.

WWW.HARVARDSSQUARE.COM

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ★★

Harvard Museum of Natural History is a Boston treasure and a must-visit destination for anyone interested in natural history. **Founded in 1998**, it brings together three distinct research museums: the **Museum of Comparative Zoology**, the **Harvard University Herbaria** and the **Mineralogical and Geological Museum**. The museum's galleries house exhibits with themes such as Climate Change, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Glass Flowers (superb glass models of plants, made in Germany between 1887 and 1936 by

Leopold and Rudolf Blaschka, a father and son team of Czech glass artists), Arthropods, Cenozoic Mammals, Evolution, Vertebrate Paleontology, Sea Creatures in Glass (also made by the Blaschkas), Asia, Afrique, Central and South America, Marine Life, New England Forests, Birds of the World and the Great Mammal Hall. Note that the Museum of Natural History is **adjacent to the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology**, and admission to one museum **admits you to both** during regular hours. Open Sunday-Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Closed on Thanksgiving Day, December 24 and 25, and January 1.

26 OXFORD STREET, CAMBRIDGE
617-495-3045
WWW.HMNH.HARVARD.EDU



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

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 617-742-3050
WWW.MIKESPASTRY.COM
MONICA'S MERCATO (\$)

This small Italian grocery store and eatery prepares a variety of fresh sandwiches and pizzas to eat in or take out, crafted using the best ingredients. A neighbourhood favourite since 1995, owned and run by the Mendoza family. *Daily: 10 am to 8 pm.*

 130 SALEM STREET, BOSTON
 617-742-4101
DOWNTOWN**QUINCY MARKET FOOD COURT (\$)**

Quincy Market houses a wide variety of food stalls offering typical New England fare such as lobster rolls, fresh oysters and clam chowder as well as dishes from all over the world. It's the perfect place to stop while walking the Freedom Trail! *Monday-Saturday: 10 am to 9 pm, Sundays: noon to 6 pm.*

 4 SOUTH MARKET STREET, BOSTON
 617-523-1300
WWW.QUINCY-MARKET.COM
SAM LAGRASSA'S (\$)

Sam LaGrassa's claims to serve "the World's No. 1 Sandwiches", nothing less! In operation since 1968, the restaurant's immense popularity is certainly no accident: the menu features more than thirty types of sandwiches of all kinds, grilled or not, including vegetarian options. It also offers salads, soups and side orders. With the gigantic portion sizes, sharing is always a good option. It's a very popular spots! *Monday-Friday: 11 am to 2 pm.*

 44 PROVINCE STREET, BOSTON
 617-357-6861
WWW.SAMLAGRASSAS.COM

WHERE TO EAT

WATERFRONT

BOSTON SAIL LOFT (\$\$)

The Boston Sail Loft is an unpretentious little seafood restaurant located on Commercial Wharf, right on Boston Harbour. Famous for its overflowing cups of thick and creamy clam chowder, while other specialties include lobster. The menu also features soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches, and a wide variety of fish and seafood dishes. The atmosphere is easygoing and if you're in the mood for a cocktail, be sure to try the Dark & Stormy, a mix of ginger beer and lime topped with

Goslings Black Seal Rum (an award-winning dark rum from Bermuda). *Daily: 11:30 am to 10 pm. Reservations not possible.*
80 ATLANTIC AVENUE, BOSTON
 617-227-7260
WWW.THEBOSTONSAILLOFT.COM

NORTH END

MIKE'S PASTRY (\$)

Since 1946, tourists from around the world have been coming to the North End, Boston's Italian district, to enjoy the one-of-a-kind cannoli created by Michael Mercogliano (the "Mike" behind Mike's Pastry). Mercogliano

moved to the North End when he was only 12 years old with his family straight off the boat from Italy. Today Mike's son-in-law, Angelo Papa, runs the bakery, which now has other locations (in Cambridge and Somerville). In addition to a dozen flavours of cannoli, the bakery offers a variety of biscotti, cookies and sfogliatelle (known as lobster tails). If you see pedestrians holding a small blue and white box tied with a string bow, you'll know they've been to Mike's!
Sunday-Thursday: 8 am to 10 p.m, Friday-Saturday: 8 am to 11 pm.
300 HANOVER STREET, BOSTON



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BEACON HILL

MA MAISON (\$\$\$)

Celebrity chef Jacky Robert left France to come to Boston as a young man in the early 1970s, in order to help his uncle Lucien open Maison Robert. His career took him to Paris, Geneva, Munich, Florida and San Francisco before opening Ma Maison in 2015. The restaurant serves authentic bistro fare such as calf's liver with caramelized onions, mussels steamed with shallots and wine, duck magret à l'orange, pan seared sea scallops, and many other classics of French cuisine. If you feel so inclined, try the Uncle Lucien's Country Pâté, a house specialty. *Daily: 11 am to 10 pm.* 272 CAMBRIDGE STREET, BOSTON 617-725-8855 WWW.MAMAISONBOSTON.COM

BACK BAY

SWEETGREEN (\$)

Sweetgreen serves simple, healthy food at affordable prices. The menu offers seasonal dishes, warm bowls and salads, or you can "make your own" by choosing your own ingredients (two bases such as greens, quinoa or rice, 4 ingredients such as vegetables, nuts, beans, etc., one of their many in-house dressings, and you can even add a "premium" item such as local cheeses, tofu, chicken, etc.). There are a dozen Sweetgreen locations in and around Boston.

Daily: 10:30 am to 10 pm.
659 BOYLSTON STREET, BOSTON
617-936-3464
WWW.SWEETGREEN.COM

SALTIE GIRL (\$\$\$)

Saltie Girl Seafood Bar is the brainchild of Kathy Sidell, who wanted to create something different. She has certainly done that with this tiny gem of a restaurant (just 30 seats, 16 at tables and 12 at the bar). The menu offers a wide array of delicious, high-quality seafood dishes: cooked, fried, smoked, raw or tinned, both local and from around the world. The sumptuous lobster rolls come either hot with butter or cold with mayonnaise. The fried lobster and waffles with sweet corn butter and spicy maple syrup is a fabulous experience in itself. To order, each diner is given a sheet of paper and ticks what they want on it. Better to reserve. *Monday-Thursday: 11 am to 10 pm, Fridays-Saturdays: 11 am to 11 pm, Sundays: 11 am to 9 pm.* 281 DARTMOUTH STREET, BOSTON 617-267-0691 WWW.SALTIEGIRL.COM

GRILL 23 & BAR (\$\$\$\$)

Since it first opened in the early 1980, Grill 23 & Bar has consistently earned rewards and recognition for its fine food and outstanding service. This classic steakhouse serves top-quality tender Brandt beef steaks, ultra fresh New England seafood, seasonal produce, decadent desserts and a world-class wine list. It even offers a premium cigar service for

guests following dinner service. Reservations recommended. *Monday-Thursday: 5 pm to 10 pm, Friday-Saturday: 5 pm to 10:30 pm, Sunday: 5 pm to 9 pm.* Reservations strongly recommended. 161 BERKELEY STREET, BOSTON 617-542-2255 WWW.GRILL23.COM

CAMBRIDGE

J.P. LICKS (\$)

Founded in Boston in 1981, J.P Licks is a homemade ice cream parlour chain with a mission to offer a premium product in a comfortable, friendly environment. All of the ice cream and frozen yogurts is flavored with ingredients found in the home, such as chocolate chips, cookies, all kinds of roasted nuts, seasonal fruits, vanilla extract and spices. The flavours are intense and sometimes complex, and you are sure to find something for every taste. They also serve smoothies as well as coffee that they roast themselves! *Monday-Thursday: 7 am to 11 pm, Friday: 7 am to midnight, Saturday: 8 am to midnight, Sunday: 8 am to 11 pm.* 1312 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, BOSTON 617-492-1001 WWW.JPLICKS.COM

RUSSELL HOUSE TAVERN (\$\$)

Located in the heart of Harvard Square, Russell House Tavern takes its name from one of the building's original occupants, Thomas Russell, a furniture dealer in the 1800s. You will find seasonally-inspired, classic dishes from New England and beyond, accompanied by a wide selection of cocktails, wines and local craft beers. The menu features salads and appetizers, a variety of small plates, pizzas, and entrees including fish, meat, pasta and fresh seafood dishes. *Monday: 11 am to 3 pm / 4 pm to 10 pm, Tuesday-Thursday:*

11 am to 3 pm / 4 pm to 11 pm, Friday: 11 am to 3 pm / 4 pm to midnight, Saturday: 10 am to 3 pm / 4 pm to midnight, Sunday: 10 am to 3 pm / 4 pm to 10 pm. 14 JFK STREET, BOSTON 617-500-3055 WWW.RUSSELLHOUSECAMBRIDGE.COM

OTHER NEIGHBOURHOODS

B & G OYSTERS (\$\$-\$\$\$)

Since 2003, guests have been coming to B & G Oysters for their famous fresh East and West Coast oysters, as well as for their inspired seasonal seafood dishes and New England classics including the famous Maine Lobster Roll. On a hot summer day, the outdoor patio is the perfect place to be, a glass of chilled white wine in hand! 550 TREMONT STREET, BOSTON 617-423-0550 WWW.BANDGOYSTERS.COM

*** Hours may vary ***