



Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, Sample 4-Day Itinerary Boston + Berkshires

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, Sheraton Boston, Marriott Copley, Westin Copley

(Harbor) Boston Harbor Hotel, InterContinental Boston

Morning Visit, Boston Public Garden – America's First Public Botanical Garden

Take the Freedom Trail Tour from Boston Common Visitor Center ending at 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 on Waterfront

Take an Early Afternoon Sail to Boston Harbor Islands

Option - Visit, Tea Party Ships & Museums (Closes at 5:00 PM)

306 Congress Street Bridge, Boston, MA 02210

Telephone: 617-338-1773

<http://www.bostonteatpartyship.com>



The Boston Tea Party, the "single most important event leading up to the American Revolution" occurred the night of December 16th 1773. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, owned and operated by Historic Tours of America, is dedicated to accurately reliving that famous event. With a new state-of-the-art museum and authentic replica ships; the Beaver and the Eleanor; the attraction allows visitors to travel back in time to learn and experience the courageous acts of those who forever shaped the course of history!

Option - Visit, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum (Closes at 5:00 PM)

220 William T Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125

Telephone: 617-514-1600

<http://www.jfklibrary.org>

You may take the Red Line T OUTBOUND to the JFK / UMASS stop. From there, there is a shuttle bus to the JFK Presidential Library & Museum that runs every 20 minutes.



The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to the memory of our nation's thirty-fifth president and to all those who through the art of politics seek a new and better world. One of Boston's most popular destinations for visitors from all nations, the architectural masterpiece designed by I.M. Pei sits on a 10-acre waterfront site on Columbia Point offering panoramic views of Boston's skyline and Harbor Islands.

Option: Visit, Institute of Contemporary Art

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday: 10 AM – 5 PM

Open Thursday, Friday: 10 AM – 9 PM

100 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA

Telephone: 617-478-3100

<http://www.icaboston.org>



Built in 2006 by award-winning architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro, the ICA's design is as if you could conceive the building both "from the sky down," as a contemplative space for experiencing contemporary art, and "from the ground up," providing dynamic areas for public enjoyment. The design weaves together interior and exterior space, producing shifting perspectives of the waterfront throughout the museum's galleries and public spaces.

Return to Hotel and Change for Evening

Enjoy a Sunset View from Above & Visit to Skywalk Observatory (Closes at 10 PM)

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.

Dinner in South End and Show in Theatre District

South End

The South End of Boston is a multicultural, vibrant urban neighborhood. Start your journey in front of the Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) at 539 Tremont Street. Here you will find a lively mix of restaurants, shops and theaters.

Option in Theatre District: Blue Man Group

Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., Boston, MA 02116

Telephone: 617-426-6912

<http://www.blue-man.com>



Blue Man Group is a euphoric exploration of art, technology and music and creates a form of entertainment that defies categorization and appeals to people of all ages. Blue Man Group's shows have been described by critics as "innovative," "energetic" and "wildly entertaining"

Option: Enjoy a Show at Wang Theatre: City Performing Arts Center

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



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Wang Theatre has housed the performing arts since opening in 1925, developing from a movie "cathedral" and home to vaudeville musicals and big bands, to today's role as an impressive venue for world-class theatre, music, Broadway, and dance. Through the generosity of Dr. An and Lorraine Wang, the Theatre was restored to its former glory in 1983. Today the Wang Theatre holds 3,500 audience members and boasts one of the five largest stages in the country.

Return to Hotel, Overnight Boston

Day 2

Breakfast, Hotel

Take the T to Harvard Square on the Red Line

Morning Tour: Harvard University and/or MIT

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.

