

Things to Do in Boston (arranged alphabetically)

- **Bars and Clubs in the Fenway/Kenmore Area**
<http://www.starthereboston.com/Neighborhoods.html>

House of Blues, Tequila Rain, Jillian's Boston, Bills Bar, Boston Billiards Club, Boston Beer Works, Game On, and The Modern.

The clubs in Back Bay and Downtown neighborhoods are also worth checking out.

- **Boston Duck Tours** <http://www.bostonducktours.com/>

An 80-minute tour of the city on board a W.W.II style amphibious landing vehicle. Spotlights include the golden-domed State House, Bunker Hill, TD Banknorth Garden, Boston Common, Copley Square, Government Center, Newbury Street and Quincy Market. In a grand finale the 'Duck' will splash right into the Charles River for a breathtaking view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines.

The points of departures are The Museum of Science (1 Science Park, Boston, MA 02114), The Prudential Center (53 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02116, in front of Shaw's Supermarket) and The New England Aquarium. The aquarium tours are abbreviated and do not operate on all days.

Hours: From Museum of Science and Prudential Center, tours begin at 9:00am and the last tour leaves an hour before sunset with a 'Duck' leaving every 30 or 60 minutes, depending upon the season.

Tickets: Adult \$29.95, Student/Senior (62+) \$26.00

- **Boston Underfoot Walking Tour** – Sunday, June 28, 1:00 pm (1h 30 min duration)
At [Faneuil Hall Marketplace: Samuel Adams Statue at Faneuil Hall](http://www.bostonbyfoot.org/tours/Boston_Underfoot)
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Trace the evolution of Boston from a tiny peninsula through to the Big Dig. Walking from Boston's oldest alleys to the Greenway, this tour presents the engineering of a city.

\$14 per person

- **Christian Science Center**
175 Huntington Avenue
<http://www.tfccs.com>

Located one mile from Simmons College, the Christian Science Center is an office complex designed by I. M. Pei. Established in Boston by Mary Baker Eddy in 1879, her original First Church of Christ, Scientist was enveloped by a domed Renaissance basilica. The Christian Science Church Center houses one of the city's most visited attractions - the Mapparium, located within the Christian Science Publishing Society (<http://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/exhibits/mapparium>).

Hours: Mon-Sat: 10am-4pm; Sun: 11:30am

Mapparium admission: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$3 students

➤ ***The Freedom Trail***
<http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/>

The Freedom Trail is a 2.5 mile red-brick walking trail that leads you to 16 nationally significant historic sites including museums, churches, meeting houses, burying grounds, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution and beyond. The tour can be taken privately.

Guided tours are also available with

Walk into History Tour: Boston Common to Faneuil Hall. Departs from the Visitor Information Center, Boston Common, 11 am, 12 Noon, and 1 pm daily; 1:30 pm Saturday & Sunday

North End/Pirates, Privateers & Patriots Tour: Boston Harbor and North End. Departs: Bostix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 1:30 pm Daily

Admission: \$12

➤ ***Institute of Contemporary Art***
100 Northern Ave (617) 478-3100
<http://www.icaboston.org/>

For over 70 years, the Institute of Contemporary Art has been introducing to Boston and the country some of the most important artists of our time, from Pablo Picasso and Robert Rauschenberg to Andy Warhol and Cindy Sherman.

The ICA is located on South Boston's waterfront, adjacent to Anthony's Pier 4 restaurant. The location is a short walk from downtown and South Station and easily accessible by public transportation.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm / Thursday & Friday: 10:00am - 9:00pm / Monday: Closed

Admission: General Admission \$12; Seniors and Students \$10

➤ ***Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum***
280 The Fenway
<http://www.gardnermuseum.org/>

Hop over next door from Simmons when you have time to see a very interesting, personal collection. Isabella Stewart Gardner collected and carefully displayed a collection comprised of more than 2,500 objects - paintings, sculpture, furniture, textiles, drawings, silver, ceramics, illuminated manuscripts, rare books, photographs, and letters - from ancient Rome, Medieval Europe, Renaissance Italy, Asia, the Islamic world, and 19th-century France and America.

Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 11 am-5 pm (Front Admission Desk closes at 4:20 pm and galleries begin closing at 4:45 pm)

Admissions: Adults: \$12, Seniors: \$10, College Students: \$5 with current I.D.

Special offers: All named "Isabella" admitted free forever. \$2 off adult/senior admission when visiting both Gardner Museum and the MFA within a 2-day period.

➤ **Museum of Fine Arts**

Avenue of the Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue

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

A five-minute walk from Simmons to one of the largest and finest collections in the city – nearly 450,000 works of art, from ancient Egyptian to contemporary, special exhibitions, and innovative educational programs.

Special Exhibition: "Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese: Rivals in Renaissance Venice," on view in the Gund Gallery from March 15 to August 16, 2009.

In keeping with the MFA's Venetian theme this spring and summer, a display of European and American canvases is on view in the Upper Hemicycle in "Mad on Color: Paintings of Nineteenth-Century Venice." Works by Renoir, Monet, Whistler, and others show the influence of Venice's unique combination of water and light on the painting of the Impressionists and their contemporaries.

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

Admission: Adults \$17; Seniors and Students (18 and older) \$15

➤ **Museum of Science**

One Science Park, (617) 723-2500

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

The MOS is on the cutting edge of science education by developing innovative and interactive exhibits and programs that both entertain and educate

The Mugar Omni Theater, opened in 1987, utilizes state-of-the-art film technology to project larger-than-life images onto a five-story high, domed screen, creating a "you are there" experience for viewers. The MOS also has a Butterfly Garden, a Planetarium, and a 3-D cinema.

Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Open Every Friday: 9:00am - 9:00pm

Admission: Adults \$19; Seniors (60+) \$17; Children (3-11) \$16

➤ **New England Aquarium**

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<http://www.neaq.org/index.php>

Founded in 1969, the aquarium boasts of coral reefs from the Bahamas and the tropical Pacific to temperate Australia, African penguins, some of the most poisonous fishes in the sea, harbor seals, Leafy sea dragons and Green Sea turtles. The aquarium's main attraction is its Whale Watching cruise – a 3-4 hour trip to Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary, home to several kinds of large whales, including humpback whales, finback whales, minke whales, pilot whales and the critically endangered right whales. White-sided dolphins may also put in an appearance.

There is also an IMAX Theater at the Aquarium.

Hours: Mon - Fri 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat, Sun and most holidays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission: Adult (Aquarium) \$19.95; Adult (Aquarium/Whale Watch combo) \$52.95.

➤ **Photowalks of Boston**

617-851-2273 for reservations

www.photowalks.com

Discover the secrets for taking amazing pictures of Boston. Guided walking tours are presented with fascinating historic commentary and creative photography tips.

➤ **Swan Boats**

10 am – 5 pm at the Boston Public Garden Lagoon, Arlington St and Beacon St.

www.swanboats.com

The Swan Boats driver paddles passengers around the Public Garden Lagoon for a 15 minute peaceful cruise.

Fares: Adults \$2.75; Children (2-15) \$1.50; Seniors \$2.00

➤ **Tours of Fenway Park Baseball Stadium**

<http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/tour.jsp>

9 am – 4 pm, every hour on the hour

Admission: Adults \$12, Children \$10, Seniors \$11

➤ **Walking Tour of Jamaica Pond** – Saturday, June 27, 11 am – 12:30 pm,

At [Jamaica Pond Bandstand](#)

<http://www.jphs.org/2009-historic-walking-tours/>

Once a gathering point for Boston's elite, the Pond had previously been put to industrial use as tons of ice was harvested there each winter. Learn about the movers and shakers such as Francis Parkman who made their homes on the Pond's shores. Discover how the Pond was transformed from private estates and warehouses into the parkland we know today.

Admission: Free