

BOSTON GUIDE



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Emergency Contacts

- 911: general emergency number
- +1 617 343 3415: non-emergency fire department
- +1 617 343 4200: non-emergency police department

Essential Information

The capital of the state of Massachusetts is not a huge city – but it is certainly packed with sights. Boston was founded in 1630 by the Pilgrims and played host to the famous Boston Tea Party. The history of the city now reflects in its sights. The Freedom Trail maps them all out for tourists and is a great way to learn about the history of the USA. The grand European-style architecture only further emphasizes Boston's historical roots.

However, Boston is definitely not stuck in the past; it is one of the most progressive cities in the States, both in terms of politics and urban planning. Its rich cultural heritage lives on in local art and literary works. Boston's two world-famous educational institutions located in the nearby city of Cambridge, Harvard and MIT, reinforce this trend. And there is much to entertain children too in this old-yet-modern city; the Museum of Science and New England Aquarium make that near-impossible.

Time Zone

EST (-5), observes DST.

Contacts

Tourist Contacts

- +1 888 SEE BOSTON: Visitor's Center
- +1 617 635 4680: transportation department

Currency: United States dollar, \$1 = 100 cents.

You can exchange your currency at the airport or exchange offices, which are abundant in the city. Banks fees aren't always convenient and Boston banks are not so reliable when it comes to money exchange. You can also simply withdraw money from the ATMs if you want to save yourself the trouble of going to a bank or exchange office. ATMs are abundant in Boston, so you'll have no trouble finding them, but be aware of any withdrawal fees.

Most establishments also accept credit or debit cards and traveler's checks; however, it is best to always carry at least a small amount of cash around, since not all places accept them. Always check for the compatibility of your credit card when coming to visit from outside the US.

Tax Refunds

There is no VAT in the United States. The sales taxes are controlled by the respective governments and for Boston, sales tax is 6.25% for both goods and services. Hotels are taxed higher, while groceries and clothing under \$175 are exempt from tax. There are no official tax refunds for visitors. However, in the middle August, there has been a tax-free holiday the past five years.

Prices

- Meal, inexpensive restaurant – \$12
- Meal for 2, mid-range restaurant, three-course – \$55
- Big Mac combo meal – \$6.50
- Bottle of water at supermarket – \$2 (1.5 liters)
- Domestic beer (0.5 liter, draught) – \$4.50
- Gasoline (1 liter) – \$1
- Hostels (average price/night) – \$30-50

- 4* hotel (average price/night) – \$250 – 500
- Car-hire (medium-sized car/day) – \$55

Tipping

Tipping is customary in Boston. Generally, tip waiters, cab drivers and hairdressers around 15–20%. Other services, such as porters or bartenders usually get one or two dollars for their services. However, if the service you received was awful, leave just a few small coins. Tips are left on the table when paying with cash or they can be added to the total when paying with card. Some restaurants and other establishments also have tip jars near the counter.

Electricity

The standard electricity supply in the USA is 120 volt – 60 Hz. The plugs have two vertical pins. Remember to bring an adapter or converter if you need it.

Languages

As expected, the major language in Boston is English. The city also has a large community of Chinese speakers. Spanish, as in all of the states, could always come in handy. But in general, it will be very hard to get by without a basic grasp of the English language.

Mobile Phones

There are many providers in the United States; only two of the most popular, AT&T and T-Mobile, use the GSM standard which is compatible with most phones from Europe. However, the frequencies of the North American GSM are different from the rest of the world and not all phones can handle them. Always double-check with your provider. The other American providers, such as Verizon or Virgin Mobile, use the CDMA standard which might not work with your mobile phone if you are coming from outside of the USA.

If you'd like to stay in touch while visiting Boston, you might consider renting a phone at the airport or getting yourself a local SIM card for much better rates, since roaming is expensive here. The international access code for the USA is +1; the area code for Boston is 617.

Internet

Boston is a well-connected city. Most hotels and hostels offer their own Wi-Fi connection for guests; always check if it's included in the price of the room or not. Alternatively, you can visit

an internet café or take your own device to one of the student cafés and take advantage of their free Wi-Fi.