At Leisure Explore Harvard Square Local Shops and Harvard Coop Bookstore

In the European tradition, the "Squares" of Cambridge are charming neighborhoods rich in fine dining, eclectic shopping, theaters, museums and historical sites, each with a personality all its own, offering a unique selection of everything from restaurants, shopping and music to technology and innovation. <http://www.cambridgeusa.org/>

Take T to The Outlets at Assembly Row for Lunch, Shopping and Visit to LEGOLAND

100 Foley Street, Somerville, MA 02145

www.assemblyrow.com / www.federalrealty.com



Opened on May 30, 2014, The Outlets at Assembly Row is Boston's newest premiere-brand outlet, dining and entertainment village located just 8 minutes from downtown Boston with plenty of options for groups and FIT clients. The site also includes the new \$2.8M LEGOLAND Discovery Center, a beautiful six-acre park along the Mystic River and a 12 screen movie complex. Voucher programs for discounts, commissionable shopping packages and group dining programs are available. Come and see why this is one of the most exciting developments in the Northeast.

Late Afternoon/Early Evening: Return to Downtown Boston

Dinner: Beacon Hill

Return To Hotel - Overnight, Boston

Day 3

Early Morning Drive from Boston to Berkshires (2.5 Hours by Car)

Arrival - The Berkshires



Imagine yourself in the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts! Less than 3 hours from New York City and Boston the Berkshires offer culture and adventure year round. The surrounding mountains provide plenty of opportunity for outdoor excursions in all seasons, while world-class culture and entertainment along with a deeply rooted food culture and an array of lodging options amidst picturesque towns set this region apart. The Berkshires is a picturesque rural destination with a cultural scene to rival for larger urban dwellings.

Option: Tour & Lunch, Blantyre

16 Blantyre Road, Lenox, MA 01240

Telephone: 413-637-3556

www.blantyre.com



Gaelic for “the warm retreat” the Blantyre mansion was built by Robert Warden Paterson in 1902. It was given to Ann Fitzpatrick Brown in 1980 by her parents, John and Jane Fitzpatrick, founders of the family business, Country Curtains. Ann, the eighth owner of Blantyre, reconstructed the neglected mansion, winterized it, and fully restored it back to its former glory. Blantyre is situated on a 117-acre property in the heart of the Berkshires and has maintained high awards of excellence for multiple, consecutive years.

Option: Tour & Lunch, The Mount: Edith Wharton’s Home

2 Plunkett Street, Lenox, MA 01240

Telephone: 413-551-5111

www.edithwharton.org



The Mount is both an historic site and a center for culture inspired by the passions and achievements of Edith Wharton. Designed and built by Wharton in 1902, the property includes Wharton’s gracious main house and expansive terrace; the historic stable, greenhouse, and gatehouse; and three acres of formal gardens surrounded by extensive woodlands. The Mount is the only monument to Edith Wharton in the United States, and one of just five percent of National Historic Landmarks dedicated to women. The Mount hosts nearly 40,000 visitors annually.

Enjoy an Early Show at the Boston Symphony Orchestra’s Summer Residence: Tanglewood (See Schedule)

297 West Street, Lenox, MA 01240

Telephone: 413-637-1600

www.tanglewood.com



The 210 acre Tanglewood estate was given to the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1936 by Mary Aspinwall Tappan. Today Tanglewood draws over 350,000 visitors annually. Each season offers not only a vast quantity of music, but also a vast range of musical forms and styles, all of it presented with a regard for artistic excellence that makes the festival unique.

Option for Overnight: Canyon Ranch Resort & Spa

165 Kemble Street, Lenox, MA 01240

Telephone: 413-637-4400

www.canyonranch.com



Given the popularity and acclaim of Canyon Ranch in Tucson, Enid and Mel Zuckerman decided to open another health resort on the East Coast. This time, the search for the right location took a long time – until the Zuckermans saw the Bellefontaine Mansion in Lenox, Massachusetts, in the heart of the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts. Built in 1897, Bellefontaine had been a private home, seminary and then a boarding school, but when the Zuckermans saw it, it

was empty and gutted by fire. Applying their philosophy of creating harmony with the surroundings, the Zuckermans decided to restore the mansion while adding New-England-style buildings in keeping with the local area, a classic vacation destination that was once home to Nathaniel Hawthorne, Herman Melville, Edith Wharton and Norman Rockwell.

