

A photograph of the Boston skyline under a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds. A dark blue horizontal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image. The word "DESTINATION" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font on the left side of the banner, and "Boston" is written in a white, serif font on the right side of the banner.

DESTINATION Boston

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## Introduction to Boston

Boston is an easy blend of historic charm and modern conveniences with a busy street life and beautiful architecture, green parks and gardens, skyscrapers and modern freeways, museums, galleries and colonial churches. Boston is home to the first public library, the first public school and the first subway system; it is the site of the Boston Tea Party that started the Revolutionary War, and is the location of the Cheers bar, made famous by the popular TV sitcom, Cheers. Boston refers to itself as the 'Walking City' and is a remarkable compact city that is centered on the country's oldest public park, Boston Common.

The historical importance and world-class performing arts complexes and theatre make Boston the ideal destination to implement unique meetings and events. It is one of the oldest cities in the country and has been dubbed 'the Athens of America' because of its great cultural, political and economic influence, as well as, renowned for its superior higher education institutions. Thanks to the wide range of exhibit halls, from expansive to intimate rooms, each type of event finds its own designed site. The great diversity of Boston is a privilege and outdoor events, such as teambuilding, can be drawn up with cruise ships on the New England coast, kayaking or Schooner clambakes. Moreover, the convenient transportation system from Logan Airport to the MTBA allows the meeting delegates to enjoy Boston from its historical dimensions to its local culture. Entertainment, such as the opera, theatre, sports, museums and dining will make your visit unforgettable.

## Plan Ahead

Tips for Travelers in the Particular city - comfy shoes, layered clothing, food must try/stay away from:

Boston is referred to as a 'Walking City' and has many cobblestone streets, therefore comfortable shoes are recommended. Medium weight clothing is suitable for most of the year, although lightweight garments are recommended during the summer months and a warm coat is a necessity during the winter. For the most part, dining in New England is casual. Formal dress (tie and jacket for men) for dinner is required at some restaurants in Boston and at some resorts. An absolute must try is the New England clam chowder.

## Electrical Voltage

The U.S. operates on 120 volts, 60 Hz. Electrical outlets are mainly two pin plugs, though three-pin plugs are also widely used. European appliances without dual-voltage capabilities will require an adapter, which can be purchased in most major departure airports.

## Weather/Climate

Boston has a continental climate with very changeable weather patterns such as wide temperature swings in a matter of days, and unseasonal snowfalls. Summers are usually sunny, hot and humid, the temperature in July averaging 82F (28C). Winters, by contrast, are bitterly cold, windy, wet and snowy. Boston averages 42 inches (108cm) of snowfall annually, much of it deposited in north-easterly storms. The best time to travel to Boston is in late spring or early autumn, when the weather is warm and pleasant. Autumn is particularly lovely when New England's trees wear their colorful fall foliage.

## Average Temperatures in Boston / New England

Month	Maximum / Minimum (Celsius)
January	2 / -4
February	3 / -3
March	7 / 0
April	14 / 5
May	10 / 19
June	25 / 15
July	28 / 18
August	27 / 17
September	22 / 14
October	17 / 9
November	11 / 5
December	4 / -2

## Currency

The US Dollar (USD) is the unit of currency and is divided into 100 cents. Only major banks exchange foreign currency. ATMs are widespread and credit cards and travelers checks are widely accepted. Travelers checks should be taken in US Dollars to avoid hassles. Banking hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Local Time

The USA is divided into six time zones. New England is in the Eastern Time Zone (GMT -5). New England observes Daylight Saving Time between March and November when clocks go back one hour.

## Telephone Access and Pay Phones

You can find pay phones in many shops around the city, in hotels and in cultural places like the Boston Symphony Orchestra. For more information about the location of pay phones, visit the website <http://www.payphone-project.com/numbers/usa/MA/BOSTON/>.

## When You Get There

### Can You Drink the Water? Do You Have to Peel Your Own Fruit, Etc.?

Yes, you can drink the water and you do not have to peel your fruits. The sanitary conditions are good in Boston.

### Country Code When Calling from Outside the Country:

The country code is 00 + 1\* when calling outside the country.

### City Code When Calling Outside the City:

The Boston city code is 617.

## Smoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor workplaces and in over 700 bars, restaurants and night clubs.

## Banking

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## Tipping Policy

Most restaurants automatically add an 18% gratuity for large groups. If the gratuity is not included, the recommended gratuity is 15-20% of your meal or bar bill. Other recommended tips: 15% for a taxi; \$1.00-\$1.50 per bag for airport porters and hotel bellmen.

## Typical Hours for Retail

Shops open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Monday to Saturday with most large stores open on Sunday but with shorter opening hours.

## Taxes & VAT

### Local Taxes and Rates Added to Goods and Services

There is no sales tax on clothing in Boston however there is a 5% tax on all other items except non-restaurant food and clothing valued under \$175. Since the federal government has no system for refunding sales tax to non-US visitors, it is advisable to ask at the point of purchase for tax exemption through direct purchasing.

### Can I Claim Anything Back on Meeting Expenses or Purchases?

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### Resources to Contact: Useful Telephone numbers

Police	(617) 343-4200 (Boston Police)
Ambulance	911
Tourist Board Numbers	(617) 973-8500
Embassy Contact Information	Please See Attached List

## Meeting Resources

### Business Etiquette

People are generally friendly and informal.

### What is the Accepted Business Dress Code?

Typically corporate dress code can range from business professional attire to business casual. Men should wear business suits if possible, however blazers can be worn with dress slacks or nice khaki pants. Wearing a tie is a requirement for men in a business professional dress code. Sweaters worn with a shirt and tie are an option as well.

