



Tourist Attractions
Boston, MA

Museums



Museum of Fine Arts

Avenue of the Arts
465 Huntington Avenue
617.267.9300

Boston's oldest, largest and best-known art institution, the MFA houses one of the world's most comprehensive art collections and is renowned for its Impressionist paintings, Asian and Egyptian collections and early American art.

Hours: Monday-Tuesday, 10:00am-9:45pm; Wednesday-Friday, 10:00am-4:45pm; Saturday-Sunday, 10:00am-4:45pm

Admission: \$17.00 (Adults), free Wednesdays from 4:00pm-9:45pm.

www.mfa.org



Museum of Science

1 Science Park
617.589.0300

Spend a couple of hours or the whole day at this hands-on museum that has something exciting for everyone. Touch a lizard, watch chickens hatching, see lightning being created and enjoy hundreds of other exhibits, where you can't help but learn something new about science and technology. Hold onto the edge of your seat at the IMAX movie theater.

Hours: Saturday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-9:00pm. Summer (July 5-Labor Day) Saturday-Thursday, 9:00am-7:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-9:00pm.

Admission: \$20.00-33.50 (Adults)

www.mos.org



Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

280 The Fenway
617.278.5156

The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in the Fenway area of Boston features a fine art collection housed in a building that is a work of art in itself.

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 11:00am-5:00pm

Admission: \$12.00 (Adults)

www.gardnermuseum.org



John F. Kennedy Presidential Museum & Library

Columbia Point
617.514.1600

Relive the Kennedy era in this dynamic combination museum and library, where your visit starts with a short film and then leaves you on your own to explore a series of fascinating exhibits, including the Kennedy-Nixon debate, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the space program, 1960s campaign paraphernalia and displays about Jacqueline and other Kennedy family members. The striking, I.M. Pei-designed building overlooks the water and the Boston skyline.

Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm daily.

Admission: \$12.00 (Adults)

www.jfklibrary.org



Harvard Museum of Natural History

26 Oxford Street, Cambridge
617.495.3045

Public museum of Harvard University's three natural history institutions: the Botanical Museum, the Museum of Comparative Zoology and the Mineralogical and Geological Museum.

Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm daily.

Adults: \$9.00

www.hmn.harvard.edu

Activities



Boston Duck Tours

617-267-DUCK

You've never toured Boston in anything that comes close to Boston Duck Tours. The fun begins as soon as you board your "DUCK", a W.W. II style amphibious landing vehicle. First, you'll be greeted by one of our legendary ConDUCKtors, who'll be narrating your tour. Then you're off on a journey like you've never had before. And just when you think you've seen it all, there's more. It's time for "Splashdown" as your ConDUCKtor splashes your DUCK right into the Charles River for a breathtaking view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines, the kind of view you just won't get anywhere else.

Tours depart from Prudential Center, Museum of Science and New England Aquarium
March 23 - November 29, 2009, also weekends in December.

Admission: \$29.95 (Adults)

www.bostonducktours.com



New England Aquarium

1 Central Wharf

617.973.5200

The 200,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank is the centerpiece of the Aquarium, Boston's most visited tourist attraction.

Hours: Winter (September 8-June 30) Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Saturday-Sunday, 9:00am-6:00pm. Summer (July 1-September 7) Sunday-Thursday, 9:00am-6:00pm; Friday-Saturday, 9:00am-7:00pm.

Admission: \$20.95 (Adults)

www.neaq.org



The Freedom Trail

617.357.8300

Visitors to Boston, school children, teachers, historians, history buffs, citizens, and friends, welcome to the Freedom Trail. There is no other place in the United States where you can take in the rich history of America's Revolution — the events that led up to the historic break from Britain and the brave people who shaped our national government. The Freedom Trail is a 2.5 mile red-brick walking trail that leads you to 16 nationally significant historic sites, every one an authentic American treasure. Your visit to Boston must include a walk into history along the Freedom Trail. You can start in the beginning, the middle or the end and wend your way through the streets of this very modern city — Boston — and along the paths of history. This is Boston's indoor / outdoor history museum. There are 16 "official" sites of the Freedom Trail. The red line on the sidewalk leads you on this 2.5-mile, self-guided tour of Revolutionary sites, which starts at the Boston Common, America's oldest public park, and ends up at the famed Bunker Hill Monument.

Maps available online.

www.thefreedomtrail.org



Old Town Trolley Tours

617.269.7010

Hop aboard the city's most enthralling sightseeing excursion, Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston! The orange and green trolleys have been providing guests with Transportainment for more than 25 years. Old Town Trolley is the best way to relive history and see all our country's Cradle of Liberty has to offer. One of the most important places in the USA's past and present, Boston is steeped in history and culture, offering an array of exciting activities and intriguing attractions. And on board Old Town Trolley Tours, you'll get an up close and in-depth look at it all. So when you're ready to see everything from Faneuil Hall to Fenway Park, the Boston Harbor and everything in between, take your seat on one of our orange and green trolleys.

Maps available online.

Admission: \$36.00 (Adults)

www.trolleytours.com/boston

www.historictours.com/boston



Boston Harbor Cruises

One Long Wharf
617-227-4321

Since 1926, Boston Harbor Cruises (BHC) has been the premier ticket to ride on Boston Harbor. Today New England's oldest and largest cruise company, BHC has built a legacy around commitment.

