

TRANSPORTATION

Flights, tours and rail tickets can be booked online at www.lonelyplanet.com/travel_services.

AIR

In the aftermath of September 11, security has become more stringent at US airports, as it has all over the world. Count on arriving at the airport at least one hour before your flight (airlines recommend two hours for international flights) to allow time for security checks. Remember that carry-on baggage is severely restricted: for the latest information on what not to carry on and what not to check through, reference the [Department of Homeland Security](http://www.tsa.gov) (www.tsa.gov).

Flying to Boston is like flying anywhere in the US. For the cheapest tickets, be sure to book early; avoid weekends and holidays; and always keep your eyes open for airline sales. [STA Travel](http://www.statravel.com) (☎ 800-777-0112; www.statravel.com), which offers discounts for student travel, has offices in major cities worldwide.

Otherwise, the cheapest fares are often available online. See [below](#) for details.

Airlines

All of these airlines have offices at Logan International Airport.

[Air Canada](http://www.aircanada.com) (☎ 888-247-2262; www.aircanada.com)

[American Airlines](http://www.aa.com) (☎ 800-433-7300; www.aa.com)

[British Airways](http://www.british-airways.com) (☎ 800-247-9297; www.british-airways.com)

[Delta](http://www.delta.com) (☎ 800-221-1212; www.delta.com)

[Jet Blue](http://www.jetblue.com) (☎ 800-538-2583; www.jetblue.com)

[Lufthansa](http://www.lufthansa.com) (☎ 800-645-3880; www.lufthansa.com)

THINGS CHANGE...

The information in this chapter is particularly vulnerable to change. Check directly with the airline or a travel agent to make sure you understand how a fare (and ticket you may buy) works and be aware of the security requirements for international travel. Shop carefully. The details given in this chapter should be regarded as pointers and are not a substitute for your own careful, up-to-date research.

[Northwest/KLM](http://www.northwest.com) (☎ 800-225-2525; www.northwest.com)

[Spirit Air](http://www.spiritair.com) (☎ 617-772-7117; www.spiritair.com)

[United](http://www.ual.com) (☎ 800-241-6522; www.ual.com)

[US Airways](http://www.usairways.com) (☎ 800-428-4322; www.usairways.com)

Airports

On MA 1A in East Boston, [Logan International Airport](http://www.massport.com) (☎ 800-235-6426; www.massport.com) has five separate terminals that are connected by the frequent shuttle bus 11. Public information booths are located in the baggage claim areas of each terminal.

A quiet alternative to Logan, [Manchester Airport](http://www.flymanchester.com) (☎ 603-624-6556; www.flymanchester.com) is just 55 miles north of Boston in New Hampshire.

Just outside the city of Providence (Rhode Island), [TF Green Airport](http://www.pvdairport.com) (☎ 401-737-4000; www.pvdairport.com) is also serviced by major carriers. Southwest Airlines, in particular, offers very competitively priced tickets. The airport is one hour south of Boston.

BICYCLE

Boston has been rated 'Worst City for Cycling' by Bicycle magazine; Boston's streets are old

SURFING FOR FARES

You have a choice: talk to a live agent or tap the computer keys. Frankly, your odds are better if you can make the time to do it yourself. The following websites are recommended:

- www.bestfares.com This site keeps track of the cheapest flights from your city to destinations worldwide.
- www.cheaptickets.com True to its name, this one often seems to come up with the cheapest fares.
- www.expedia.com One of the original online search engines, this is a reliable stand-by option.
- www.kayak.com Searches hundreds of airline websites and other search engines to give you a cost comparison. It's also possible to do a flexible search to compare dates and routes.
- www.priceline.com Name your budget and Priceline will try to find you a ticket. Best for last-minute travel, when airlines are unloading empty seats and hotels are trying to fill empty rooms.

CLIMATE CHANGE & TRAVEL

Climate change is a serious threat to the ecosystems that humans rely upon, and air travel is the fastest-growing contributor to the problem. Lonely Planet regards travel, overall, as a global benefit, but believes we all have a responsibility to limit our personal impact on global warming.