Women should wear business suits or skirt-and-blouse combinations. Women adhering to the business professional dress code can wear slacks, shirts and other formal combinations. Women dressing for a business professional dress code should try to be conservative. Revealing clothing should be avoided, and body art should be covered. Jewelry

should be conservative and tasteful. Women should avoid open-toe shoes and strapless shoes that expose the heel of the foot.

Never wear jeans, athletic apparel or athletic footwear. Offensive T-shirts, distracting jewelry and rips in clothing are not appropriate in a business professional dress code. Women should avoid shirts that expose cleavage and back areas. Shorts are never allowed in a business professional dress code. Women should wear pantyhose or stockings as not to expose their bare legs. Head wear is not permitted unless it is for religious significance.

### **Local Business Customs/Local Customs:**

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## **Services**

### **Business Resources: Translations, Alpha graphics, Photocopying**

If you want to print, copy, design or communicate visually, here is a list of printing services specialized in printing convention, meeting printing, posters, banners etc.

Alphagraphics	74 Canal Street, Boston	(617) 742 9588
Copy Cop, Inc.	601 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 267 6805
Fedex Office	415 Summer Street, Boston	(617) 954 2203
Nex Graphix & Printing, Inc.	36 Warren Street, Boston	(617) 541 4639
Sir Speedy Printing & Copying	123 North Washington Street, Boston	(617) 523 7656

### **Where to Find Free Internet**

Here are café, hotel and cultural places where there is a free internet access:

Armani Café	214 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 437 0909
Boston Public Library	100 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 536 5400
Copley Square Hotel	47 Huntington Avenue, Boston	(866) 8912174
Equal Exchange Café	226 Causeway Street, Boston	(617) 372 8777
Marriott Customs House	3 McKinley Square, Boston	(617) 310 6300
Wired Puppy	250 Newbury Street, Boston	(857) 366 4655

### **What is the General Cost of Internet Access in Hotels**

Internet access in hotels typically varies in cost. These could range from free to \$14.95 per day.

### **Holidays**

Shops and drugstores offer last-minute deals. Most of them are opened until 3 AM even on holidays.

The Holidays in Boston are:

New Year's Day	January 1
M.L. King Jr.'s Birthday	Third Monday in January
Presidents Day	Third Monday in February

Evacuation day	March 17
Patriots day	Third Monday in April
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Bunker Hill Day	June 17
Independence Day	July 04
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Columbus Day	Second Monday in October
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	Forth Thursday in November
Christmas	December 25

### Team Building Activities

The potential team building activities in Boston are: cruises on the New England Coast, a Scavenger hunt in Boston or Thompson Island, Schooner clambakes, outdoor adventures such as kayaking or all day golf outings, customized and traditional tours, excursions...

## Medical Information

### Pharmacy/Chemist – Opening Hours

CVS and Walgreens are open 24-hours and have several locations in and around the Boston area.

### Where to Go for Emergency Treatment

#### Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

330 Brookline Avenue  
 Boston, MA 02215  
 (617) 667 7000

#### Boston Medical Center

1 Boston Medical Center Place  
 Boston, MA 02118  
 (617) 638 8000

#### Brigham and Women's Hospital

15 Francis Street  
 Boston, MA 02115  
 (617) 732 8881

#### Children's Hospital Boston

300 Longwood Avenue  
 Boston, MA 02115  
 (617) 355 6000

## Massachusetts General Hospital

55 Fruit Street  
Boston MA 02114  
(617) 726 2000

## New England Medical Center

800 Washington Street # 314  
Boston MA 02111  
(617) 638 5857

## The Fun Side of the City

### Wine and Dine

#### Food and Beverage: Traditional Local food/ drinks to try

Drinks, local wines, beers and mead are traditional beverages in Boston. There are several local breweries in Boston that are quite renowned: Sam Adams Brewery and Harpoon Brewery. Visitors have to taste them. The Boston local food festival in October is the occasion to discover traditional food and drinks. Concerning food, seafood is predominant in local cuisine but Italian, Mediterranean, Latin and Asian influences are present too.

#### Unusual Venues for Dinner

Here are places which can host a memorable event. These restaurants offer the traditional local cuisine and have perfect event spaces for a reception, banquet or board meeting.

Name of Restaurant	Restaurant Address	Phone Number
Abe and Louie's Steakhouse	793 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 536 6300
B & G Oysters	550 Tremont Street, Boston	(617) 423 0550
Beacon Hill Bistro	Beacon Hill Hotel, 25 Charles Street, Boston	(617) 723 7575
Cheers!	84 Beacon street, Boston	(617) 227 9605
Clio	The Eliot Hotel, 370 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	(617) 532 7125
Gargoyles	219 Elm Street, Somerville	(617) 776 5300
Grille 23	161 Berkeley Street, Boston	(617) 542 2255
Kingfish Hall	188 Faneuil Hall Market Place, Boston	(617) 523 8862
K.O. Prime Steak House	Nine Zero Hotel, 90 Tremont Street, Boston	(617) 772 0202
Legal Seafoods	255 State Street, Boston	(617) 742 5300
Mamma Marias	3 North Square, Boston	(617) 523-0077
Mistral	223 Columbus Avenue, Boston	(617) 351 2601
Ned Devine's	1 Faneuil Hall Market Place, Boston	(617) 248 8800
No. 9 Park	9 Park Street, Boston	(617) 742 9991
Olives	10 City square, Charlestown	(617) 242 1999
Post 390	406 Stuart Street, Boston	(617) 339 0025
Scampo	215 Charles Street, Boston	(617) 423-0550
Sam's at Louis Boston	60 Northern Avenue, Boston	(617) 295 0191
Sel de la Terre – Back Bay	774 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 266 8801
Summer Shack	50 Dalton Street, Boston	(617) 867 9955

