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Internet

www.searchboston.com

www.bostonusa.com

Newspapers

The Boston Globe

The Boston Herald

Boston Phoenix

(free alternative weekly magazine)

Emergency numbers

911

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Boston Common Visitor Information Center

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BOSTON

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Long known for its “old world” charm, Boston has come a long way towards staking its claim in the 21st century. With the completion of the “Big Dig,” which buried Boston’s vast network of highways underground, Boston has hit the new century running. With a collection of parks set to take the place of the ungainly elevated highways, the years to come promise to see Boston only get more beautiful.

THE CITY



© Emmanuel Huybrechts

Boston has a tradition unlike any other city in America. It was here in 1773, when America was still a colony of the British Empire, that residents, angered over a heavy tax on tea imposed by King George III. The residents launched a bold nighttime in which they dumped 342 chests of English tea into the Boston Harbor. The “Boston Tea Party,” as the raid was called, was the first major salvo into what would become the American Revolution.

But while proud of its history, Boston has adjusted well to modernity. In 2004, Boston finally completed its decades long “Big Dig” project. The stunning Leonard P. Zakim Bridge, which with a width of 180 feet is the widest cable stayed bridge in the world, is the crowning achievement in the single most expensive feat of civil engineering in human history. The completion of the project has made a city already laced with stunning parks and colonial era architecture, even more beautiful.



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DO & SEE



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Despite its traditions and its idyllic façade, Boston has more than its fair share of excitement. With more than 20 universities, including world famous Harvard University, and over 100,000 students, Boston is the quintessential college town. From its outstanding live music venues to the bass bumping clubs of Lansdowne Street, Boston pulses with the energy of youth.

Freedom Trail

Celebrating Boston’s preeminent role in the American Revolution, this 2.5 mile trail offers a stroll through history as well as a glimpse of the beauty of the modern city.

Internet: www.thefreedomtrail.org

Museum of Fine Art

The MFA has works ranging from the wonders of ancient Egypt to contemporary America. The museum also boasts the largest collection of Japanese art outside of Japan.

Address: 465 Huntington Avenue, Fenway
Subway: Museum of Fine Arts
Phone: +1 617 267 9300
Internet: www.mfa.org

Public Gardens

Established in 1837, the Public Garden was the first public botanical garden in America. No visit to the Garden is complete without a cruise on the lagoon in the park’s famous swan boats.

Internet: www.swanboats.com

Museum of Science

Science has never been so much fun. Featuring an IMAX theater, a planetarium and a recently opened digital 3-D movie theater, as well as a variety of fascinating scientific exhibits and collections. The museum is the perfect synthesis of hard science and “infotainment.”

Address: Science Park
Subway: Science Park
Phone: +1 617 723 2500
Internet: www.mos.org

JFK Library

A tribute to the 35th president, John F. Kennedy Library features several interactive exhibits and all the information you could possibly want about Boston’s most famous son.

Address: Columbia Point, South Boston
Subway: JFK/Umass
Phone: +1 617 514 1600
Internet: www.jfklibrary.org

Duck Tour

Riding in a World War II amphibious landing vehicle, the tour begins with a drive past the historic sights of downtown Boston, and comes to a dramatic close by splashing into the Charles River for a sightseeing cruise of the Boston and Cambridge skylines.

Phone: +1 617 267 3825
Internet: www.bostonducktours.com
More Info: Tours leave from either the Museum of Science or the Prudential Center

North End

Cappuccino anyone? Boston’s largest Italian enclave is also its oldest and most charming neighborhood. Narrow alleyways and cobblestone streets are still the order of the day, and the smell of freshly baked bread and Italian fare is omnipresent.

Address: North End

New England Aquarium

Featuring sharks, penguins, seals and over 2,000 other species of aquatic life, the aquarium is a must see in Boston. Deep-sea whale watching tours on the Atlantic Ocean can also be arranged from inside the Aquarium.

Address: Central Wharf, South Boston
Subway: Aquarium
Phone: +1 617 973 5200
Internet: www.neaq.org

EATING



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As long as there are fish in the sea, Boston will be a seafood town. New England clam chowder is Boston’s most famous delicacy and is a must try. While traditional sea fare is as popular as ever, interesting new restaurants of all varieties are popping up every day across the city.