Flying & Climate Change

Pretty much every form of motor transport generates CO₂ (the main cause of human-induced climate change) but planes are far and away the worst offenders, not just because of the sheer distances they allow us to travel, but because they release greenhouse gases high into the atmosphere. The statistics are frightening: two people taking a return flight between Europe and the US will contribute as much to climate change as an average household's gas and electricity consumption over a whole year.

Carbon Offset Schemes

Climatecare.org and other websites use 'carbon calculators' that allow jetsetters to offset the greenhouse gases they are responsible for with contributions to energy-saving projects and other climate-friendly initiatives in the developing world – including projects in India, Honduras, Kazakhstan and Uganda.

Lonely Planet, together with Rough Guides and other concerned partners in the travel industry, supports the carbon offset scheme run by climatecare.org. Lonely Planet offsets all of its staff and author travel.

For more information check out our website: www.lonelyplanet.com.

and narrow and are often overcrowded with cars. Many roads in Cambridge have marked bicycle lanes but in Boston they do not.

That said, plenty of students, commuters and messenger services get around by bike. Boston drivers are used to sharing the roads with their two-wheeled friends (and they are used to arriving *after* their two-wheeled friends, who are less impeded by traffic snarls). Bikers should always obey traffic rules and ride defensively.

You can bring bikes on the T for no additional fare. Bikes are not allowed on green-line trains or Silver Line buses, nor are they allowed on any trains during rush hour (7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm, Monday to Friday). Bikes are not permitted inside the buses, but many MBTA buses have bicycle racks on the outside. For information about off-road bicycle trails see [p213](#), and for information about bike rental, see [p210](#).

BOAT

For information on the airport water shuttle, see [p250](#). For information on cruises, see [p258](#).

Bay State Cruise Company (Map [p100](#); ☎ 617-748-1428; www.boston-ptown.com; Commonwealth Pier; adult/bike/child/senior \$58/6/32/48; 🕒 depart Boston 8:30am, 1pm & 5:30pm, depart Provincetown 10:30am, 3pm & 7:30pm mid-May–Sep; 🚢 South Station) Operates boats from the World Trade Center in the Seaport District to Provincetown at the tip of Cape Cod.

Boston Harbor Cruises (Map [pp74–5](#); ☎ 617-227-4321; www.bostonharborcruises.com; 1 Long Wharf; adult/bike/child/senior \$58/6/44/48; 🚢 Aquarium) Operates a service from Boston to Provincetown (departs 9am and 2pm daily, 6:30pm Thursday to Sunday from mid-June to August), and from Provincetown to Boston (departs 11am and 4pm daily, plus 8:30pm from Thursday to Sunday mid-June to October). There is also a commuter service to Charlestown Navy Yard (adult/child \$1.70/0.85) which operates from 6:30am to 8pm Monday to Friday, and 10am to 6pm on weekends.

City Water Taxi (Map [pp74–5](#); ☎ 617-422-0392; www.citywatertaxi.com; \$10; 🕒 7am–10pm Mon–Sat, 7am–8pm Sun) Makes on-demand taxi stops at about 15 waterfront points, including the airport, the Barking Crab, the Seaport District, Long Wharf, Sargents Wharf in the North End and the Charlestown Navy Yard. Call to order a pick-up.

Harbor Express (Map [pp74–5](#); ☎ 617-222-6999; www.harborexpress.com; adult/child/senior \$6/free/3; 🕒 5:45am–11:45pm Mon–Fri, 8am–11:45pm Sat & Sun; 🚢 Aquarium) Operates commuter boats from Long Wharf to Quincy and Hull on the South Shore. Also operates boats from Long Wharf to George's Island and Spectacle Island. See [p80](#) for details.

Salem Ferry (Map [pp74–5](#); ☎ 978-741-0220; www.salemferry.com; Central Wharf; round-trip adult/child/senior \$22/14/18; 🕒 9am–9pm mid-Jun–Aug, 9am–7pm Mon–Fri & 11am–7pm Sat & Sun Sep & Oct; 🚢 Aquarium) A commuter service between Boston Central Wharf and Salem. The boat docks in Salem, leaving early enough so commuters are in Boston before 8am on weekdays. Check the time of the last return to Boston.