

25 TOP EXPERIENCES

Appalachian Trail

1 The Appalachian Trail (p532) runs more than 2100 miles from Georgia to Maine, passing through 14 states along the way. If anyone is counting, 730 of those miles and five of those states are in New England. This means ample opportunities for hikers to hop on and tackle a piece of the trail. Western Massachusetts offers easy access to the rolling hills of the Berkshires, while Vermont promises the pastoral splendor of the Green Mountains. In New Hampshire and Maine, the trail traverses the alpine peaks of the White Mountains, with its northern terminus at Mt Katahdin.



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Freedom Trail

2 The best introduction to revolutionary Boston is the Freedom Trail (p56). This red-brick path winds its way past 16 sites that earned the town its status as the cradle of liberty. The 2.5-mile trail follows the course of the conflict, from the Old State House – where British regulars killed five men in the Boston Massacre – to the Old North Church, where the sexton hung two lanterns to warn that the British troops would come by sea. Follow the road through American revolutionary history. Old South Meeting House, Boston, above

College Town, USA

3 From the Five Colleges to the Seven Sisters (well, four of them), New England is crowded with colleges and overrun with universities, making for a dynamic, diverse student scene (p523). Hundreds of institutions of higher education are located in Boston and across the river in Cambridge, Massachusetts. But Boston is only the beginning of this college tour. Providence, Rhode Island, and New Haven, Connecticut, are home to their own Ivy League institutions, while smaller towns around the region are dominated by lively leafy campuses of their own. Theatrics, Harvard University, Cambridge, below



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