



Around Boston

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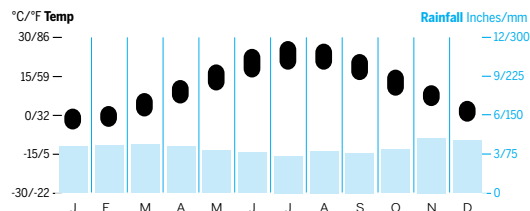
Boston may be the state capital, but it's not the only town in Massachusetts with traveler appeal. Destinations with rich histories, vibrant cultural scenes and unique events merit a visit. Easily accessible from Boston, most of these are ideal day-trip destinations.

From the moment the Pilgrims stepped ashore at Plymouth Rock, this area was on the map. The towns that surround Boston represent every aspect of New England history – colonial, revolutionary, maritime, literary and industrial.

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

Summer North Shore beaches are irresistible in July and August, with hot sun and cold sea.

Fall Halloween is a hoot in Salem in October; while Plymouth hosts Thanksgiving in November.



Around Boston Highlights

- 1** Cycling the **Minute Man Commuter Bikeway** (p92) from Cambridge to Lexington
- 2** Continuing on to Concord for a cooling dip in **Walden Pond** (p97)
- 3** Traversing **Minute Man National Historic Park** (p91) and recalling the beginnings of American independence
- 4** Admiring the collection of treasures from around the world at the **Peabody Essex Museum** (p101) in Salem
- 5** Frolicking in the waves at **Crane Beach** (p113) in Ipswich
- 6** Experiencing the realities of Pilgrim life at **Plymouth Plantation** (p119)
- 7** Enjoying the cultural diversity at the **Lowell Folk Festival** (p99)