



1. **BOSTON COMMON** - bound by Tremont, Beacon, Charles and Boylston Streets  
The Freedom Trail starts on Boston Common, which is one of the oldest public spaces in the country. Initially used for grazing cattle, today the Common is a public park used for recreation, relaxing and public events.
2. **STATE HOUSE** - Corner of Beacon and Park Streets  
Adjacent to Boston Common, the Massachusetts State House is the seat of state government. Built between 1795 and 1798, the dome was originally constructed of wood shingles, and later replaced with a copper coating. Today, the dome gleams in the sun, thanks to a covering of 23-karat gold leaf.
3. **PARK STREET CHURCH** - One Park Street, Boston MA 02108  
Founded in 1809, the Park Street Church sits on Tremont Street at one corner of the Boston Common. The church has been active in many social issues of the day, including anti-slavery and, more recently, gay marriage.
4. **GRANARY BURIAL GROUND** - Park Street, next to Park Street Church  
The old Granary Burial Ground is located next to the Park Street Church, and is the final resting place for Paul Revere, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and the victims of the Boston Massacre.
5. **KINGS CHAPEL** - 58 Tremont St., Boston MA, corner of Tremont and School Streets  
Founded in 1688, Kings Chapel is today a Unitarian church located on Tremont Street. The adjacent burial ground is the oldest in Boston, and includes the tomb of John Winthrop, the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
6. **BEN FRANKLIN AND OLD CITY HALL** - 45 School St., Boston MA  
In the courtyard of Old City Hall (the city government moved in 1969) is a statue of Benjamin Franklin, who was born and attended school in Boston before moving to Philadelphia. Franklin attended Boston Latin School, which opened in 1645, and was located on this site.
7. **OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE** - School Street  
Built originally as a private home in the early 1700s, the Old Corner Bookstore was a hub of literary activity by the 1800s, attracting Longfellow, Hawthorne, Emerson and others. Recently, the store was the site of The Boston Globe store, but it closed in the summer of 2004.
8. **OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE** - 310 Washington St., Boston  
The Old South Meeting House was the site of a protest against a tax on tea on December 16, 1773 – a protest that culminated with the Boston Tea Party later that night. Home to a museum since 1877, the meeting house is a window into Colonial life in Boston.
9. **OLD STATE HOUSE** - corner of State and Washington Streets  
The oldest public building in Boston (built in 1713), the Old State House was a center of political life and commerce for much of the 18th and 19th centuries. On July 18, 1776, the Old State House was the site of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston.