



Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, Sample 2 Day Itinerary Boston

Day 1

Arrival to Boston, MA – Boston Logan International Airport

From Logan International Airport, if you are staying in Boston's Bay Back at Copley Square, you can take the Massport Express Shuttle

Link: <https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/to-and-from-logan/logan-express/back-bay>

If you are staying on the Harborfront, you can take a Water Taxi directly to the harbor hotels.

Link: <http://bostonwatertransportation.com/watertaxis.html>

Welcome to Boston, Massachusetts! The greater Boston area is a wonderful blend of stylish sophistication and historic New England charm. Attend one of our renowned events, uncover Boston's history by walking our famous Freedom Trail, dine in one of our new restaurants (or dine in an old favorite), shop anywhere from upscale boutiques on Newbury Street to premium outlet malls a short distance from downtown Boston, take a tour... the possibilities are endless!

Transfer & Early Check-In Hotel – Downtown Boston

Some Sample Hotels:

(Public Garden/Beacon Hill/Theatre)

The Taj Boston, Four Seasons Boston Hotel, Ritz Carlton Boston Common, XV Beacon Hotel, W Boston

(Back Bay near Copley Square/Prudential)

Mandarin Oriental, Lenox Hotel, The Eliot, Fairmont Copley Plaza

(Harbor) Boston Harbor Hotel, InterContinental Boston

If you're staying in the Back Bay area or Copley Square, grab a quick bite at Flour Bakery on their Clarendon Street location as you prepare to walk around and explore the area.

Flour Bakery

131 Clarendon St. Boston

Telephone: (617) 338-4333

<http://www.flourbakery.com>



Flour Bakery is the brainchild of Pastry Chef/Owner Joanne Chang. An honors graduate of Harvard College with a degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics, Joanne left a career as a management consultant to enter the world of professional cooking. In 2000, she opened Flour, a bakery and café, in Boston's South End. Flour features breakfast pastries, breads, cakes, cookies, and tarts as well as sandwiches, soups, and salads. In 2007 she opened a second branch of Flour in the Fort Point Channel area, in 2010 a third branch in Cambridge near MIT and Central Square, and in 2013 a fourth branch in the Back Bay. Flour has been featured in Gourmet, Food&Wine, Bon Appetit, the New York Times, Conde Nast Traveler, Lucky Magazine, Inc. Magazine, and Boston Magazine and has received numerous Best of Boston awards. Flour was also featured on Throwdown with Bobby Flay on the Food Network in which Joanne's sticky buns won over Chef Flay's.

**Walk & Visit, Copley Square – Boston Public Library – Architecture Tour or On Own
(Library Closes at 5:00 PM)**

Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Telephone: 617-536-5400

<http://www.bpl.org/>



Boston Public Library: Established in 1848, by an act of the Great and General Court of Massachusetts, the Boston Public Library (BPL) was the first large free municipal library in the United States. The Boston Public Library's first building of its own was a former schoolhouse located on Mason Street that was opened to the public on March 20, 1854.

Visit: Boston Public Garden & Shops on Newbury Street

Boston by Foot: Literary Landmarks Tour of Boston

<http://www.bostonbyfoot.org>



By the mid-nineteenth century Boston had earned the nickname The Athens of America and indeed, Boston was the most important literary center in the United States and home to many of America's greatest writers. This walking literary tour strolls through the vibrant literary history of Victorian Boston.

Visit: Faneuil Hall Marketplace

Explore one of the most important marketplaces in Boston's history, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, also known as "The Cradle of Liberty".



Faneuil Hall Marketplace is four great places in one location - Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, North Market and South Market all set around a cobblestone promenade filled with music and jaw-dropping routines of world-renowned street performers and musicians. It was built in 1742, and is a center for history and shopping, with over 70 retailers. Located steps away from the waterfront, Faneuil Hall Marketplace is alive today as it was in 1742 when our nation's fathers proclaimed it "The Cradle of Liberty."

Enjoy Lunch: Charles Street on Beacon Hill

Afternoon Visit, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Note: On Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday - Museum closes at 4:45 PM;

On Wed, Thursday & Friday – Museum closes at 9:45 PM

465 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

Telephone: 617-267-9300 <http://www.mfa.org/>



The original Museum of Fine Arts opened its doors to the public on July 4, 1876, the nation's centennial. Built in Copley Square, the MFA was then home to 5,600 works of art. Over the next several years, the collection and number of visitors grew exponentially, and in 1909 the Museum moved to its current home on Huntington Avenue. Today the MFA is one of the most comprehensive art museums in the world; the collection encompasses nearly 450,000 works of art. The MFA welcomes more than one million visitors each year to experience art from ancient Egyptian to contemporary, special exhibitions, and innovative educational programs.

Afternoon Visit, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (10 Minute Walk from MFA)

Open Daily 11-5, Thursdays until 9:00 PM

280 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115

Telephone: 617-566-1401

<http://www.gardnermuseum.org>



The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is at once an intimate collection of fine and decorative art and a vibrant, innovative venue for contemporary artists, musicians and scholars. Housed in a stunning 15th-century Venetian-style palace with three stories of galleries surrounding a sun- and flower-filled courtyard, the Museum provides an unusual backdrop for the viewing of art. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum's preeminent collection contains more than 2,500 paintings, sculptures, tapestries, furniture, manuscripts, rare books and decorative arts. The galleries house works by some of the most recognized artists in the world, including Titian, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Manet, Degas, Whistler and Sargent.

Sunset View from Above & Visit to Skywalk Observatory

The Prudential Center Skywalk Observatory is the only observatory in New England offering a breathtaking 360-degree panoramic view of the Greater Boston area and beyond.

Return to Hotel – Relax

Dinner in Back Bay & Catch an Evening Show

Option: Boston Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.bso.org>



Now in its 134th season, the Boston Symphony Orchestra gave its inaugural concert in 1881, realizing the dream of its founder, the Civil War veteran/businessman/philanthropist Henry Lee Higginson, who envisioned a great and permanent orchestra in his hometown of Boston. Today the BSO reaches millions of listeners, not only through its concert performances in Boston and at Tanglewood, but also via the internet, radio, television, educational programs, recordings, and tours. It commissions works from today's most important composers; its summer season at Tanglewood is among the world's most important music festivals; it helps develop future audiences through BSO Youth Concerts and educational outreach programs involving the entire Boston community; and, during the Tanglewood season, it operates the Tanglewood Music Center, one of the world's most important training grounds for young professional-caliber musicians. The Boston Symphony Chamber Players, made up of BSO principals, are known worldwide, and the Boston Pops Orchestra sets an international standard for performances of lighter music.

Option: Boston Ballet

<http://www.bostonballet.org>



Since 1963, Boston Ballet has been one of the leading dance companies in the world on stage, in the studio and in the community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen, the Company maintains an internationally acclaimed repertoire and the largest ballet school in North America, Boston Ballet School. Boston Ballet maintains a repertoire of classical, neo-classical and contemporary works, ranging from full-length story ballets to new works by some of today's finest choreographers. Boston Ballet's second company, Boston Ballet II, is comprised of pre-professional dancers who gain experience by performing with the Company and independently, presenting lecture-demonstrations and special programs to audiences throughout the Northeast.

Breakfast, Host Hotel or Try a Local Café or Food Truck

Food Truck Link: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/foodtrucks/schedule-tabs.asp>

Some Examples of Food Trucks Include:

Cameo Macaron

<http://www.cameomacaron.com>

Boston's 1st French Macaron Food Truck

Mei Mei Boston

<http://www.meimeiboston.com>

Creative Chinese-American Cuisine with Locally Sourced & Sustainable Ingredients

A sibling-run food truck and restaurant serving up creative Chinese-American cuisine made from locally sourced and sustainable ingredients. They pride themselves on serving humanely raised meat, produce from small farms, and some of the most creatively delicious street food out there. Food truck opened in April 2012 and was awarded Boston's Best Meal on Wheels soon after. Their restaurant opened in November 2014 and serves up casual truck-style lunch and creative and contemporary table service dinner.

Green Bean Mobile Café

<http://www.ilovegreenbean.com>

Fair Trade Organic Coffee & Unique Panini Sandwiches

At Green Bean Mobile Cafe, you can purchase rich, organic, fair trade coffee knowing that a portion of the proceeds will be donated towards Boston's green initiatives. To eat, Green Bean Mobile Cafe offers a variety of delicious options – from coffee cake and bagels made by local businesses to Belgium waffle and unique panini sandwiches made onboard the truck.

Bon Me

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

Bold, Fresh & Fun Vietnamese Cuisine

Bon Me is run by Boston-bred husband and wife duo Patrick Lynch and Ali Fong. The business was born in 2010 when the two decided to enter the City of Boston's Food Truck Contest on a whim and surprised themselves by winning. With their win came the opening of the first Bon Me truck in 2011.