The city council also provides free Wi-Fi connection (www.bostonfreewifi.org) in City Hall Plaza and Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Just connect to the network named 'BostonWireless'. There are also other open hotspots in the city – check the Boston Wireless Advocacy Group (www.bostonwag.org) for details.

Internet Resources

- Official tourist website of Greater Boston (www.bostonusa.com)
- The visitor zone at the official website of the City of Boston (www.cityofboston.gov)
- Official tourist website of the State of Massachusetts (www.massvacation.com)

- **New Year's Day** – January 1
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – third Monday in January
- **Presidents Day** – third Monday in February
- **Patriots Day** – third Monday in April
- **Memorial Day** – last Monday in May
- **Independence Day** – July 4
- **Labor Day** – first Monday in September
- **Columbus Day** – second Monday in October
- **Veterans' Day** – November 11
- **Thanksgiving Day** – fourth Thursday in November
- **Christmas Day** – December 25

Opening Hours

The shops are generally open every day from around 9-10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday opening hours are shorter. The malls and other large shops stay open until 9 p.m. Banks are open from 9 a.m. to 4-5 p.m. on weekdays, but some might even open on Saturday. Smaller shops and banks close for public holidays.

Museums and other sights are generally open from 9 a.m. to around 5 p.m. However, on some days, museums might stay open longer (until 9 p.m.) or not open at all. Always check the museum's website, since the opening times are specific for each one. Museums in general also close on public holidays.

Public Transportation

The public transport in Boston is operated by Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (www.mbtta.com) simply known as 'the T' to locals. You pay for transport using CharlieTickets (paper) or a CharlieCard which is free to acquire and then can be charged with as much money as you want and entitles you to discounts. Alternatively, you can use the 1-day pass which costs \$11 or the 7-day pass which costs \$18. Children under 11 can ride the T for free.

Subway: there are four intersecting lines in total; each one assigned a different color. The green line splits into four and the red into two to cover different areas. Direction of the trains might be marked as 'inbound' (towards the center) or 'outbound' (away from the center). One ride costs either \$2 (with the CharlieCard) or \$2.50 (with a CharlieTicket). Keep in mind that neither the subway nor railway runs through the night- the last train leaves around midnight.

Bus: There are dozens of bus lines serving the city of Boston, and although bus transport might be slower than the subway, it can take you closer to your destination. The special Silver Line is faster, considered to be a part of the subway and has free transfers to the red subway line. One ride costs \$1.50 (CharlieTicket) or \$2 (CharlieCard).

Rail: The commuter rail is used for traveling outside of the city borders and some of the trains offer free Wi-Fi. One ride costs anything from \$2 to \$11.

Ferry: There are several lines that are useful for tourists and might be quicker than other modes

of transport when visiting sights along the shore. The fare is \$3 – \$16 depending on your route.

Taxis

You can hail a cab at any major street corner or outside hotels. Be aware that Boston cabs are some of the most expensive in the States. The first mile costs \$2.60, with each one after that costing \$0.40. There are no flat taxi fares from or to the airport – so watch out for scams! Taxis might be your only way home if you miss the last subway train. Keep in mind that it's difficult to catch a cab around 2 a.m. as this is when the bars close.

The seven authorized cab companies are:

- **Top Cab**, +1 617 266 4800
- **Boston Cab Assoc.**, +1 617 536 3200
- **I.T.O.A. Cab Assoc.**, +1 617 825 4000
- **City Cab Assoc.**, +1 617 536 5100
- **Metro Cab Assoc.**, +1 617 782 5500
- **Tunnel Taxi**, +1 617 567 2700
- **617TaxiCab Inc.**, +1 617 TAXI-CAB

Regional Transportation

The main airport is the Boston Logan International Airport (BOS), which is about two miles away from the city. It is served by public transport: the Blue and Silver lines.

Boston is well-served by Amtrak trains (www.amtrak.com) with three stations in total. The trains can take you all along the upper east coast.