Legal Seafoods

Boston’s most famous seafood chain is simply the place to go for a cup of New England clam chowder. Legal’s clam chowder is so good it has been served at every presidential inauguration since 1981.

Address: 255 State Street, South Boston
Subway: Aquarium
Phone: +1 617 742 5300
Internet: www.legalseafoods.com

Mistral

Chef Jamie Mammano’s fashionable restaurant not only offers the best French Mediterranean cuisine in the city, but also one of its hottest bars – the people-watching is almost as good as the food.

Address: 223 Columbus Avenue, Back Bay
Subway: Back Bay
Phone: +1 617 867 9300
Internet: www.mistralbistro.com

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse

Bustling yet elegant, Fleming's serves choice steak of all cuts and houses one of the city's best wine selections – more than 100 to choose from by the glass alone.

Address: 217 Stuart Street, Back Bay
Subway: Arlington
Phone: +1 617 292 0808
Internet: www.flemingssteakhouse.com

Union Oyster House

The oldest continually running restaurant in America has been serving traditional New England style fare since 1826. Try the "Shore Dinner," which comes with oyster chowder, "steamers" (steamed clams dipped in butter), corn and boiled lobster.

Address: 41 Union Street, Downtown
Subway: Government Center
Phone: +1 617 227 2750
Internet: www.unionoysterhouse.com

Chinatown Café

A Chinatown gem, the café serves Cantonese style cuisine in an unpretentious cafeteria-style setting. The congee (rice porridge with meat) is excellent.

Address: 262 Harrison Ave, Chinatown
Subway: Chinatown
Phone: +1 617 695 9888

Pizzeria Regina

Boston's most famous pizza parlor has been up-and-running for more than 80 years. The original North End shop has, quite simply, the best pizza in Boston.

Address: 11 ½ Thatcher Street, North End
Subway: Haymarket
Phone: +1 617 227 0765
Internet: www.pizzeriaregina.com

Trattoria Il Panino

Cozy and romantic with exposed brick and soft, subtle lighting – this is of the North End's finest Italian restaurants.

Address: 11 Parmenter Street, North End
Subway: Haymarket
Phone: +1 617 720 1336
Internet: www.trattoriailpanino.com

CAFES



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Coffee was introduced to North America in 1668 and drinking coffee soon became a social activity. Boston was however dominated by the tea trade, and it took about a hundred years before coffee took over the scene.

Coffee houses formed all over the city and the United States is now the leading consumer of coffee in the world, with the Americans drinking an average of 400 million cups of coffee per day.

Café Vittoria

Largely considered the best cappuccino in the North End, Vittoria's desserts are nothing to scoff at either.

Address: 290-296 Hanover St, North End
Subway: Haymarket
Phone: +1 617 227 7606
Internet: www.vittoriacaffe.com

Café Algiers

This North African themed coffee house is a local favorite. Attracts a Harvard intellectual crowd as well as film buffs spilling over from the nearby Brattle

Theater.

Address: 40 Brattle Street, Cambridge
Subway: Harvard
Phone: +1 617 492 1557

Trident Bookstore Café

A welcome respite from a day of shopping on Newbury Street, this mellow spot is the perfect place to catch up on a novel or buy a new one if you've finished yours.

Address: 338 Newbury Street, Back Bay
Subway: Hynes Convention Center
Phone: +1 617 267 2688
Internet: www.tridentbookscafe.com

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Boston Common Coffee Co. roast all their coffee in their own roasting facility, just to ensure that you as a customer will only get the best, and to make sure the coffee is fresh. They also serve sandwiches and delicious cakes.

Address: 97 Salem Street
Phone: +1 617 725 0040
Internet: www.bostoncommoncoffee.com

Thinking Cup

Thinking Cup was the first coffee shop in Boston to serve Stumptown Coffee, that has been named "Best Coffee in the World" by well renowned magazines like The New York Times and USA Today.

Address: 165 Tremont St
Phone: +1 617 482 5555
Internet: www.thinkingcup.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



© Soe Lin

Boston is a diehard sports town, and that infatuation is reflected in its bar scene. However, the trendy lounges and dive bars of Back Bay offer an alternative to the sports bar scene.

