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Boston Harbor Getaway

Boston, 3 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: This tour itinerary explores a different side of Boston and one of the most historic parts of the city. The 1700s ushered in the wealth of the shipping industry connecting Boston to the controversial triangle trade exchanging sugar cane for rum, among other things. At one point, Long Wharf was the longest wharf in the world and helped make John Hancock, Peter Fanieul and many others, the wealthiest men in the new world. On this itinerary, enjoy a two night stay on Long Wharf at the Marriott while exploring the history, art and culture of the harbor area that encircles historic Boston. Take a cruise on the harbor to see the whales migrating, then come ashore to the Harbor Walk to visit the aquarium and sample the seafood. Over the weekend, stop in at a Boston pub for a pint of ale, visit the Contemporary Art Museum, relax in Columbus Park and many other cultural experiences. While the city of Boston offers a wealth of history, art and culture, a simple weekend to enjoy the harbor sites can be just as exciting and memorable.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Boston



Boston Marriott Long Wharf

Overlooking the Harbor



Ye Olde Union Oyster House

Daniel Webster Ate Here



New England Aquarium Whale Watches

Watch whales with the experts



Meritage - The Restaurant

Wine and dine



Christopher Columbus Park

Beautiful harbor views

Day 2 - Boston



New England Aquarium

Amazing undersea world



The Boston Harbor Association

A walk along the harbor



Institute of Contemporary Art

Exploring the Cutting Edge



Harpoon Brewery

Tour and taste



Fort Point Arts Community Gallery

Local art in an arts community



Anthony's Pier 4

Seafood with a view

Day 3 - Boston



Old State House

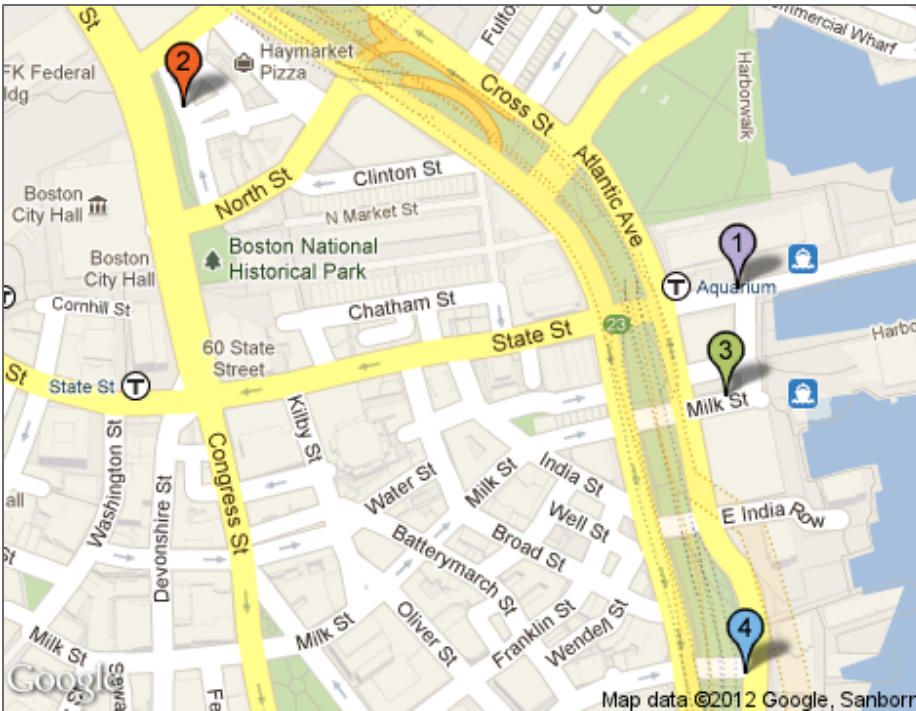
Boston's oldest public building



Faneuil Hall Marketplace

Food, shopping and history

Day 1 - Boston



QUICK NOTE

contact:
tel: 800/228-9290
fax: 617/227-2867
www.marriottlongwharf.com

location:
296 State St
Boston MA 02109

1 Boston Marriott Long Wharf

DESCRIPTION: The landmark Marriott occupies an unbeatable location a stone's throw from the New England Aquarium. It attracts business travelers with its proximity to the Financial District and families with its pool and easy access to downtown and waterfront attractions. The hotel's terraced brick exterior encloses a seven-story atrium that gives the public spaces an airy feel. Rooms, which were renovated in 2008, are large and decorated in upscale-chain-hotel style. They have cherry furnishings, either one king-size or two double beds (with pillow-top mattresses and down comforters), and