Strega Restaurant	379 Hanover Street, Boston	(617) 523-8481
Tapeo Restaurant & Tapas Bar	266 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 267 1602
TW Food	377 Walden St # A, Cambridge	(617) 864-4745
Towne	900 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 247 0400
Top of the Hub	Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston St, Boston	(617) 859 0056
Uni Sashimi Bar	370A Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	(617) 536 7200
Union Oyster House	41 Union Street, Boston	(617) 227 2750
Upstairs on the Square	91 Winthrop Street, Cambridge	(617) 864 1933

### Cheap Eats and the Ubiquitous American Hamburger

Boston has an abundance of restaurants that offer great hamburgers, salads, sandwiches and wraps, for minimal prices. The most valued is Bartley's, which offers over 30 different hamburgers from \$9 to \$12. Choices range from hamburgers such as the Facebook, the Lady Gaga and the Barak Obama. With such a diverse and fun menu, you will be sure to find something you'll love. Another great option is the Miracle of Science restaurant, which is always packed with artists, musicians, geo physicists and computer gurus and has delicious burgers, salads or skewers from \$4 to \$12. R.F. O'Sullivan & Son restaurant is renowned for its variety – over two dozens of hamburgers are on their menu – but does offer other items like the Steak Tip sub, Coconut Chicken Tenders and Grilled Veggie Platter. Other restaurants that offer great cheap eats are U Burger, Sullivan's, the Field, Wild Willy's Burgers and the Café at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Name of Restaurant	Restaurant Address	Phone Number
Bartley's	1246 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge	(617) 354-6559
Miracle of Science	321 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge	(617) 868-2866
R.F. O'Sullivan & son	282 Beacon Street, Somerville	(617) 492-7773
Sullivan's	2080 William J Day Boulevard, Boston	(617) 268-5685
The Cafe at Four Seasons Hotel	200 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 338-4400
The Field	20 Prospect St, Cambridge	(617) 354-7345
U Burger	1022 Commonwealth Avenue, Brookline	(617) 487-4855
Wild Willy's Burgers	46 Arsenal Street, Watertown	(617) 926-9700

### Al Fresco Dining

One of the most popular things about Boston is the abundance of seasonal al fresco dining available. During the summer months, nearly every restaurant has some outdoor seating available. Below is a list of the finest in the city.

Restaurant Name	Restaurant Address	Phone Number
Eastern Standard	528 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	(617) 532-9100
Cask 'n Flagon	62 Brookline Avenue, Boston	(617) 536-4840
Stephanie's on Newbury	190 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 236-0990
Sonsie	327 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 351-2500
Vox Populi	755 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 424-8300
Via Matta	79 Park Plaza, Boston	(617) 422-0008
Boston Beer Works	112 Canal Street, Boston	(617) 896-2337
Wagamama	Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston	(617) 742-9242

Ristorante Fiore	250 Hanover Street, Boston	(617) 371-1176
Tia's Restaurant	200 Atlantic Avenue, Boston	(617) 227-0828
Picco	513 Tremont Street, Boston	(617) 927-0066
The Savant Project	1625 Tremont Street, Boston	(617) 566-5958
Restaurant Dante	40 Edward H. Land Boulevard, Cambridge	(617) 497-4200
Om	92 Winthrop Street, Cambridge	(617) 576-2800
The Fireplace	1634 Beacon Street, Brookline	(617) 975-1900
Scollay Square	21 Beacon Street, Boston	(617) 742-4900
Precinct	70 Union Square, Somerville	(617) 623-9211
Audubon Circle Restaurant Bar	838 Beacon Street, Boston	(617) 421-1910
Church	69 Kilmarnock Street, Boston	(617) 236-7600
Lansdowne Pub	9 Lansdowne Street, Boston	(617) 247-1222
Burtons Grill	1363 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 236-2236
Game On! Fenway	82 Lansdowne Street, Boston	(617) 351-7001
Bar Lola	160 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston	(617) 266-1122
Ciao Bella Boston	240 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 536-2626
Cafeteria Boston	279 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 536-2233
La Voile	261 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 587-4200
Piattini Gelateria and Cafe	226 Newbury Street, Boston	(617) 536-7500
Abe & Louie's	793 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 536-6300
Bistro du Midi	272 Boylston Street, Boston	(617) 426-7878
McCormick & Schmick's	Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston	(617) 720-5230
Kingfish Hall	188 Faneuil Hall Market Place, Boston	(617) 523-8862
Trattoria IL Panino	11 Parmenter Street, Boston	(617) 720-1336
Atlantic Beer Garden	146 Seaport Boulevard, Boston	(617) 357-8000
Barking Crab	88 Sleeper Street, Boston	(617) 426-2722
Chart House Restaurant	60 Long Wharf, Boston	(617) 227-1576
LTK – Legal Seafood Test Kitchen	225 Northern Avenue, Boston	(617) 330-7430
Miel "Brasserie Provancale"	510 Atlantic Avenue, Boston	(617) 217-5151
Tamo Terrace	One Seaport Lane, Boston	(617) 385-4315
Sibling Rivalry	525 Tremont Street, Boston	(617) 338-5338
Hamersley's Bistro	553 Tremont Street, Boston	(617) 423-2700
Stella	1525 Washington Street, Boston	(617) 247-7747

### Average Cost of Food

Breakfast \$9-15; Lunch \$10-20; Dinner \$20-100

### Entertainment: **Traditional Local Entertainment**

Life in Boston is largely influenced by the large student population. With more than 54 universities and colleges, the city has become a leading center of higher Education with icons like Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the Berklee College of Music.

