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These offshore islands are inviting for walking trails, rocky beaches, wild berries and one highly explorable abandoned fort.

Lexington & Concord p166

Now serene suburbs, these twin towns were the site of the dramatic kickoff to the War for Independence on April 19, 1775.

Salem p169

In addition to the many witchy sites in 'Witch City,' Salem showcases a proud maritime history and unique artistic legacy.

Plymouth p171

Settled by the Pilgrims in 1620, Plymouth is now home to *Mayflower II*, a replica of their ship, and Plimoth Plantation, a replica of their settlement.

Provincetown p172

Provincetown is a perfect summertime destination, with vast stretches of sandy beaches, miles of seaside bicycle trails, and an eclectic strip of art galleries and seafood restaurants.

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Explore

Boston Harbor is sprinkled with 34 islands, many of which are open for trail walking, bird-watching, fishing and swimming. You can't visit them all in one day, so consider the activities on offer and plan accordingly.

Hop on the first ferry to Georges Island, where you can spend the morning exploring Fort Warren. After lunch, take the shuttle to one of the other islands. Hit Spectacle Island for good walking trails and marvelous city views. Head to Lovells to catch some rays and cool off in the refreshing Atlantic waters. Or venture to Grape Island to hunt for wild berries.

Catch a shuttle (if necessary) and ferry back to the mainland from Spectacle or Georges. Don't try to visit more than two or three islands in one day: you'll end up spending all your time riding on or waiting for boats.

The Best...

- ➔ **Sight** Fort Warren (p165)
- ➔ **Place to Hike** Spectacle Island (p165)
- ➔ **Place to Swim** Lovells (p165) or Spectacle (p165) beaches

Top Tip

Georges and Spectacle Islands have snack shacks (10am to 5pm), but there is no food or water on the other islands. Pack a picnic!

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Boat** To reach most of the islands, Boston Harbor Cruises (p211) offers