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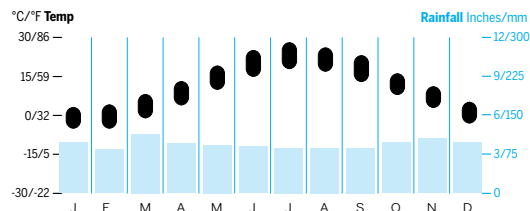
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Why Go?

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

The towns surrounding 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 Gloucester



Apr Lexington and Concord re-create 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 is a hoot in Salem in October; Plymouth hosts Thanksgiving in November.

Around Boston Highlights

1 Minuteman Commuter Bikeway

(p92) Cycling through history, from Cambridge to Lexington.

2 Gloucester

(p105) Hitting the beaches, admiring the art and feasting on seafood.

3 Minute Man National Historic Park

(p91) Traversing the park and recalling the beginnings of American independence.

4 Peabody Essex Museum

(p100) Admiring the collection of treasures from around the world.

5 Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

(p114) Spying on birds and frolicking in the waves at this island sanctuary.

6 Plimoth Plantation

(p118) Experiencing the realities of Pilgrim life.

7 Lowell Folk Festival

(p98) Enjoying the cultural diversity and lively music in this vibrant immigrant town.

