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Best Places to Eat

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- ➔ Courtyard (p68)
- ➔ El Pelon (p69)
- ➔ Neptune Oyster (p65)
- ➔ Gourmet Dumpling House (p67)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ Liberty Hotel (p59)
- ➔ Newbury Guest House (p61)
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- ➔ Kendall Hotel (p62)

Why Go?

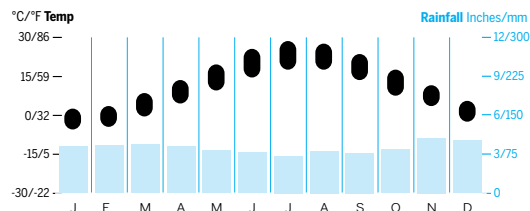
The winding streets and stately architecture recall a history of revolution and renewal; and still today, Boston is among the country's most forward-looking and barrier-breaking cities.

For all intents and purposes, Boston is the oldest city in America. And you can hardly walk a step over its cobblestone streets without running into some historic site. But Boston has not been relegated to the past.

A history of cultural patronage means that the city's art and music scenes continue to charm and challenge contemporary audiences. Cutting-edge urban planning projects are reshaping the city even now, as neighborhoods are revived and rediscovered. Historic universities and colleges still attract scientists, philosophers and writers, who shape the city's evolving culture.

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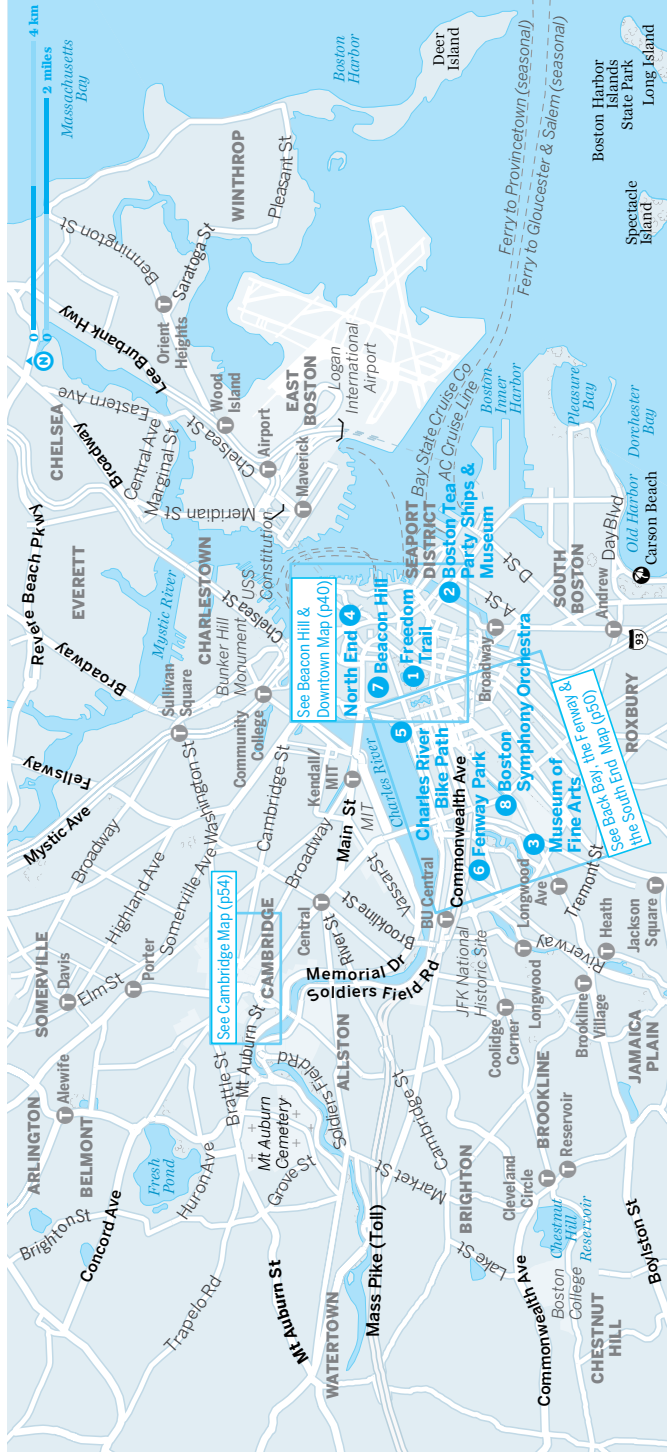
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April On Patriots' Day, hordes of sports fans attend the world's oldest marathon.

Summer Hot and humid; many locals make for the beach.

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



Boston Highlights

- 1 Following in the footsteps of patriots along the **Freedom Trail** (p57)
- 2 Fomenting revolution at the **Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum** (p46)
- 3 Admiring the Art of the Americas collection at the **Museum of Fine Arts** (p53)
- 4 Feasting on a plate of pasta and a bottle of wine in the **North End** (p65), but remembering to save room for a cannoli for dessert
- 5 Riding a bicycle along the **Charles River Bike Path** (p48)

- 6 Watching the Red Sox spank the Yankees at **Fenway Park** (p77)
- 7 Strolling the brick sidewalks and admiring the architecture on **Beacon Hill** (p38)

- 8 Listening to the **Boston Symphony Orchestra** (p75) work their magic amidst the grandeur of Symphony Hall