Home to rock legends such as Aerosmith, the Pixies and, well, Boston – Boston is a live music town with several outstanding venues. Electronic music aficionados should head to Lansdowne Street where the young and scantily clad come to dance the night away.

Clerys

During the week, this spacious Back Bay institution draws an after-work crowd looking to take advantage of cheap "happy hour" drink specials.

Address: 113 Dartmouth Street, Back Bay
Subway: Back Bay
Phone: +1 617 262 9874
Internet: www.clerysboston.com

Bukowski's

With indie rock blaring from open until close and the city's best selection of draft beer, this is one of the few bars where the alternative and the intellectual come to mingle.

Address: 50 Dalton Street, Back Bay
Subway: Hynes Convention Center
Phone: +1 617 437 9999
Internet: www.bukowskitavern.net

Cask'n Flagon

Located right outside Fenway Park, sports fans of all stripes come to share pitchers of beer and cheer for their favorite team.

Address: 62 Brookline Avenue, Fenway
Subway: Kenmore
Phone: +1 617 536 4840
Internet: www.casknflagon.com

The Black Rose

Coats of arms, Irish flags and photos of the motherland coat the walls of this traditional Irish pub where Guinness flows freely from the taps. Weekends occasionally feature live Irish music and dancing.

Address: 160 State Street, Downtown
Subway: Government Center
Phone: +1 617 742 2286
Internet: www.irishconnection.com

Paradise

Big enough to attract top musicians while small enough to keep the performances intimate, Boston's best live music venue draws the premiere acts in town.

Address: 967 Commonwealth Avenue, Fenway
Subway: Pleasant Street
Phone: +1 617 562 8800
Internet: www.thedise.com

Middle East

Across the Charles River in Cambridge sits the Boston area's Mecca for punk and indie rock. Downstairs, punk and indie bands blast through their sets, while upstairs, the smaller, renovated room hosts more laid-back acoustic and hip-hop shows.

Address: 472 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
Subway: Central Square
Phone: +1 617 864 3278
Internet: www.mideastclub.com

Umbria The Nightclub

Prime nightclub is a world-class club with 25+ clientele. The club hosts internationally famed DJ's that play music like House, Top 40s and Mashup every

Friday and Saturday. Here you will find an ultra lounge with vodka bar, two spacious dance floors, a VIP lounge, plush couches and a restaurant.

Address: 295 Franklin Street
Phone: +1 617 338 1000
Internet: www.umbriaristorante.com

Kings

Kings is a 24,000 square foot facility where you find 16 ten-pin bowling lanes, a billiards room featuring Brunswick Gold Crown Tables, multiple bars and lounges. You can also watch the hottest sport action on one of the 6 projection screen. At Kings, they also arrange karaoke nights and live music.

Address: 50 Dalton Street
Phone: +1 617 266 2695
Internet: www.backbaykings.com

SHOPPING



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Finding great shopping in Boston is rather simple – just follow the crowds. While straying off the beaten path can occasionally uncover a hidden gem, the majority of worthwhile shopping is found in the following popular four areas.

Newbury Street is Boston's premier shopping area and has a diverse collection of shops ranging from expensive name brand stores to quirky boutiques. Starting at the eastern end of the street is Chanel on 5 Newbury Street, and Giorgio Armani on 22. As you head west, the stores go from posh to alternative with shops like Allston Beat at 338 Newbury, offering faux fur and edgy skirts while blaring a hard rock

soundtrack.

For two centuries, Faneuil Hall has been one of Boston's most popular shopping destinations and is often said to attract more people than Disneyworld. Though it houses a modern shopping mall, it's really the perfect place to pick up souvenirs, get a quick bite to eat and soak in the atmosphere.

Feeding the minds of the country's most brilliant students is no easy task, but Harvard Square manages well as home to the Boston area's best bookstores. Get your books where the smart kids do, at the Harvard Coop at 1400 Massachusetts Avenue – the official bookstore of Harvard University.

The premiere mall – Copley Mall – in Massachusetts features high-end favorites like Tiffany & Co., Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Christian Dior and the only Neiman Marcus in New England. Address: 100 Huntington Avenue, Back Bay. Underground stop is Copley.