a table and chairs in front of the window. Without any neighbors in the way, the building gets more natural light than any other downtown hotel. Rooms close to the water afford good views of the wharves and the waterfront; units closer to Atlantic Avenue overlook the Rose Kennedy Greenway. **Facilities:** Restaurant (seafood); cafe and lounge; bar and grill; indoor pool; exercise room; Jacuzzi; game room; concierge; tour desk; 24-hr. business center; room service until 2am; laundry service; same-day dry cleaning; executive-level rooms; rooms for those w/limited mobility. © Frommer's



Boston Marriott Long Wharf

contact:
tel: 617/227-2750
www.unionoysterhouse.com

location:
41 Union St
Boston MA 02108

hours:
Sun-Thurs 11am-9:30pm
(lunch menu until 5pm); Fri-Sat 11am-10pm (lunch until 6pm). Union Bar daily 11am-midnight (lunch until 3pm, late supper until 11pm)

2 Ye Olde Union Oyster House

DESCRIPTION: America's oldest restaurant in continuous service, the Union Oyster House opened in 1826. The food is tasty, traditional New England fare, popular with visitors walking on the adjacent Freedom Trail and savvy locals. They're not looking for anything fancy, and you shouldn't, either -- simple, classic preparations account for the restaurant's staying power. At the crescent-shaped oyster bar on the lower level of the cramped, low-ceilinged building (a National Historic Landmark "where Daniel Webster drank many a toddy in his day"), try oyster stew or the cold seafood sampler of oysters, clams, and shrimp to start. Follow with a broiled or grilled dish such as scrod or salmon, or perhaps fried seafood or grilled pork loin. A "shore dinner" of chowder, steamers or mussels, lobster, corn, potatoes, and dessert is an excellent introduction to local favorites. For dessert, try gingerbread with whipped cream. **Tip:** A plaque marks John F. Kennedy's favorite booth (no. 18), where he often sat to read the Sunday papers. © Frommer's



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contact:
tel: +1 617 973 5200
http://www.neaq.org/visit/wwa
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location:
New England Aquarium
Boston MA 02110

hours:
Apr-Oct: 10a onwards

3 New England Aquarium Whale Watches

DESCRIPTION: There are other boat companies offering whale watches departing from Boston Harbor, but this one by the New England Aquarium is the only one run by an organization dedicated to preserving whales and the waters where they live. Trips last 3.5 to 5 hours. If no whales are sighted on your trip, you receive a voucher for a return free trip. All boats have a galley, souvenir store and interactive exhibits about whales. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: 617 439 3995
http://www.meritagetherestaurant.com