Several bus companies serve the city of Boston, generally stopping at the South Station Bus Terminal (www.south-station.net) and make an efficient way to get to New York City.

Driving

- Speed limits in cities – 48 km/h (30 mph)
- Outside the cities – 80 km/h (50 mph)
- Interstates – 104 km/h (65 mph)
- Blood alcohol limit – 0.08 BAC
- Always wear a seatbelt in the front and back seats. Children younger than 8 or smaller than 57 inches must use booster seats. Children under 5 years old and 27 pounds must use child safety seats.
- Texting while driving is illegal. Calling is not forbidden.
- Drive on the right.

The driving conditions in Boston are legendary – and not in a good way. The Boston city center with its narrow roads, are one big bum of congested traffic, especially during rush hour. The local drivers aren't known for respecting the driving rules, but rather making their own. All in all, public transport is definitely the best option for getting around Boston. If you arrive by car, consider leaving it on the city outskirts.

To rent a car, you need to be at least 18 years old, have a valid driving license and a major credit or debit card.

Walkability

Boston is generally a walkable city, especially when it comes to the old quarters. In fact, the oldest parts of the city are best explored by foot and the Freedom Trail was also made for walking. Navigating the older city parts might be challenging for those not used to the old European city layout. Some of the new suburbs and other parts of the city might not be so walkable, but chances are you won't even get there unless you plan to travel off the beaten path. Don't be surprised if you see people jaywalking – it's a common practice in Boston, although technically illegal.

- Since Boston is right by the sea, seafood (clams and lobsters) is a big thing here. The clam chowder is especially worth a try.
- Baked beans are also one of the local specialties.
- Boston, as with most cities in the States, is also home to numerous ethnic restaurants which serve their own specialties.
- Union Oyster House is the oldest working restaurant in the United States.

As for drinks, there are several local breweries serving their own beer. There are also several local coffee shops which can rival the bigger establishments with their delicious coffees. The Greater Boston is also an important producer of wine.

Legal Age

The drinking age in Boston, as in the rest of the USA, is 21 years. The official State of Massachusetts' last call is at 2 a.m., however many bars close sooner than that – as early as 11 p.m.

January

- Boston Wine Festival (www.bostonwinefestival.net) – tastings of new wines
- TDTV Chinese New Year Gala
- Boston Wine Expo (www.wine-expos.com) – presentation of the local wineries
- Cookbook Dinearound – tour the local restaurants and sample their food

February

- Valentine's Day Concert

March

- St. Patrick's Day (www.southbostonparade.org)
- International Boston Seafood Show (www.bostonseafood.com)

April

- Art in Bloom (www.mfa.org) – displays works of the local florists
- Campus MovieFest (www.campusmoviefest.com) – the world's largest student film festival
- Boston Marathon (www.baa.org)

June

- Midsummer Revels – summer solstice celebration at the Children's Museum

July

- Harborfest (www.bostonharborfest.com) – celebrations of July 4
- Chowderfest (www.bostonharborfest.com) – the local chefs compete in making the local clam chowder
- Bastille Day in Boston (www.frenchculturalcenter.org) – celebrations of the French holiday

August

- Chinatown Festival
- August Moon Festival – Chinatown celebrations of the end of the harvest season
- Revere Beach National Sand Sculpting Festival (reverebeachpartnership.com)
- Massachusetts Farmers' Market Week

September

- National Recovery Month Picnic – held at Six Flags
- Boston Film Festival (bostonfilmfestival.org)

October

- Vegetarian Food Festival (www.bostonveg.org)

November

- Taste of Boston (www.bostonmagazine.com) – food and wine from the local restaurants

December

- Boston Tea Party Reenactment (www.oldsouthmeetinghouse.org)
- First Night (www.firstnight.org) – celebrations of New Year's Eve

Free Things To Do

- Visit the museums on their free days – check the respective websites for details.
- Learn some history by visiting the Bunker Hill Monument, Massachusetts State House, Old North Church or simply by walking the Freedom Trail (see the Tripomatic website for more info on the trail – <http://www.tripomatic.com/United-States/Massachusetts/Boston/Freedom-Trail/>).
- Fans of ships will want to visit the USS Constitution.
- Some breweries and wine shops often offer free tastings of their products.
- Visit the North End and Chinatown, the local ethnic communities, for a different spin on your Boston trip.
- Alternatively, visit the Beacon Hill historical quarter.
- Soak in the university atmosphere at Harvard Square.
- Visit one of the many Boston parks or the harbor for some fresh air. The Mount – Auburn Cemetery is also a peaceful place with beautiful stonework to marvel at.