The city has also been influenced by music. Boston and nearby Cambridge have a large music scene that contribute to the city's vibrant entertainment. A number of great artists and rock bands hail from Boston, such as five-time Grammy

Award winner James Taylor, Aerosmith, The Pixies, The Cars and Boston.

Boston's enthusiasm for sports is vital to the city's character. Alongside "The Boston Sports Trail" all the most important sport sites of the city are visited.

From the MFA and The Isabella Stewart Gardner museum, to the John F. Kennedy and Boston Fire Museums, there is something for everyone. You can explore your scientific side with a trip to the Science Museum, or your inner child with a trip to the Boston Children's Museum.

In the theatre district, you'll find the Opera House, Colonial Theatre, Wilbur Theatre, Shubert Theatre and the Citi Performing Art Center. Outside of the theatre district, you'll also find The Huntington, The American Repertory Theatre, The Lyric Stage, the Calderwood Pavilion and the Cutler Majestic Theatre. Dance performances remain a cultural strong point in Boston and the Boston Ballet, known for its classical and modern works, is one of the best in the world. The world renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops, which plays lighter, more popular classics and show tunes perform at Symphony Hall.

### The Scene: Nightlife, Pubs, Bars and Social Networking

The Black Rose	160 State Street, Boston	Irish Music & Pub
Ned Devines	1 Faneuil Hall Market Place, Boston	Music Hall, Irish Music & Pub
House of Blues	15 Lansdowne Street, Boston	Music and Concert Venue with Dining
Foundation Room, House of Blues	15 Lansdowne Street, Boston	Music and Concert Venue with Dining
Jerry Remy's	1265 Boylston street, Boston	Sports Bar & Grill Home
Jillian's of Boston	145 Ipswich Street, Boston	Entertainment Complex with Dining
Right Field Rooftop Deck	Fenway Park	Seasonal: Best Date Night in Boston
The Living Room	101 Atlantic Avenue, Boston	Venue with Dining Room, VIP Lounge
The Estate	1 Boylston Place, Boston	Nightlife
Hard Rock Cafe	22-24 Clinton Street, Boston	Bar/Dining/Music
Bank of America Pavilion Concerts	290 Northern Avenue, Boston	Seasonal: April – October
Boston Blues Barge Nights	Harborwalk, Boston Harbor Hotel	Seasonal: April – October
Intercontinental Outside Pavilion	510 Atlantic Avenue, Boston	Seasonal: April – October
Drink	348 Congress Street, Boston	Cocktail bar

### What is Usually on: Opera, Sports, Theatre

Opera Boston is a professional opera company dedicated to offering engaging musical productions of outstanding quality that connect audience and performer. Opera Boston presents innovative repertoire choices and important but rarely performed works.

**Sports:** Boston is known as the city of Champions. Sports lovers and enthusiasts can find it all from baseball, hockey, football, soccer, basketball are widely popular sports in Boston, representing by notorious teams like the Boston Red Sox, the Boston Bruins, the New England Patriots, the New England Revolution and the Boston Celtics.

**Theatre:** A few theatres show first-run commercial movies, while others specialize in foreign language and indie films, classics, documentaries, and other genres.

**Seasonal Calendar Music and Performances:** Seasonal and Year Round options – Bank of America Pavilion, The Orpheum, Paradise (Brighton), Wang Theater, Symphony Hall, Fenway Park Concerts, TD Bank Concerts...etc ... check the seasonal schedules!

## Annual Events

### January

#### **Boston Wine Festival**

Regional wineries exhibit their wines during the last week in January. Each night, a winery provides dinner and the perfect wine to go with it. All dinners are prepared by one of Boston's chefs. Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, Boston. Call (617) 439-7000 for more information.

#### **Jazz Festival**

Listen to world famous jazz musicians during mid-January. The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennet Street, Cambridge. Call (617) 876-7777 for more information.

#### **Cookbook Dine Around**

Beginning the third Friday of every January, join Chefs and food critics from all over the country when Boston restaurants bring out their best in this gourmet event. Sample some of Boston's best food and watch the pros prepare their famous dishes. Le Meridian Hotel, address. Call (888) SEE-BOSTON for more information.

### February

#### **NTDTV Chinese New Year Gala**

The NDTV Chinese New Year Gala takes celebrants on an exhilarating journey back to the ancient Chinese Legend and Myth. Call (617) 880-9061 for more information.

#### **Boston Wine Expo**

As the nation's largest consumer wine event, the Boston Wine Expo uncorks an unparalleled wine and food experience. The Grand Tasting showcases more than 440 wineries from 13 countries pouring some 1,800 wines. Highlights include a Grand Cru Wine Lounge, seminars, celebrity chef demonstrations and two Vintner Dinners. Call (877) 946-3976 for more information.

#### **Black History Month**

Interesting and cool event paying tribute to black history. Events published annually.

#### **The Beanpot**

The first two Mondays of February are host to a key social event for Boston winter sports. An annual hockey tournament that gathers Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University and Northeastern University has taken place for almost sixty years. Don't miss out on the Women's Beanpot, which features the finest women's hockey teams on the Tuesdays following the men's tournament.

## March

### **St. Patrick's Day**

On March 17, come out to watch one of the largest St. Patrick's Day parades. The parade, focused in the famous Irish enclave of South Boston, starts on Broadway at the MBTA Station, City Hall Plaza. Call (617) 635-4500 for more information. The parade features 2-3 hours of continuous entertainment from troupes to bands to intriguing novelty acts.

### **International Boston Seafood Show**

In the middle of March, delight in fresh fish and explore new seafood products at the annual exposition of seafood vendors. The Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston Street, Boston. Call (207) 842-5599 for more information.

### **New England Spring Flower Show**

View some of the most beautiful local flowers and gardens at the Bayside Expo and Conference Center. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, this event takes place in the middle of March. Bayside Expo and Conference Center. Call (617) 536-9280 for more information.