Admission: varies by cruise.

www.bostonharborcruises.com



The Boston Pops

Symphony Hall
301 Massachusetts Avenue
617.266.1492

Conductor Keith Lockhart leads the orchestra at Symphony Hall and on the Charles River Esplanade.

www.bso.org

Sights



Faneuil Hall

Faneuil Hall Marketplace is the site of one of America's most famous shopping and dining experiences. For over 250 years, the marketplace has played an integral role in the life of Boston's residents. So if you are ready to see, taste and touch a true Boston experience, come to this historic and exciting place. Designed by Charles Bulfinch, this historic building hosted such events as America's first town meeting and John F. Kennedy's last campaign speech.

<http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com/>



Boston Public Garden

This Frederick Law Olmsted-designed park, famous for its Swan Boats, has over 600 varieties of trees and an ever-changing array of flowers. It is America's first public garden.

www.cityofboston.gov



Charles River Esplanade

A popular path for walkers, joggers, bladers and bicyclists, the Esplanade is also home to the Hatch Shell, where the Boston Pops holds its annual summer concerts.

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/metroboston/charlesR.htm



Newbury Street

Boston's chic shopping address mixes elegant boutiques with funky salons and trendy galleries. Eight blocks filled with salons, boutiques, and fabulous dining. Boston's Newbury Street has something for everyone.

www.newbury-st.com



Cheers Beacon Hill

84 Beacon Street

617.227.9605

You'll recognize the facade of this traditional pub, the inspiration for the television show, "Cheers."

www.cheersboston.com



North End

This Italian neighborhood, Boston's oldest, is known for its wonderful restaurants and historic sights. Several ways abound for exploring and experiencing the North End. Stroll down the narrow and winding streets, stop at a cafe for a cappuccino, listen to the buzz and hubbub all around you. This way you cannot help but immerse yourself fully in the many sights, sounds and aromas of European-American village life.

www.northendboston.com



Old State House

617.720.1713 x26

Known today as the Old State House, this building was the center of Boston's civic life in the 18th century and the scene of some of the most dramatic chapters in the lead-up to the American Revolution. As you explore the Old State House Museum you will discover wonderful stories about the people and events that shaped the history of the city, colony, state, and nation. Two floors of exhibitions tell the story of the role the building—and Boston—played in the American Revolution. Other exhibitions highlight the collections of The Bostonian Society. See tea from the Boston Tea Party and John Hancock's coat; listen to testimony from the Boston Massacre trial; view paintings of Boston harbor and other Boston treasures. Hands-on History galleries on the second floor provide interactive exhibitions for families with children. On the Freedom Trail. Corner of State and Washington Streets in downtown Boston.

Admission: \$7.00 (Adults)

www.bostonhistory.org



Old North Church

193 Salem Street

617.523.6676

The signal from the steeple of Boston's oldest church triggered the War for Independence that led to the birth of America. On that fateful night in 1775, the

two lanterns in the steeple told Paul Revere that the British were approaching by boat, not on foot. Tour information and prices are available online.

Hours: January-February: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm. March-May: 9:00am-5:00pm daily.

June-October: 9:00am-6:00pm, daily. November-December: 10:00am-5:00pm, daily.

Admission: voluntary donations accepted.

www.oldnorth.com



USS Constitution (Old Ironsides)

1 Constitution Road

Charlestown, MA 02129

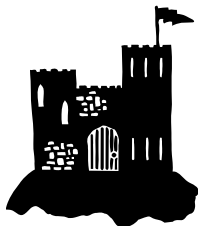
617.242.5670

The oldest commissioned ship in the U.S. Navy and undefeated in battle, Old Ironsides earned its famous nickname with its legendary ability to repel any shot fired. Active-duty sailors guide visitors around the ship.

Hours: April-October: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00am-6:00pm. November-March: Thursday-Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Admission: Free, donations accepted.

<http://www.history.navy.mil/ussconstitution>



Castle Island

Day Boulevard

617.727.5290

The site of a fort erected in 1634, Castle Island is a great place to walk, jog or just unwind and enjoy the view. This 22 acre land-bound island (it's the site of an old armory), features a number of interesting and entertaining sites including terrific walkways, views of Boston Harbor and Logan Airport, a shoreline string of parks and beaches with a large playground, snack bar that includes burgers, fries, clam strips, drinks & ice cream, and Fort Independence: the oldest continually fortified granite site on British North America, having played a variety of roles in colonial and revolutionary times.

Hours: Tours available Saturday-Sunday from 12:00noon-3:30pm. Tours last approximately 30 minutes.

Admission: Free.

<http://www.bostoncentral.com/activities/playgrounds/p249.php>

Sports



The Boston Red Sox

Fenway Park

4 Yawkey Way

877.733.7699

One of the oldest baseball parks in the United States. Its small, intimate atmosphere really allows you to feel like you are "in the game." On a warm summer night there is

nothing better than going to the park, sipping a beer and watching the game. The park is situated right in downtown Boston - so it is very accessible if you are visiting the area.

www.redsox.mlb.com



The Boston Celtics

226 Causeway Street

866.423.5849

The National Basketball Association's franchise in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, the Celtics were founded in 1946. They are one of the league's marquee franchises, having won 16 NBA Championships, including 8 straight from 1959-1966.

www.nba.com/celtics