



Around Boston

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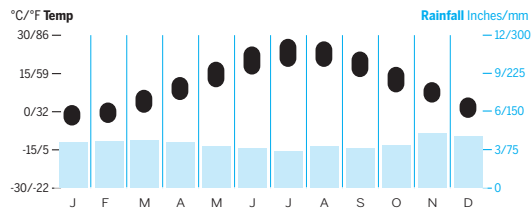
Boston may be the state capital, but it's not the only town in Massachusetts with traveler appeal. Up and down the coast, destinations with rich histories, vibrant cultural scenes and unique events merit a venture outside the city. Easily accessible from Boston, most of these are ideal day-trip destinations.

From the moment the Pilgrims stepped ashore at Plymouth Rock, this area was on the map. Today the towns surrounding Boston include destinations representing every aspect of New England history – colonial, revolutionary, maritime, literary and industrial.

But the region isn't living in the past. Inspired by intriguing events of the past and spectacular seascapes in the present, writers, artists and filmmakers continue to enrich the region's cultural life. Miles of pristine coastline draw beachcombers and sunbathers (not to mention piping plovers). Hikers and cyclists, canoeists and kayakers, bird-watchers and whale-watchers have myriad opportunities to engage with the local active lifestyle.

When to Go

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April Lexington and Concord recreate the battles that launched the American War of Independence.

Summer North Shore beaches become irresistible in July and August, thanks to hot sun and cold sea.

Fall Halloween at Salem in October; while Plymouth hosts Thanksgiving Celebration in November.



Around Boston Highlights

- 1 Cycle the Minuteman Commuter Bikeway from Cambridge to **Lexington** (p115)
- 2 Continue cycling to Concord for a cooling dip in **Walden Pond** (p121)
- 3 Admire the collection of treasures from around the world at the **Peabody Essex Museum** (p125) in Salem
- 4 Witness the pilgrim's earliest settlement at **Plymouth Plantation** (p145) near Plymouth
- 5 Critique the artists' interpretations at the Rocky Neck Art Colony in **Gloucester** (p132)
- 6 Frolic in the waves at **Crane Beach** (p139) in Ipswich
- 7 Devour fried clams at **Woodman's** (p140) in Essex
- 8 Enjoy the cultural diversity of **Lowell** (p122) at the Southeast Asian Restaurant and the Lowell Folk Festival
- 9 Ogle the gigantic skeleton of the blue whale at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum** (p150)