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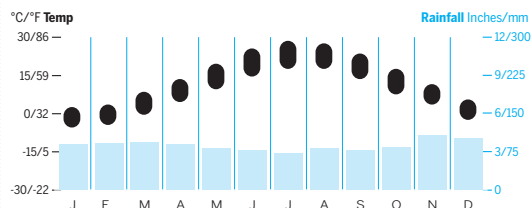
Why Go?

The sun glints off the Charles River, framing the sailboats that float silently in the basin. Handsome Back Bay brownstones line up along the shore. In the east, the gold dome of the State House peaks out from its perch on Beacon Hill; in the west shines the Citgo sign.

If Boston is lovely to look at from afar, she is even more intriguing up close. These narrow streets recall a history of revolution and transformation. Today, Boston is still among the country's most forward-thinking and barrier-breaking cities. It's visible in the changing landscape of the city, home to cutting-edge architecture and innovative urban-planning projects. Culturally, Boston is shedding its staid and stodgy reputation, as artists, literati, thespians and filmmakers rediscover the city's rich resources and create new ones. Its universities and colleges continue to attract scientists, philosophers and writers, who shape the city's evolving culture.

When to Go

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April On Patriots' Day, Boston attracts hordes of sports fans for the world's oldest marathon.

Summer Summer in the city is hot and humid, and many locals make for the beach.

Fall The city comes alive in fall, when the students reinhabit the streets.