### **Major League Soccer: The New England Revolution**

There's no end to the excitement each season as Major League Soccer teams from both the eastern and western conferences vie for glory in regular season matches, on to the play offs and cup finals. Come out to cheer on the New England Revolution from March to October. The Revs' largest rivals are none other than the New York Red Bulls. Several games are played each month at Gillette Stadium located in Foxborough.

## April

### **Major League Baseball: The Boston Red Sox**

Nothing signals advent of spring more than baseball with a capital B, tightly meshed into American culture with historic firsts, icon performances, record-setting events, and traditions from hot dogs slathered in mustard to unexpected curveballs, and seventh-inning stretches. Every season opens against Boston's biggest rival, the New York Yankees at this oldest baseball park in America, Boston's own Fenway Park.

### **Boston Marathon**

Join other runners in the annual Patriots' Day race, starting at noon from Copley Square, Boylston and Dartmouth Street. Sponsored by The Boston Athletic Association, this event takes place during the middle of April. Call (617) 536-4100 for more information.

### **Art in Bloom**

Local garden clubs and area florists' show off their flowers at this annual convention. View hundreds of flower arrangements and garden galleries. Hosted by The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, this event takes place on the last Friday in April. Call (617) 267-9300 for more information.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Bring the family and enjoy the fun at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Sponsored by the city, this event is usually held on a Saturday in the middle of April. Buttonwood Park, Rockdale Avenue and Route 6, New Bedford. Call (508) 991-6295 for more information.

### **Campus MovieFest**

Colleges and universities across Boston have created amazing short movies during Campus MovieFest, the world's largest student film festival. Here's a chance to see the best of the best, with door prizes from plane tickets to iPods. Call (404) 849-2611 for more information.

## **May**

### **Farmers' Markets**

Come out and enjoy the local produce, located at two locations in Boston. The City Hall Plaza market opens on May 20, and the Market at Copley Square, Boylston and Dartmouth Streets, opens on May 28. Call (617) 635-4500 (City Hall) and (617) 626-1700 (Copley Square) for more information.

### **PublishingGame.com Workshop**

PublishingGame.com offers insight into securing literary agents, self-publishing and book promotion. Also staged in October and at other intervals, this workshop featuring Publishing Game author/publisher Fern Reiss includes continental breakfast. Call (617) 630-0945 for more information.

### **Expertizing.com Workshop**

Held in May and September, this workshop, featuring Expertizing.com's Fern Reiss, provides insights in achieving fame for your expertise and media attention for your business enterprise. Call (617) 630-0945 for more information.

### **Tuesday Night Skate**

Skate the night away with Boston's inline skaters. Start at the Hatch Memorial Shell on Storrow Drive and skate through the city streets. Every Tuesday evening, beginning at 7 PM. Helmet and wrist guards are required. Bright clothing is recommended. Call (617) 727-8855 for more information.

## **June**

### **Free Friday Flicks at the Hatch Shell**

Watch a classic movie, on Friday nights, for free at the Hatch Memorial Shell on Storrow Drive. Call (617) 227-0627 the day before, to find out what's playing or for more information.

### **Party in the Plaza**

The last weekend in June, enjoy a number of events and free concerts during Harbor Fest. City Hall Plaza's North Stage. Call (617) 635-3400 for more information.

### **Children's Day at the Harbor fest**

The last weekend of June, children between 4 and 11 will be entertained with history and marine science displays, games and a face-painting party all celebrating Harbor Fest. City Hall Plaza. Call (617) 635-4500 for more information.

### **Midsummer Revels**

Free to the public, this outdoor Summer Solstice celebration at the Children's Museum has a Grand Parade followed by a 90-minute stage show filled with music, dance and songs from around the world. The evening ends with lighting

of a Midsummer Beacon along Boston's waterfront. Call (617) 972-8300 for more information.

### **American Liver Foundation Walk for Research**

There's free parking and no registration fee for a 3.1-mile walk along the scenic Charles River, with pledges supporting millions of children and adults affected by liver disease. Refreshments, entertainment, music, face painting, clowns and more take place at Artesani Park in late June, off Soldiers Field Road in Brighton. Call (617) 527-5600 for more information.

### **Tall Ship Cruises**

If you want to experience the romance of a traditional sailing ship while enjoying modern comforts, watch dolphins jump or join in hoisting the sails, you will love the tall ship cruises. In Boston, Liberty Fleet is the major charter which offers tall ship cruises aboard the majestic Schooner Liberty Clipper, a 125 foot replica of an 18th century clipper ship which is docked alongside the New England coast from June to September. Call (617) 742-0333 for more information.

### **Dragon Boat Festival**

The Dragon Boat Festival is an exciting cultural and sporting event that takes place on the Charles River in Boston every late May to mid June. Traditionally this event is held on the fifth day of the fifth moon on the lunar calendar. The Dragon Boat Festival commemorates the life and death of the ancient patriot-poet Qu Yuan who lived from 340-278 B.C. Visitors can enjoy the boat races, arts and crafts demonstrations and tasty Asian foods.

## **July**

### **Chowderfest**

On July 1st, from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., come out and watch the best chefs in Boston compete for the title of "Boston's Best Chowder." Taste the recipes and decide for yourself. Tickets are \$5 to \$7. City Hall Plaza. Call (617) 635-4500 for more information.

### **Bastille Day in Boston**

Celebrate this French national holiday with a street party featuring Francophone musical guests: Ricardo Lemvo and Makina Loca, Emeline Michel, and Ousmane Toure, as well as food and other street vendors. Sponsored by the French Library Alliance Francaise (53 Marlborough Street, Boston). Call (617) 912-0400 for more information.