Shopping

The local markets are a real treasure when it comes to souvenir-hunting in Boston. The local crafts and produce can all be found there, like candles, maple syrup and sweets. Fans of the Red Sox baseball team can get a plethora of memorabilia from their home city. You can also get Harvard and MIT memorabilia from the respective schools. The local museums and galleries often sell unique and artistic souvenirs.

- DO try to visit at least some of the historical sights in Boston, even if you don't like history much.
- DO expect a TV to be on in every establishment you enter if the Red Sox are playing.
- DO try to visit Cambridge – there is much more to see than just Harvard.
- DO be aware of Boston's low temperatures in winter.
- DO NOT drive a car in Boston unless it's absolutely necessary.
- DO NOT expect much nightlife in Boston even though it's a university city.

Safety

Boston is generally safe, but you should take the common precautions – be aware of your surroundings and do not carry your wallet or money in back pockets. There are some neighborhoods, such as Roxbury or Dorchester, which have a higher crime rate and should be avoided after dark, and perhaps even during the day. Also avoid Boston Central and other parks after dark, if not attending an event.

When going clubbing, you might want to stay on the main streets since pickpockets and muggers are searching for easy targets near popular establishments. All should be well if you don't wander off the main streets.

The tap water in Boston is safe to drink and is considered some of the best in the country.

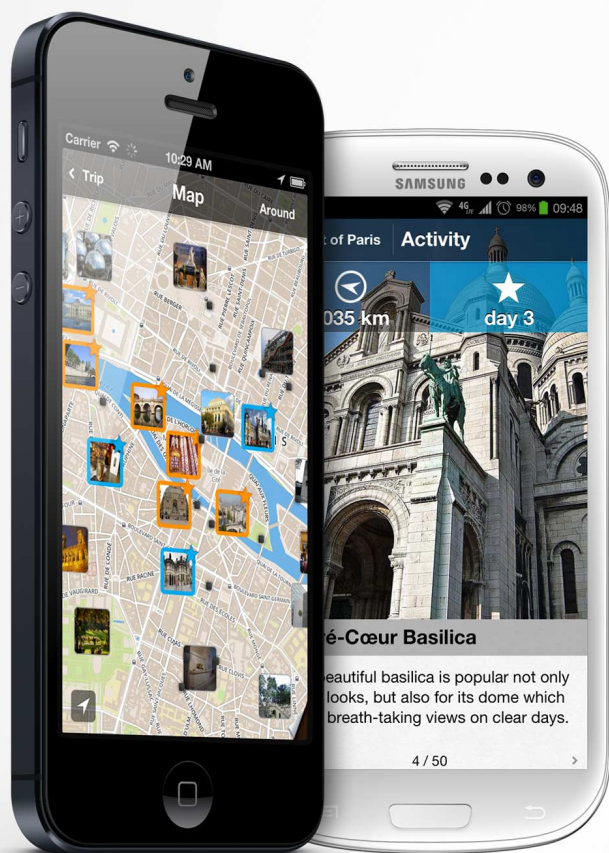
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John Hancock Tower

Boston's tallest building is a stunning showcase of modern architecture. The sleek glass design is simply marvelous.

Boston, MA 02116, USA

GPS: N42.34928, W71.07478

Opening hours:

The tower houses offices and is not open to public.

A


Charles River Esplanade

A beautiful promenade by the river with hiking paths, playgrounds and sport facilities. The place to head out to on a sunny afternoon.

GPS: N42.35873, W71.07312

Opening hours:

Open daily from dawn until dusk (except for walk-through traffic and permitted events).