location:
70 Rowes Wharf
Boston MA 02110

hours:
Lunch: Su 10:30a-2p, Dinner:
Tu-Th 5:30p-10p, F-Sa
5:30p-11p

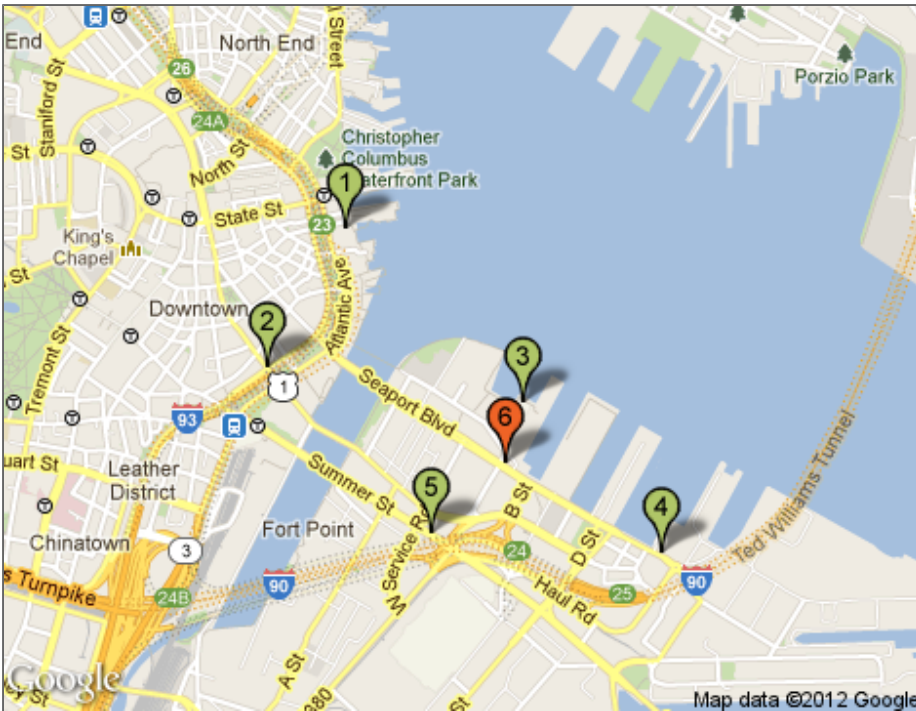
4 Meritage - The Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: Chef Daniel Bruce offers a seasonal, wine-friendly menu at this restaurant. It has an outstanding collection of 12,000 bottles of wine, with 1500 on display in sub-zero cases. With over 850 varieties to choose from, this place is a wine lover's haven. Specialty items such as Kobe Beef, Ostrich, Partridge, New York State Foie Gras, Nantucket Scallops and Vermont Pheasant are imported and only the finest of ingredients are used in all preparations. © wcities.com



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Day 2 - Boston



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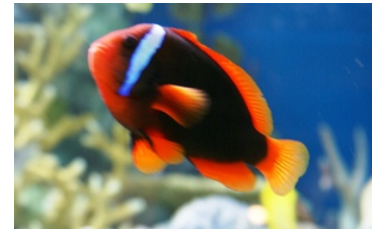
contact:
tel: +1 617 973 5200
<http://www.neaq.org/>

location:
1 Central Wharf
Boston MA 02110

hours:
M-F 9a-5p, Sa-Su 9a-6p,
IMAX: Daily 9:30a onwards

1 New England Aquarium

DESCRIPTION: Since opening in 1969, this waterfront landmark has become one of Boston's biggest tourist attractions. The most famous exhibit, the massive 200,000-gallon "Giant Ocean Tank," has a simulated Caribbean coral reef in which sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and tropical fish cruise by crowds of children pressed against the glass. Other marine galleries contain piranha, sea otters and three species of penguins. As if all that were not enough, the aquarium also offers whale watching cruises, seal shows, and its very own IMAX Theatre. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: + 1 617 482 1722 (The Boston Harbor Association)
fax: +1 617 482 9750 (The Boston Harbor Association)
<http://www.tbha.org/>

location:
374 Congress Street Suite 307
Boston MA 02110

hours:
24 hrs

2 The Boston Harbor Association

DESCRIPTION: Boston Harbor is a beautiful retreat from the city in any season. It is also the departure point for ferries to Cape Cod and the South Shore, whale watches and moonlit cruises. The history of the harbor has not been forgotten; the Boston Tea Party took place here and is recreated annually. The New England Aquarium is located on the water's edge. As you walk by, peek at the large tank to the left of the entrance—sometimes there are harbor seals living in it. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: 617 478 3100 (General) /
617 478 3101 (Visitor
Information) / 617 478 3103
(Box Office)
<http://www.icaboston.org/>

location:

100 Northern Ave
Boston MA 2199

hours:

Sat-Sun, Tues-Wed,
and some Mon holidays
10am-5pm; Thurs-Fri
10am-9pm

3 Institute of Contemporary Art

DESCRIPTION: Even if you think contemporary art isn't for you, the ICA is a blast. The city's first new art museum in nearly a century is a work of art in its own right. The cantilevered building -- designed by the New York firm Diller Scofidio + Renfro, whose work on this landmark project helped boost its growing reputation -- juts out above the harbor, affording dizzying views of the water, the waterfront, and the airport. Besides being an irresistible draw, the architecture reflects the institution's curatorial philosophy that art is inseparable from everyday life, rather than a singular experience reserved for special occasions and field trips. The ICA showcases 20th- and 21st-century art in every imaginable medium, including film and video, music, literature, and dance. Opened in 2006, the 65,000-square-foot museum gives the institution the space it needs to create a permanent collection for the first time since its founding (under a different name) in 1936. Visitors have already enjoyed works by Louise Bourgeois and Anish Kapoor that wouldn't have fit in (literally or figuratively) elsewhere in Boston, and the schedule of events, concerts, films, and other activities seemingly can't expand quickly enough. Special exhibitions during the lifespan of this book include **Tara Donovan** (Oct 10, 2008-Jan 4, 2009) and **Damián Ortega** (May 22-Sept 7, 2009). The cafe overlooks the water and offers outdoor seating in fine weather, and the gift shop is spectacular. © Frommer's



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MY NOTE: The POI point on this site is incorrect. You will find the Institute on Northern Ave just before Anthony's Pier 4.

contact:

tel: +1 888 427 7666
fax: +1 617 482 9361
<http://www.harpoonbrewery.com/>

location:

306 Northern Ave
Boston MA 02210

hours:

Call for details

4 Harpoon Brewery

DESCRIPTION: Tucked away in the South Boston piers, this little brewery is a blessing for beer lovers everywhere. Many travel considerable distances to appreciate the handcrafted beer made here. Every Tuesday through Saturday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., visitors can take a free tour of the brewery. Tours last about 30-45 minutes and close with a tasting of an authentic microbrew. Reservations are not required. The brewery's store sells everything from T-shirts and glasses to beer. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: +1 617 423 4299
<http://www.fortpointarts.org/>

location:

300 Summer Street
Boston MA 02210

hours:

5 Fort Point Arts Community Gallery

DESCRIPTION: Fort Point Channel has become something of a hot spot for budding New England artists, and Fort Point Arts Community Gallery displays their work in its 1,093-square foot site. The gallery is located in the Artist Building on the mezzanine level. An example of the work shown here is the exhibit *Our Pets/Our Selves*, which highlights artists Paul Weiner, Anna Salmeron and Jim Head Clausnitzer. Admission to the museum is free. © wcities.com

M-W, F 9a-3:30p, Th 9a-6p

contact:

tel: 1 617 482 6262
fax: +1 617 426 2324
http://www.pier4.com/anthony_s.cfm

location:

140 Northern Avenue
Boston MA 02210

hours:

Lunch: Monday - Friday:
11:30am - 3:00pm, Saturday:
12:00pm - 3:00pm; Dinner:
Monday - Thursday: 3:00pm -
10:00pm, Friday & Saturday:
3:00pm - 11:00pm, Sunday:
12:00pm - 10:00pm