### **Multicultural Arts Expo**

Boston's Reggie Lewis Track Center on Tremont Street is the site for this multicultural arts extravaganza where crafters, performers and business owners band together to provide an array of ethnic artwork and performances. Call (617) 442-9912 for more information.

## **August**

### **Chinatown Festival**

Explore Asian culture featuring exhibitions of a variety of arts and foods and martial arts displays. Located in Chinatown (between South Station and the Boston Common), 10 AM - 6 PM, during the first week of August. Call (617) 635-3485 for more information.

### **August Moon Festival**

Celebrate, in Chinatown, the 1368 overthrow of the Yuan dynasty. Enjoy authentic moon cakes with hidden messages. Located at the Gateway Arch on Harrison Avenue, on the 3rd Sunday of August. Call (617) 635-3485 for more information.

### **Summer Nights: Fenway Lights**

Boston Cares celebrates community service with Summer Nights: Fenway Lights, a festive soiree and benefit including complimentary hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment to accompany the silent / live auction action. Call (617) 422-0910 for more information.

### **Latin Nights**

Starting the first week in August, dance to the Latin beat featuring live bands and dance instructors. Located at the Faneuil Hall Marketplace, on South Market Street every Thursday night from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Call (617) 523-1300 for more information.

### **Massachusetts Farmers' Market Week**

Celebrate the beginning of the harvest season at Salem Farmers' Market in late August, which opens each Thursday afternoon through early evening until late October, featuring cooking demonstrations by local restaurants using fresh seasonal ingredients, live entertainment, and presentations by local celebrities. Salem Farmers' Market, 265 Essex Street, Salem. Call (978) 744-0004 for more information.

## **September**

### **National Football League: the New England Patriots**

If it's Fall and you're ready for some football, count on the National Football League to deliver non-stop grid action, leading to playoffs, and the incomparable Super Bowl. The New England Patriots are long standing champions in Boston as they have won three Super Bowls between 2001 and 2005 and three League Championships.

### **College Football**

NCAA Football, created in 1997 to promote college football ideals, makes no bones about the importance of each game.

### **New England Conservatory**

Beginning the first week of September, enjoy free concerts hosted by the New England Conservatory. Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston. Call (617) 536-2412 for more information.

### **Taste of Boston**

City Hall Plaza is the scene for the Taste of Boston, a culinary spectacular for more than two decades featuring music, wine and food from many of Boston's most famous restaurants. A Grand Tasting Area includes more than 20 wineries. Call (617) 779-3496 for more information.

### **National Recovery Month Picnic**

Six Flags New England in Springfield, in conjunction with the Fresh Start Recovery Coalition including the Salvation

Army, Saugus and Plymouth House, invites participants to join in this picnic celebration. Tickets include theme and water park admission, an all you can eat buffet, and more. Call (781) 338-9300 for more information.

### **Boston Film Festival**

During the first two weeks of September, view this exhibition of new films where many popular movies have premiered. Loews Copley Place, 100 Huntington Avenue. Call (617) 266-2533 for more information.

### **MSPCA-Angell Walk for Animals**

In mid-September, hundreds of pets and their owners take a 1.5 mile walk around Boston Common, featuring Frisbee demos, raffles and contests, and an agility ring where you can teach your dog some new tricks. Call (617) 522-WALK for more information.

### **Fall Foliage**

Join several million people as they observe the change of seasons. From the middle of September through the middle of October, drive through New England and enjoy the colors of autumn. Farm stands, self-pick groves, country fairs and festivals are in abundance this time of the year. Call (800) 227-MASS for more information.

### **New Beginnings Art Show**

At the Reggie Lewis Track Center, the New Beginnings Art Show is based on the premise that everyone should start anew after domestic violence, major illness, job loss, and other setbacks that affect women from all walks of life. Call (617) 442-9912 for more information.

## **October**

### **National Hockey League: The Boston Bruins**

The National Hockey League's rough and tumble world packs a mother lode of milestones, from 1917's NHL opener, to when Maurice Richard was first to score 50 goals in one season in 1944-45, to when Clint Benedict was the first goalie to put on a mask after a shot knocked him unconscious, to when Manon Rheaume made headlines in 1992 as the first woman playing in one of the four major sports leagues, goaltending for the Tampa Bay Lightning against the St. Louis Blues. From October on, it's non-stop action in the world of hat tricks -- three goals in a game by a player -- and sudden death overtime.

### **An Evening With Champions**

Benefitting the Jimmy Fund of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute for pediatric cancer research, this ice skating exhibition at Harvard's Bright Hockey Arena has been a hit for nearly 40 years with such stars as Nancy Kerrigan, Oksana Baiul, Scott Hamilton, Michelle Kwan, Kristi Yamaguchi, Brian Boitano and others. Call (617) 493-8172 for more information.

### **Vegetarian Food Festival**

Mid-October, enjoy this exhibition of food and cooking for the vegetarian lifestyle hosted by the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center. 1350 Tremont Street, Boston. Call (617) 541-3535 for more information.

### **Mayor's Cup Cross-Country Races**

The last weekend in October, join the U.S. Track & Field Association's East Region championship in the one-day cross-country run in Franklin Park. This event is hosted by The Boston Athletic Association, which also sponsors the Boston Marathon. Franklin Park, 1 Franklin Park Road. Call (617) 236-1652 for more information.

### **Head of the Charles**

Head of the Charles Regatta is the world's largest two-day rowing event, first held on October 16, 1965. Since 1965, rowers have come from far and near to the banks of the Charles River to take part in the world's largest regatta. But the fun isn't limited to competitors – there are many ways for spectators to get involved in the weekend's activities. Call (617) 868-6200 for more information.