B


Museum of Science

Entertaining, intriguing and always changing – this museum is definitely worth the visit. Great fun for both kids and adults.

1 Science Park, Boston, MA 02114, USA

GPS: N42.36750, W71.07124

Phone:

+1 617 723 2500

Opening hours:

Jul 5 – Sep 2:

Sat – Thu: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Fri: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sep 3 – Jul 4:

Sat – Thu: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fri: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The opening hours for other venues in the museum vary.

Admission:

Adults (12+): \$23

Seniors (60+): \$21

Children (3–11): \$20

C



First Corps of Cadets Armory

This stunning piece of Victorian architecture is used as a banquet facility for the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

GPS: N42.34968, W71.07001

D



Beacon Hill

Boston's charming historical neighbourhood. Crooked streets, gas lamps and old houses make its charm.

GPS: N42.35830, W71.06610

E



Boston Common

Boston's beloved public park. A wonderful destination for picnics, sports and relaxing amongst the greenery.

GPS: N42.35500, W71.06560

Opening hours:

The park is open 24 hours a day, year-round. It features in Walk Into History Tour, Historic Holiday Stroll and African-American Patriots Tour offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation.

Admission:

Free admission.

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation):

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

F



Colonial Theatre

Boston's old and beautiful theatre. Nowadays it's famous as one of the venues for Broadway plays, so do not miss.

106 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, USA

GPS: N42.35230, W71.06546

Opening hours:

Box Office (only during showtimes):

Mon – Fri: open 2 hrs before show time

Sat – Sun: open 2 hrs before show time through the evening performances

Single tickets can also be purchased at the Citi Wang Theatre Box Office.

G



Massachusetts State House

Boston's new state house and a breath-taking architectural gem with lots of history behind it. Part of the Freedom Trail.

24 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02133-1030, USA

GPS: N42.35851, W71.06367

Phone:

+1 617 727 3676

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The tours are given weekdays year-round from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Closed on weekends and holidays. This sight also features in Walk Into History Tour and African-American Patriots Tour offered by The Freedom Trail Foundation.

Admission:

Free admission and free tour.

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation)

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

H



Park Street Church

A stop on the Freedom Trail and a majestic historical gem. The spires and the red facade only add to its charm.

1 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108, USA

GPS: N42.35699, W71.06203

Phone:

+1 617 523 3383

Opening hours:

Church masses:

Sunday traditional: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

Sunday contemporary: 4 p.m.

This sight also features in Walk Into History Tour and African American-Patriots Tour offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation.

Admission:

Free admission.

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation)

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

I



Freedom Trail

Connects all the historical sights of Boston. Guided tours of the sights are available and are a must-visit while here.

99 Chauncy Street, suite 401, Boston, MA 02111, USA

GPS: N42.35301, W71.06099

Phone:

+1 617 357 8300

Opening hours:

The foundation offers seven tours for the public, groups, private groups and schools.

Public tours leave every hour on the hour (beginning 11 a.m.) from Boston Common Visitor Center and every hour on the half-hour beginning 10:30 a.m. from ArtsBoston at Faneuil Hall.

Admission:

The trail itself is free, but you can opt for a guided tour of the trail for the following prices:

Adults: \$13

Students, Seniors: \$11

Children (6-12): \$7

Some tours are more expensive (Historic Pub Crawl or Historic Holiday Stroll).

J



Boston City Hall

One of the best examples of brutalist architecture. Houses the municipal government. Often voted among the world's ugliest buildings.

1 City Hall Square, Boston, MA, USA

GPS: N42.36011, W71.05779

Opening hours:

Office opening hours:

Mon – Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed on New Year's Day, M.L.King's Jr.'s Birthday, President's Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

K



Old City Hall

This elegant building is still in use and you can find various businesses inside. The architecture is still its main feature, though.

45 School Street, Boston, MA 02108-3204, USA

GPS: N42.35811, W71.05933

Phone:

+1 617 523 8678

Opening hours:

The building now houses offices of various companies and one restaurant.