Or Explore a Local Bed & Breakfast for Overnight in Lenox Area

Day 4

Breakfast, Hotel

Visit, Norman Rockwell Museum (10-15 Minutes from Lenox)

9 Route 183, Stockbridge, MA 01262

www.nrm.org

Telephone: 413-298-4100



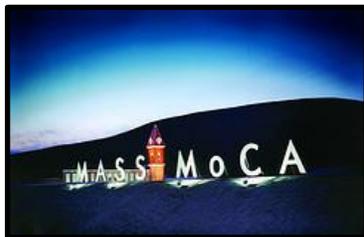
The Norman Rockwell Museum, located in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, holds the world's largest and most significant collection of works by Norman Rockwell, including more than 700 paintings, drawings, and studies and an archive of more than 150,000 photographs, letters, and materials. Set in the woods outside of town, this is picturesque New England.

Scenic Drive up to North Adams (45 Minutes from Lenox, MA)

Option: Visit, MASS MoCA

87 Marshall Street, North Adams, MA 01247

Telephone: 413-662-2111, www.massmoca.org



Since opening in 1999, MASS MoCA has become one of the world's premier centers for making and showing the best art of our time. With annual attendance of 120,000, it ranks among the most visited institutions in the United States dedicated to new art. More than 80 major new works of art and more than 50 performances have been created through fabrication and rehearsal residencies in North Adams, making MASS MoCA perhaps the most fertile site in the country for new art. The museum thrives on making and presenting work that is fresh, surprising, and challenging.

Lunch & Afternoon Visit: Explore Williamstown (10 Minutes from North Adams, MA)

In 1765, Williamstown was officially incorporated, following the passing of Colonel Ephraim Williams, who bequeathed funds for the founding of a local free school. The school opened in 1791 and became Williams College in 1793. Today, the heart of Williamstown lies within its geographic center. Williamstown's "Downtown" is made up of the shops, restaurants, offices, and campus buildings that lie roughly between Spring Street and Water Street, bordered to the North by Main Street, and to the South by the Taconic Golf Club. Within these borders, residents, students, and tourists can find some 15 restaurants, 25 shops, and 25 local businesses.

Option: Visit, The Clark Art Institute

225 South Street Williamstown, MA 01267 P 413 458 2303

www.clarkart.edu

The Clark: The Clark is one of only a handful of institutions globally with a dual mission as an art museum and a distinguished center for research and higher education, dedicated to advancing and extending the public understanding of art. No other institution of its scale and character has such a complex and exhilarating mission—complex because interrelating the differing purposes of an art museum and a center for research and higher education is so challenging, and exhilarating because the possibilities and implications of this combination are so dynamic. The Clark’s mission and its geographical location define three essential aspects of its character and identity: the quality of its art, the beauty of its pastoral setting, and the depth of its commitment to the generation of ideas.

Nearby Attraction

Williams College Museum of Art (WCMA)

15 Lawrence Hall Drive, Suite 2, Williamstown, MA 01267

Telephone: 413-597-3131, www.williams.edu

This museum is free and open to the public.

Williams is a four-year, co-educational liberal arts college located in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts that attracts students from every state in the nation and from more than 40 foreign countries. The college is particularly well regarded for the caliber of its art history programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The mission of the Williams College Museum of Art is “to advance learning through lively and innovative approaches to art for the students of Williams College and communities beyond the campus.” The museum was accredited by the American Association of Museums in 1993 and re-accredited in 2004.

Option: Williamstown Theatre Festival

1000 Main St, Williamstown, MA 01267

<http://wtfestival.org> (413) 458-3200

WILLIAMSTOWN THEATRE FESTIVAL

Since 1955, the Williamstown Theatre Festival has brought America's finest actors, directors, designers, and playwrights to the Berkshires, engaging a loyal audience of both residents and summer visitors. Each WTF season is designed to present unique opportunities for artists and audience alike, revisiting classic plays with innovative productions, developing and nurturing bold new plays and musicals, and offering a rich array of accompanying cultural events including Free Theatre, Late-Night Cabarets, readings, workshops, and educational programs. While best known for our acclaimed productions, WTF is also home to one of the nation's top training and professional development programs for new generations of aspiring theatre artists and administrators. WTF was honored with the Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre in 2002 and the Commonwealth Award for Achievement in 2011.

Dinner & Overnight – Williamstown, MA or North Adams, MA