## **November**

### **National Basketball Association: The Boston Celtics**

With 17 NBA Championships – the most for any NBA franchise – the Boston Celtics are one of the most elite professional basketball teams in the country. The Celtics are home to some of the greatest players to ever lace up a pair of sneakers and the greatest coaches to ever blow a whistle. Thirty three men with Celtic ties have been enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame, the most of any NBA team and the Celtics have retired 21 numbers, the most of any professional sports franchise in North America. With the LA Lakers and Miami Heat as primary rivals, you'll be sure to catch an exciting game! TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, Boston. Call (617) 624-1050 for more information.

### **Cyberposium**

Harvard Business School's Cyberposium facilitates networking of current and future business leaders for provocative dialog on technology and its impact. Call (801) 362-2200 for more information.

### **Peaceful Expressions**

Peaceful Expressions, an annual benefit concert honoring area Nobel Peace Prize nominees, provides an opportunity to recharge emotional batteries. Call (617) 262-1831 for more information.

### **Avaland**

Dance all night at the city's largest dance club. Call ahead to find out which famous DJs and guests will be appearing. Avalon, 15 Lansdowne Street. Doors open at 10 PM. Admission is \$15. Call (617) 262-2424 for more information.

## **December:**

### **Boston Tea Party Re-enactment**

Dress up in a Colonial outfit and see a re-enactment of the December 16, 1773 protest of taxation without representation. Hosted by The Old South Meeting House. Admission is free if you come in costume; otherwise it is \$1. Call (617) 482 6439 for more information.

### **Chanukah Celebration**

Join in the celebration of the festival of lights. Downtown Crossing, Boston. Call (617) 266-1492 for more information.

### **First Night**

Celebrate New Year's Eve, in Boston, at First Night. There is partying in the streets and something for everyone at this fun filled party. Call (617) 542-1399 for more information.

### **Matzo Ball**

From a humble start in a Boston bar, Boston's Matzo Ball bashes at the Boston Avalon have expanded to more than a dozen cities from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco and Seattle as a holiday party for Jewish singles on the night before Christmas. Call (617) 262-2424 for more information.

## **Sightseeing**

### **There Are Ten "Must Sees" When You are in Boston:**

#### **The Freedom Trail**

The "red path" leads to 16 capital historical sites along 2.5 miles.

#### **The Boston Public Garden**

A large park located in the heart of Boston. During the warmest season, visitors can take a Swan boat ride for a small fee.

#### **Quincy Market**

A historical building near Faneuil Hall in downtown Boston constructed in 1824-1826. At the beginning, the market was a shopping center with various grocers.

#### **Fenway Park**

A baseball park near Kenmore Square. Since opening in 1912, it has been the home ballpark of the Boston Red Sox. Today, it is the oldest Major League Baseball Stadium.

#### **Museum of Science**

Located in The Boston Science Park, it contains over 500 exhibits. Live representations are organized everyday and major historical exhibits have been featured since its creation in 1830.

#### **Sam Adams Brewery**

In this place, you can learn all about the brewing process. You can also taste and appreciate the special malts used in Sam Adams brews. To do so, brewery tours are organized for visitors, it lasts one hour and it is free, the suggested donation is \$2.00 for local charities.

#### **New England Aquarium**

It is one of the most popular and prominent public aquariums in the United States. The modern facilities and aquarium offer a great overall view of the aquatic life.

#### **Boston Harbor Islands**

This is a recreational area which has many attractions like hiking trails and beaches. There is the Spectacle Island which is a public park well served by the Boston Ferries. The Civil War-era Fort Warren has also to be seen.

### **Museum of Fine Arts**

One of the largest museums in the United States. Founded in 1870 but currently relocated to Huntington Avenue in 1909, it displays 450,000 works of art.

### **Cheers Boston** (formerly the Bull & Finch pub)

This bar/restaurant, founded in 1969 as the Bull & Finch pub, is famous as the exterior of the bar is seen in the NBC television sitcom Cheers which ran from 1982 to 1993.

### **The City by Water:**

From May to mid-October, whale watching is an exciting experience delivered by various charters in Boston

Sailing experience in Boston Harbor: you will enjoy a relaxing sail, beautiful views and the fresh sea air as you will learn how to operate a keelboat.

Twelve diverse islands stretched over 1,600 acres constitute the Boston Harbor Islands. Tour the islands on your own or with a guide. It is pretty easy to get there thanks to a brief ferry ride leaving from Long Wharf in the Boston Harbor. Boaters and outdoor enthusiasts can also get there via their own boat, including motorboats, sailboats and sea kayaks. Four islands: Deer Island, Nut Island, Worlds End or Webb Memorial can be visited by car as well. These islands are perfect for a variety of activities such as camping, touring the lighthouses, boating or sea kayaking or simply riding the park ferry around the harbor.

### **Best souvenirs to bring home from Boston**

A bag of Boston baked beans , anything that is Red Sox, Celtics or Patriots related, a plush Toy lobster indicative of the seafood Boston is well known for, a Swan Boat painting, a Boston travel mug, a Boston MBTA trolley landmark ornament to remind you of the Boston subway or Massachusetts spoon to remember the New England culture.

### **A Couple Hours to Spare**

#### **What to see with: A couple of hours to spare; Half a day free; 2 days plus free**

If you find you have a few hours to spare, head to Copley Square in the Back Bay where you will find the Boston Public Library, Trinity Church, Museum of Fine Arts and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. You can shop on historic and notorious Newbury Street where you will find high-ends shops like Chanel, Bvlgari, Miu Miu or Mont Blanc.

If you are in Boston for half a day, the Freedom Trail is a "must see." It is a red path (mostly brick) through downtown that leads to 16 significant historic sites, a 2.5 miles walk from Boston Common to Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown.