L



Old South Meeting House

The starting place of the American Revolution. Learn all about how the Americans decided to no longer pay any tea taxes and sparked a much bigger thing.

310 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108, USA

GPS: N42.35709, W71.05890

Phone:

+1 617 482 6439

Opening hours:

Apr 1 – Oct 31: daily 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Nov 1 – Mar 31: daily 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Old South Meeting House offers 5 different guided/self-guided tours for adults. It features also in Walk Into History Tour, Historic Holiday Stroll and

African American Patriots Tour offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation.

Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Admission:

Adults: \$6

Seniors (62+), Students (with ID): \$5

Children (6-18): \$1

Children (0-5): free

Tours: \$4- \$8

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation)

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

M



Boston Massacre Site

The site where five Bostonians were killed by the British, often seen as a foreplay to the Revolutionary War. Part of the Freedom Trail.

GPS: N42.35880, W71.05705

Opening hours:

The site is open 24 hours a day, year-round.

Public tours provided daily throughout the year at convenient times (12 daily tours between Apr and Nov and a reduced schedule Dec through Mar). The sight also features in Walk Into History Tour, Historic Holiday Stroll and African-American Patriots Tour offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation.

Admission:

Free admission.

The basic "Walk Into History Tour":

Adults: \$13

Seniors/Students: \$11

Children (0-12): \$7 children

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation):

Adults: \$11

Students/Seniors: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

The price includes \$1 donation to Freedom Trail Foundation Preservation Fund. Discounts for online tickets.

N



Faneuil Hall

This historical marketplace is bustling with life even nowadays. Remade into a modern shopping hall, the shops will cater to all your needs.

GPS: N42.36006, W71.05620

Opening hours:

Mon – Sat: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sun: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The opening hours of the restaurants vary. This sight features in Walk Into History Tour, Walk Into History Tours – North End, Historic Holiday Stroll, African-American Patriots Tour, Historic Pub Crawl and Pirates & Patriots Tour offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation.

Admission:

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation):

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

O



Neptune Oyster

If you'd like to try Boston's seafood, come here. The oysters, lobster and many more and simply delicious.

63 Salem Street, Boston, MA 02113, USA

GPS: N42.36324, W71.05599

Phone:

+1 617 742 3474

Opening hours:

Mon – Fri:

11:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. (Kitchen)

11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Rawbar)

Sat – Sun:

11:30 a.m. – 10:30 (Kitchen), 11 p.m. (Rawbar)

P



North End

Boston's oldest neighbourhood and the residence of the local Italian community. A must-visit for the atmosphere.

GPS: N42.36495, W71.05511

Q



Copp's Hill Burying Ground

Part of the Freedom Trail and Boston's second oldest cemetery. Many notable burials can be found here and the grounds themselves are peaceful.

GPS: N42.36723, W71.05601

Opening hours:

Open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The sight also features in Walk Into History Tour – North End and African-American Patriots Tour.

Admission:

Free admission.

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation)

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

R



Bunker Hill Monument

Erected to commemorate one of the battles of the Revolutionary War. The museum across the street has exhibits on the battle.

GPS: N42.37636, W71.06078

Opening hours:

Monument:

daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last entry at 4:30 p.m.)

summer (Jul – Aug): daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (last entry at 5:30 p.m.)

Museum:

daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

in summer (Jul – Aug) daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The sight also features in Walk Into History Tours – North End, Private Tours offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation and National Park Service Ranger Tours.

Admission:

Free admission.

Ranger-led programs on the Freedom Trail and at Faneuil Hall are also free.

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation)

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

S



Boston Navy Yard

A beautiful historical shipyard that is nowadays an open-air museum to naval heritage. Do not miss the ships on display.

GPS: N42.37611, W71.05250

Opening hours:

Apr 1 – Oct 31: Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Oct 1-31: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Nov 1 – Mar 31: Thu – Sun: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Guided tours start at 10 a.m. and are offered every 30 minutes. In summer, the last tour departs at 5:30 p.m., in winter at 3:30 p.m.

