

Boston

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Why Go?

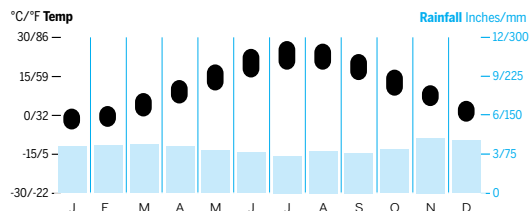
The winding streets and stately architecture recall a history of revolution and renewal; and still today, Boston is among the country's most forward-looking and barrier-breaking cities.

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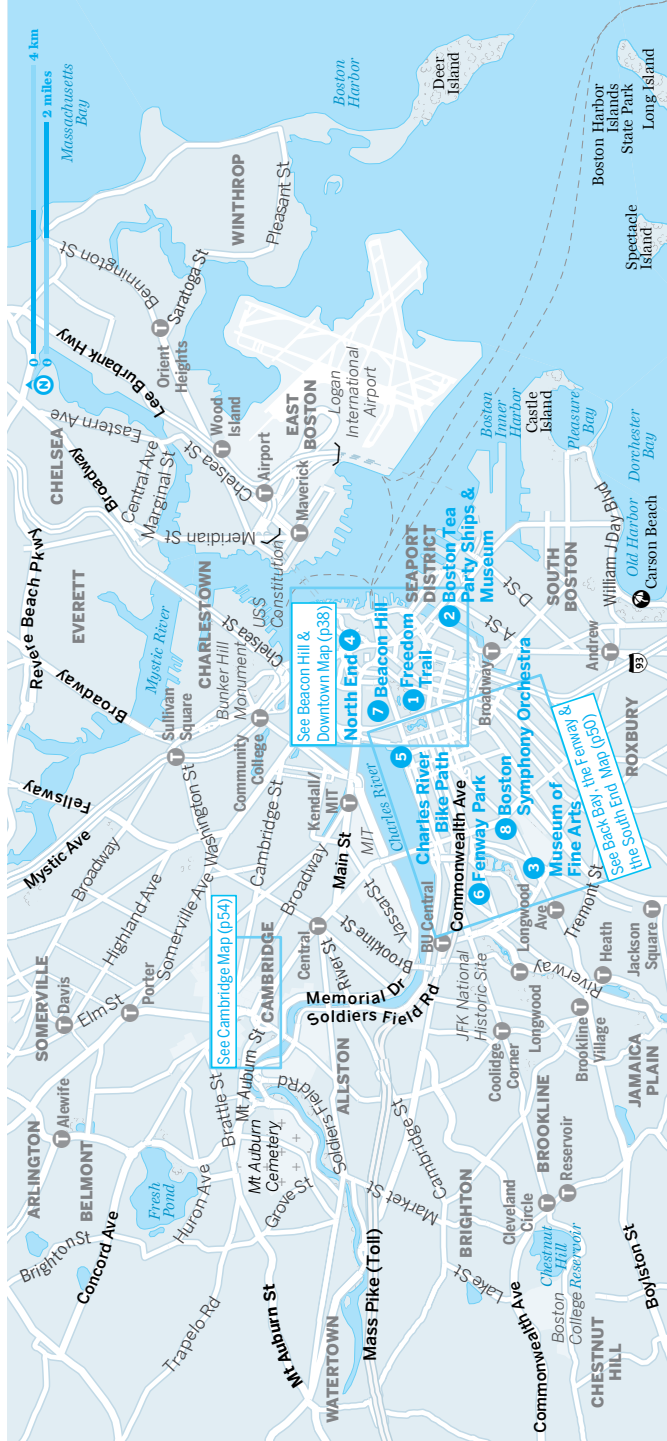
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April On Patriots' Day, hordes of sports fans attend the world's oldest marathon.

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 Freedom Trail (p56)** Following in the footsteps of patriots.
- 2 Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum (p46)** Fomenting revolution among the exhibits.
- 3 Museum of Fine Arts (p53)** Admiring the Art of the Americas collection.
- 4 North End (p67)** Feasting on a plate of pasta and a bottle of wine, but remembering to save room for a cannoli for dessert.
- 5 Charles River Bike Path (p57)** Riding a bicycle along this scenic stretch.
- 6 Fenway Park (p79)** Watching the Red Sox spank the Yankees.
- 7 Beacon Hill (p36)** Strolling the brick sidewalks and admiring the architecture.
- 8 Boston Symphony Orchestra (p78)** Listening to the orchestra work its magic amid the grandeur of Symphony Hall.