During a two days journey, you should walk the Freedom Trail, spend a couple of hours in Copley Square, walk through Harvard University, visit one of the many museums Boston has to offer or explore the waterfront by boat.

# Transportation

## Getting There

### Easiest Way to Get to City:

There are several convenient ways to get to Boston. Flights connect Boston to the rest of the world: Logan International Airport is located in East Boston and is well served by local subway and bus systems.

Nationwide bus companies like Greyhound and Peter Pan offer schedules from Boston to New Hampshire, Cape Code, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York City.

Amtrak is also a convenient way to travel to/from Boston. Amtrak has three stops in Boston: Route 128, about 12 miles from downtown, Back Bay Station, near Copley Square and the Prudential, and South Station, near the financial district. You can be in New York City in 3 ½ hours and various other cities along the eastern seaboard.

In the city, the MBTA (subway and bus) offers an online trip-planner which is useful for determining how to get to wherever you may need to go.

To get to Boston by car, the three main routes into Boston are I-90 (Massachusetts Turnpike) from the West, I-95 from the North and South and I-93 from North and South.

### Low Cost Carriers

There are many low cost booking agents that will determine the best fares to Boston: Expedia, Orbitz, Travelocity, Bookit and Kayak.

#### Average Flying Time from Key Cities

Atlanta	2 hrs 5 mins
Chicago	2 hrs 5 mins
Dallas	4 hrs
Denver	4 hrs 25 mins
Detroit	2 hrs
Los Angeles	6 hrs
Miami	3 hrs
New Orleans	4 hrs 45 mins
New York City	1 hrs
Philadelphia	1 hrs 25 mins
Salt Lake City	5 hrs
San Francisco	6 hrs 25 mins
Seattle	6 hrs 25 mins
Washington DC	1 hrs 50 mins

## After You Land

### What are the Methods of Transportation from the Airport?

Massport gives options getting to and from the airport: Logan Express bus service in Braintree, Framingham, Woburn and Peabody stations provide a convenient and comfortable ride to and from the airport.

The On-Airport Shuttle bus service connects the terminals and allows you to explore Boston Logan’s extensive shopping and dining options while waiting for a flight.

The Water transport is organized with water shuttles and water taxi. The MBTA Harbor Express Shuttle Boat serves the Logan dock and provides direct connections to downtown Boston and other popular waterfront destinations in Boston Inner Harbor and Quincy and Hull on the South Shore. Water taxis function like land taxis – passengers can board a water taxi waiting at the dock or call ahead for a reservation.

With The MBTA, the silver line SL1 serves Logan Airport terminals.

**Cost of Transportation from the Airport**

- Taxi to Boston city center is approximately \$20-30
- On-airport Transportation is free.
- Commuter boat to Logan airport: \$12 per ride
- Water Taxis fares: The standard adult fare is \$10.00 per passenger one-way. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are sold on board the boat.
- Silver line SL1 fares: \$1.70 with a Charlie card and \$2.00 with a Charlie Ticket ( cash-on-board)

Logan Express Bus Service Fares				
To:	Braintree	Framingham	Woburn	Peabody
Adult one-way fare	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Adult round trip fare	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
Senior (65+) one-way fare	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
Senior (65+) round trip fare	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Children under 12 when accompanied by a paying adult	free	free	free	free

**Getting Around in the City**

**How to Get Around the City/Transportation in Boston**

- Subway and Bus: MBTA offers 5 subway lines and many bus lines all around the city.
- Taxi: Available from the airport to any location within the city and surrounding areas.
- Train: Commuter rails connect the city with the suburbs around.
- Limousines: Boston Limousine offers quality ground transportation services to/from Logan Airport.

**Taxi – Are There Different Kinds Of Taxi Services – Public? Private?**

Boston’s taxis are regulated by the Boston Police Department’s Hackney Carriage Unit. The Police Commissioner appoints a unit commanded by a BPD Superior Officer to regulate the taxi industry. The Hackney Unit is in charge of setting standards and licensing the taxi companies operating in the City of Boston. The Department has been working to promote greener, fuel-efficient taxis through the Clean Air Cab program, providing online services to improve customer experience, and implementing the use of credit fare readers. There are seven authorized cab associations in Boston: Top Cab, Boston Cab Association, I.T.O.A. Cab Association, City Cab Association, Metro Cab Association and Tunnel Taxi.

## Cost of transportation in Boston

Subway and Bus	
Charlie Card	\$1.70
Charlie Ticket	\$2.00
Monthly Link Pass	\$59.00
Day/Week Link Pass	\$9.00 / \$15.00
Senior and Persons with Disabilities	\$0.60 per ride / \$20.00 per month
Students	\$0.85 per ride / \$20.00 per month
Children 11 or under	Free if accompanied by a paying adult

Boat	
One-way fare	\$1.70 to \$12.00 depending on route travel
Commuter boat: Boston to Logan Airport Cross harbor	\$10.00 per ride
Commuter boat: Boat Pass (Hingham – Boston, Quincy/Hull – Boston)	\$6.00 per ride / \$198.00 per month / \$54.00 for ten rides
Commuter boat to Logan Airport – Boat Pass (Quincy/Hull – Logan)	\$12.00 per ride
Day/week link pass	\$9.00 / \$15.00
Seniors and persons with disabilities	50% discount on ride fares / \$27.00 for ten rides
Students	50% discount on ride fares
Children 11 or under	Free if accompanied by a paying adult

## Driving in Boston

Many of Boston's streets were once horse-cart paths and today present a challenge for drivers in those ubiquitous SUV's. Parking can be difficult but with services such as vanpools and car-sharing companies, it is possible to navigate the city capably.