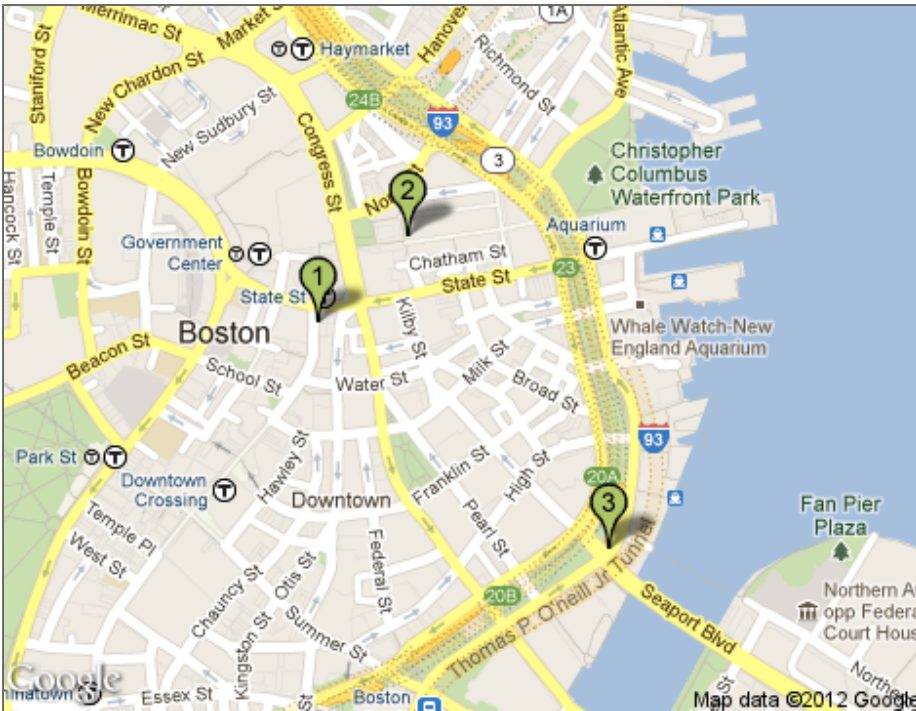
6 Anthony's Pier 4

DESCRIPTION: The interior of this restaurant is as dated as the photos of proprietor Anthony Athanas with celebrities like Bob Hope and Dom DeLouise that hang on the walls. But there is no better place in Boston to enjoy fresh seafood in the summertime than on Anthony's patio, which has a view of Boston's inner harbor and skyline. If you like shellfish, order the clambake special, which gives you shrimp, steamed clams, mussels and lobster. This restaurant also prides itself on its steaks and wine list. © wcities.com



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Day 3 - Boston



QUICK NOTE

contact:

tel: +1 617 720 1713 (Boston Historical Society)
<http://www.bostonhistory.org/>

location:

On the Freedom Trail
Boston MA 02109

hours:

Daily 9:30a-5p

1 Old State House

DESCRIPTION: With an antique brick facade set among downtown skyscrapers, any passerby can pick this building out as a relic from an earlier time. Now a museum run by The Bostonian Society, the site has a long and distinguished history. The Boston Massacre, one of the catalysts for the American Revolution, took place just outside. The Declaration of Independence was first read to Boston here on July 18, 1776. The structure served as the new state's capitol until 1797. © wcities.com



contact:

tel: +1 617 523 1300
fax: +1 617 523 1779
<http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com>

location:

4 South Market Building
Boston MA 02109

hours:

M-Sa 10a-9p, Su noon-6p

2 Faneuil Hall Marketplace

DESCRIPTION: There are more than 100 places to eat, shop and drink at this historic site. French merchant Peter Faneuil (pronounced FAN-you-wull) gave the hall that precedes the marketplace to his adopted home of Boston in 1742. It has been called the "Cradle of Liberty" because of the number of revolutionaries and abolitionists who delivered important speeches here. The hall is now a tourist center, but public meeting facilities are still available. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: +1 617 635 4505
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<http://www.bostonharborwalk.com/placestogo/location.php>

location:

Atlantic Avenue
Boston MA 02110

hours:

Daily dawn to dusk

3 Christopher Columbus Park

DESCRIPTION: Running the length of Atlantic Avenue between Mercantile Street and Long Wharf, this waterfront park boasts some of the best views of the harbor and is the gateway to the North End. Children can play in the small park area, and benches provide a welcome respite from the hours spent walking and shopping. A popular place for local office workers to have lunch, you will usually find a few food vendors in the area as well. Free jazz and other performances often take place on summer weekend evenings. © wcities.com



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Boston Snapshot

Local Info

From the cobbled streets of the North End to the newly-designed Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston offers a distinct blend of history and modernity that keeps visitors returning for more! Landmarks like the Bunker Hill Monument and the Old North Church are ties to the American Revolution, while posh shopping on Newbury Street keeps visitors in touch with the latest fashions and foods. Each neighborhood is a pocket of local culture, and locals bursting with Boston pride who are eager to show visitors the best of "Beantown."

Beacon Hill

Beacon Hill nestles between the quaint shops of Charles street and the activity of Boston Common. Home to many Boston elite, you'll find impressive townhouses here, high-end markets and boutiques, and fine foods. Young professionals also flock to this neighborhood and congregate at local pubs. It's just a few block from the banks of the Charles River!

South End

The South End also offers a quaint setting, with brick sidewalks, chic restaurants and endless blocks of cozy coffee shops and cafe's. Well-kept dog parks line the side streets, and it's just a short walk to Back Bay and Newbury Street. The area is also considered one of the most "gay-friendly" parts of the city.

North End

Need an Italian fix? Come to Boston's North End. Shops like Mike's Pastry are not-to-be-missed, and you can also pick up the historical Freedom Trail here.

Newbury Street

Newbury Street is a downtown thoroughfare with the most posh shopping Boston has to offer, not to mention top-of-the-line restaurants and cafes. The Public Garden marks the beginning of this stretch, and there you can find the famous "Make way for Ducklings" statues and the Swan Boats.

Waterfront

Faneuil Hall Marketplace is a must-see by the waterfront, and if you linger in the plaza outside on a nice day you're almost sure to see a fun street performer to add flavor to your trip! Souvenir shops abound here, and it's one of the stops on the Freedom Trail. Just a few blocks away is Downtown Crossing, as well as the New England Aquarium (great for kids).

Jamaica Plain

Just outside the city, Jamaica Plain is "up and coming" and has started to attract more and more of the city's families and young professionals. Jamaica Pond and the Arnold Arboretum offer beautiful outdoor settings, and Victorian homes line the streets. Also, right downtown is the famous J.P. Licks ice cream shop ("Jamaican Plain" being the namesake). Don't forget to stop there!

Brookline

Home to enclaves such as Coolidge Corner and Washington Square, Brookline offers

the best Jewish Deli's in town! Local movie theaters, bookstores and bars welcome visitors and create a lively atmosphere. Check out Zaftigs and the Publick House to hit up some of the best of Brookline's food and drink scene.

Somerville

Davis Square is a lively Somerville hub, and this area also houses Tufts University. Just a short ride on the Red Line from Boston's center, Somerville gets you just outside the city but still offers a little urban flair and hustle-bustle. Somerville draws a crowd looking for quality housing at an affordable, and recent college grads often flock to this area. In Davis Square, be sure to check out Redbones for some of the best BBQ around.

Cambridge

Set on the banks of the Charles River, Cambridge teems with college students, as it's home to both Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Kendall Square is a mecca for technology and science research and entrepreneurship, and Harvard Square offers colorful shops and eateries. Street performers are a common sight, as are outdoor chess tables, rowing teams on the waters of the Charles River, and bicyclists cruising Memorial Drive. Cambridge is definitely worth the short trip across the river!

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