SLEEPING



© Dan Bock

Boston has a large variety of accommodation and you will certainly find a hotel that suits your preferences as well as your budget.

The Ritz-Carlton Boston

Boston's grandest hotel has been the definition of luxury and Victorian charm in the city since 1927. Afternoon tea, a tradition among Boston's elite, is served daily in the lounge, while the Ritz-Carlton Club offers panoramic views of the Boston skyline and the Public Garden below.

Address: 10 Avery Street, Boston
Phone: +1 617 574 7100
Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com

Four Seasons

Combining a hip, minimalist-chic décor with a wide range of amenities and services, the Four Seasons is Boston's most modern and stylish hotel. It's no mystery why this is the hotel of choice for international mega-stars like Mick Jagger and Eric Clapton.

Address: 200 Boylston Street, Back Bay
Subway: Arlington
Phone: +1 617 338 4400
Internet: www.fourseasons.com/boston

Hyatt Regency Boston

Formerly a Swissotel, the hotel now exudes a more colonial, Boston feel. A convenient central location makes the hotel walkable to just about any Boston landmark.

Address: 1 Avenue de Lafayette, Downtown
Subway: Downtown Crossing
Phone: +1 617 912 1234
Internet: www.regencyboston.hyatt.com

Holiday Inn

This contemporary high-rise hotel is a marked contrast to its surroundings in aristocratic Beacon Hill. Nonetheless, it is among the better value hotels in the city and is located in one of Boston's most beautiful neighborhoods.

Address: 5 Blossom Street, Beacon Hill
Subway: Charles/MGH
Phone: +1 617 742 7630
Internet: www.ichotelsgroup.com

Newbury Street Guest House

With a redbrick and brownstone exterior and rooms decorated with prints from the MFA, the hotel's beauty and economy make it one of the most popular in the city. Make sure to reserve a room well in advance or expect to find everything booked.

Address: 261 Newbury Street, Back Bay
Subway: Hynes Convention Center
Phone: +1 617 670 6000
Internet: www.newburyguesthouse.com

Omni Parker House

The oldest continually operating hotel in America, the Omni Parker House played host to Charles Dickens' first reading of "A Christmas Carol." Its oak paneled walls and colonial charm have been drawing guests ever since.

Address: 60 School Street, Downtown
Subway: Government Center
Phone: +1 617 227 8600
Internet: www.parkerhouseboston.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Airport

All flights to Boston arrive at Logan International Airport, which is located approximately 5 miles east of downtown Boston.

A free shuttle to the nearest "T" stop – Airport services all of Logan's five terminals. Taxi service to downtown is available through Back Bay Coach +1 888 222 5299 and should cost between \$15-20. Book taxis 24 hours in advance of your arrival or departure. Although the airport is close to the city center, traffic can make the trip last as long as thirty minutes.

Internet: www.massport.com, www.backbaycoach.com

Public transport

The MBTA, known locally as the "T," provides quick and efficient rail service throughout the city. A single ride is \$1.25, and weeklong unlimited "Visitor Passes" are available for \$35. Bring cab fare if you plan on staying out late – the T stops running at 0:30.

Boston is small enough to be completely manageable by bike. Call Boston Bike Tours and Rental to make a reservation and they'll bring the bike to you.

Phone: +1 617 308 5902

Internet: www.mbta.com, www.bostonbiketours.com

Taxi

Taxis are the only way to get around town after the T stops running at 0:30. Fare begins at \$1.75 and adds 30 cents for each additional 1/8th mile. Lines of cabs wait outside major hotels or can be flagged down in the

street.

Boston Cab

Phone: +1 617 262 2227

Town Taxi

Phone: +1 617 536 5000

Post

Stamps can be purchased at post offices located around the city. The post office at 25 Dorchester Street is open Monday-Friday 6am-midnight. Saturday 8am-7pm and Sunday 12 noon-7pm.

Pharmacy

The CVS Pharmacy is located on 587 Boylston Street. Please call for advice and information.

Phone: +1 617 437 8414

Dentist

Massachusetts Dental Society can refer you to the closest dentist.