Additional Food Truck Options:

City of Boston Food Truck Schedules

<http://www.cityofboston.gov/foodtrucks/schedule-tabs.asp>

Take the T to Harvard Square on the Red Line

Morning Tour: Harvard University

Option: Trademark Tours

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

Stroll the country's campus with a guide to learn the tales of nearly 400 years of Harvard history. Trademark Tours provides premier tour, event and program services at the finest universities and historic destinations. Harvard Alumni founded the company in 2006 to offer entertaining and educational tours of Harvard. Today, Trademark Tours is the leading tour operator at Harvard and MIT. Tours are led by current undergraduate students and professional tour guides. Products have been praised in dozens of major news outlets including: The NY Times, NPR, NBC, Forbes, AAA Magazine, the History Channel, and the Boston Globe

Option: Cambridge Historical Tours

<http://cambridgehistoricaltours.org/>



Cambridge Historical Tours was founded in 2011 by Daniel Berger-Jones and Christopher Schultz, both Players on Boston's Freedom Trail at the time. Recognizing the untapped potential of Cambridge's rich history, they decided to cross the river and bring with them the enthusiasm and immediacy of costumed tours. Where Boston's history is dominated by the American Revolution, Cambridge has a wealth of stories from over 375 years of being America's first college town. Home to abolitionists, literary luminaries, and of course, the nation's oldest institution of higher learning, Cambridge helped to shape our national identity in its formative years. Where there are politicians, philosophers, and collegiate rebels in close proximity, there are countless tales to tell.

Shopping: Harvard Square Local Shops and Harvard Coop Bookstore

Late Lunch Option: Harvest Restaurant, Cambridge

44 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

Telephone: 617-868-2255

<http://harvestcambridge.com>



Located in the heart of Harvard Square, Harvest celebrates the modern New England table. Executive Chef Mary Dumont presents contemporary New England cuisine focused on the region's freshest ingredients. Noted by Travel & Leisure as a Harvard Square classic, Harvest has also been lauded for its New England Cuisine by Zagat, Boston Magazine and The Improper Bostonian.

Afternoon Visit, Harvard Art Museums:

Fogg Museum, Busch-Reisinger Museum, Arthur M. Sackler Museum

32 Quincy Street

Cambridge, MA 02138

617-495-9400

<http://www.harvardartmuseums.org>

Ever since their founding, the Harvard Art Museums—the Fogg Museum, Busch-Reisinger Museum, and Arthur M. Sackler Museum—have been dedicated to advancing and supporting learning at Harvard University, in the local community, and around the world. The museums have played a leading role in the development of art history, conservation, and conservation science, and in the evolution of the art museum as an institution.

Through research, teaching, professional training, and public education, the museums strive to advance the understanding and appreciation of art. Programs encourage close looking at original works of art, collaboration with campus and community partners, and the production of new scholarship.

Take T back to Downtown Boston and Relax at Hotel

6:30 PM

Boston Harbor Sunset Sail Cruise or , Adirondack III, Classic Harbor Line

60 Rowes Wharf, Boston, MA 02155

<http://boston-sailing.com/>

Enjoy an evening with the Captain and Crew!



Experience a beautiful Boston Harbor sunset on the water and see some of the city's waterfront landmarks as the sun dips below the horizon. You will be aboard the most elegant sailing yacht in town, Adirondack III, a classically styled, 80-foot pilot schooner. Adirondack III is the fastest and most elegant schooner in Boston Harbor. She offers a smooth and gentle sailing experience to her passengers as well as top notch customer service by her captain and crew. Enjoy the historic scenery of Boston Harbor: Our first sights, on our sunset sail will take you past the Boston Seaport District. There's much to be seen here as the area is featuring many new constructions as well as old. We will point out our World Trade Center and the Harpoon Brewery. We will also sail past The Moakley Federal Courthouse at Fan Pier and extend into the Inner Harbor Islands. We'll get as close as we can to some of our historical islands including: Castle Island featuring Independence Fort and the Donald McKay Monument, Spectacle Island, and Long Island with the Long Island Head Light House.

Visit, Fan Pier for Photo Opportunity of Boston Skyline

Walk along the waterfront and you will have the opportunity to take some great photography of the Boston skyline along the harbor, especially here at Fan Pier. It is not to be missed. Below is information regarding the nearby Fort Point Channel area as well, and the thriving artist community.

Fort Point Channel (Summer Street / Congress Street)

Fort Point is home to over 300 artists who produce work in a wide array of media. It's recognized as one of New England's largest artists' communities. The historic warehouse buildings of Fort Point house painters, photographers, sculptors, designers, ceramicists, performance artists, jewelers, book artists, digital media artists, and more. Artists began establishing studios in the Fort Point neighborhood in the mid-1970s when traditional uses of the sturdy brick and timber industrial buildings, such as warehousing and printing were on the wane. Today, the neighborhood is a vibrant mix of artists, design and other businesses, housing, offices, and restaurants.

Late Dinner

Explore some Harborfront/Fort Point options: Bastille Kitchen, Legal Harborside, Tavern Road, Miel Brasserie at InterContinental Boston, Sam's, Rowe's Wharf Grill at Boston Harbor Hotel

Or: Explore North End, Boston's Little Italy

Visit the North End, the city's oldest residential district where people have lived continuously since its settlement in the 1660s. It is the birthplace of the Revolution, the center of Italian culture and cuisine, and one of the most colorful, vibrant urban neighborhoods in America. <http://www.northendboston.com/>

Return To Hotel - Overnight Boston