Closed on M.L. King, Jr.'s Day, President's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Admission:

Free admission and free guided tours.

T



USS Constitution Museum

This majestic ship has never been defeated in battle. Nowadays, it can be toured with sailors and is a great chance to learn more about sailing.

Charlestown Navy Yard, Building 22, Charlestown, MA 02129, USA

GPS: N42.37272, W71.05316

Phone:

+1 617 426 1812

U



Old North Church

A beautiful church with a lot of history beyond it. The architecture is stunning and the interior is beautifully decorated.

193 Salem Street, Boston, MA 02113, USA

GPS: N42.36633, W71.05446

Phone:

+1 617 523 6676

Opening hours:

Jan – Feb: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed on Mondays

Mar – May: daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Jun – Oct: daily 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Nov – Dec: daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tours:

Mar: 10 & 11 a.m., 1 – 2 p.m.

Apr – Oct: 10 & 11 a.m., 1 – 4 p.m.

Nov – Dec: 10 & 11 a.m., 1 – 3 p.m.

This sight also features in Walk Into History Tour – North End, African-American Patriots Tour and Walk Into History – Joint ticket for Behind the Scenes Tour offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation.

Closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Admission:

Admission to the church is free. Donation of \$1 is appreciated.

Tours are available for \$5 (Adults), \$4 (Children under 16), \$3 (Seniors, Military).

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation):

Adults: \$11

Students/Seniors: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

V



The Paul Revere House

A part of the Freedom Trail and the home of one of the key figures of American Revolution. Nowadays it houses a museum.

19 North Square, Boston, MA 02113, USA

GPS: N42.36362, W71.05370

Phone:

+1 617 523 2338

Opening hours:

Apr 15 – Oct 31: daily 9:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Nov 1 – Apr 14: daily 9:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

This sight features in Walk Into History Tour & North End offered by the Freedom Trail Foundation.

Closed on Mondays in Jan, Feb and Mar, and also on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Admission:

Adults: \$3.50

Seniors, Students: \$3

Children (5-17): \$1

Tours (The Freedom Trail Foundation):

Adult: \$11

Student/Senior: \$9

Children (6-12): \$5.50

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Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum

Your chance to re-live the events of the Tea Party – on a replica on one of the ships. Thrilling and educative at the same time.

Congress Street Bridge, Boston, MA 02127, USA

GPS: N42.35204, W71.05157

Opening hours:

Open daily 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tours are offered daily during the opening hours and start every 30 minutes. The last tour is at 5 p.m.

Admission:

Adults: \$25 (\$22.50 online)

Seniors, Students, Military: \$22 (\$19.80 online)

Children: \$15 (\$13.50 online)

Group tour rates begin with groups of 25 people or more.

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New England Aquarium

A top-notch aquarium with many marvellous things to see – from the sharks to the stingrays. Great fun for the whole family.

Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110, USA

GPS: N42.35927, W71.04911

Phone:

+1 617 973 5206

Opening hours:

Jul 1 – Sep 2 (Summer):

Sun – Thu: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Fri – Sat: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Winter:

Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sat – Sun: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Open at noon on New Year's Day.

Admission:

Aquarium:

Adults: \$24.95

Seniors (60+): \$22.95

Children (3-11): \$17.95

Children (0-2), Disabled: free

You can purchase the tickets for the IMAX theater and Whale Watch, too.

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ICA Boston

This unique performance space is simply spectacular. Come see both the famous and the unknown contemporary artists and the art of 21st century.

100 Northern Ave, Boston, MA 02210, USA

GPS: N42.35281, W71.04303

Phone:

+1 617 478 3100

Opening hours:

Museum & Store:

Tue – Wed: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thu – Fri: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sat – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ICA is open on the following holidays: M.L. King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Patriot's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Columbus Day.

Closed on Mondays, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Admission:

Adults: \$15

Seniors: \$13

Students: \$10

Youth (0-17): free

Free Thursday Nights: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Free Family Saturday: up to 2 adults accompanied by children 12 and under on the last Saturday of each month (except December).

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