Phone: +1 508 480 9797

Internet: www.massdental.org

Telephone

Country Code: +1

Area Code: 617

Electricity

110 to 120 volts (60 cycles). Since most European countries use 220 volts, you will need a 110-volt transformer and a two flag prong plug adapter. (Most hotels provide hair dryers and irons).



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Arch Street	C4	Essex Street	B4 C4	Northern Avenue Bridge	D4
Arlington Street	A4	Farnsworth Street	D4	Northern Traffic Road	A2
Atlantic Avenue	C4 D2 D3 D4	Fleet Street	D2	Otis Street	C4
Austin Street	B1	Franklin Street	C3 D3	Paramenter Street	C2
Avenue Tremont	B3 B4 C3	Friend Street	C2	Park Street	B3
Beach Street	C4	Fruit Street	A2 B2	Parkman Street	B2
Beacon Street	A3 A4 B3	Fulton Street	D2	Pearl Street	C3 C4
Bennett Street	C2 D2	Garden Street	B3	Piedmont Street	A4 B4
Berkeley Street	A4	Grove Street	B3	Pinckney Street	A3 B3
Blossom Ct	B2	Hancock Street	B3	Pittsburgh Street	D4
Blossom Street	B2	Hanover Avenue	D2	Portland Street	B2 C2
Bowdoin Street	B3	Hanover Street	C2 D2	Prince Street	C2
Bowker Street	B2 C3	Harrison Avenue	B4 C4	Providence Street	A4
Boylston Street	A4 B4	Harvard Street	B1	Revere Street	A3 B3
Broad Street	C3 D3	Haverhill Street	C2	Richmond Street	C2 D2
Bromfield Street	B3 C3	Hawes Street	C3	Rideway Lane	B3
Cambridge Street	B3	Hawkins Street	B2 C3	S Russel Street	B3
Canal Street	C2	High Street	C4 D3	Salem Street	C2
Causeway Street	B2 C2	Hull Street	C2	School Street	C3
Cedar Street	A3	India Street	D3	Sheafe Street	C2
Charles River Dam	A1 B2	Industrial Park Road	A1 B1	Sleeper Street	D4
Charles Street	A2 A3 B2 B4	Irving Street	B3	Snowhill Street	C2
Charlestown Avenue	A1	John Fitzgerald Expressway	C2 D3	Somerset Street	B3 C3
Charlestown Bridge	C1 C2	Joy St	B3	South Street	C4
Charter Street	C2 D2	Kilby Street	C3	Spruce Street	B3
Chatham Street	C3 D3	Kingston Street	C4	St James Avenue	A4
Chauncy Street	C4	Kneeland Street	C4	Stainford Street	B2 B3
Chelsea Street	C1	Knox Street	B4	State Street	C3 D3
Chestnut Street	A3 B3	Lincoln Avenue	C1	Stillings Street	D4
Clarendon Street	A4	Lincoln Street	C4	Stuart Street	A4 B4
Clark Street	D2	Lomansey Way	B2	Summer Street	C4
Clinton Street	C3	Longfellow Bridge	A2 A3	Summer Street Bridge	D4
Columbus Avenue	A4	Main Street	B1	Temple Street	B3
Commercial Avenue	A2	Marlborough Street	A4	Tileston Street	C2 D2
Commercial Street	D2 D3	Martha Road	B2	Tyler Street	B4 C4
Commercial Street	C2	Mason Street	B4	Union Street	B1
Commonwealth Avenue	A4	Meicher Street	D4	Utica St	C4
Congress Ramp	D4	Merrimac Street	B2 C2	Walnut Street	B3
Congress Street	C3 C4	Milk Street	C3 D3	Warren Street	B1 C1
Congress Street Bridge	D4	Mount Vernon Street	A3 B3	Washington Street	B1 B4 C3
Court Street	C3	Myrtle Street	B3	Washington Street North	C2
Cross Street	C2	Nashua Street	B2	Water Street	C1
Derne Street	B3	New Chardon Street	B3 C2	Wendell Street	D3
Devonshire Street	C3	New Northern Avenue	D4	William Cardinal O'Connell Way	B2
Dorchester Avenue	C4 D4	New Sudbury Street	C2 C3	Winchester Street	A4 B4
Embankment Road	A3	Newbury Street	A4	Winter Street	B3 C3