

Things to Do

The Convention staff and hotel are happy to assist you in making plans to visit historic sites.

Boston

Walk the Freedom Trail

The Freedom Trail, a 2.5-mile, brick-lined route that leads you to 16 historically significant sites — each one an authentic treasure. Explore museums and meetinghouses, churches, and burying grounds. Learn about the brave people who shaped our nation. Discover the rich history of the American Revolution, as it began in Boston.

Faneuil Hall & Quincy Market

Faneuil Hall Marketplace is actually four great places in one location - Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, North Market and South Market, all set around a cobblestone promenade where jugglers, magicians and musicians entertain the passers-by. So by all means, stroll, shop, eat, laugh, wander, wonder and explore it all.

Boston Duck Tour

Board an authentic World War II amphibious landing vehicle, renovated for sightseeing. You'll cruise by all the places that make Boston the birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts! View such sights as the golden-domed State House to Bunker Hill and the TD Banknorth Garden, Boston Common and Copley Square to the Big Dig, Government Center to fashionable Newbury Street, Quincy Market to the Prudential Tower, and more.

Swan Boat Ride

For over 130 years, the Swan Boats have been a part of the Boston experience. They grace the waters of the Boston Public Garden, the first botanical garden in the United States. Famed in the stories *Make Way for Ducklings* and *The Trumpet of the Swan*, the Swan Boats are the only boats of their kind in the world.

Local

Minute Man National Park – Concord, MA

At Minute Man National Historical Park the opening battle of the Revolution is brought to life as visitors explore the battlefields and structures associated with April 19, 1775.

Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House – Concord, MA

Orchard House is a historic house museum in Concord, Massachusetts. It was the longtime home of Amos Bronson Alcott and family, including his daughter Louisa May Alcott who wrote and set her beloved novel *Little Women* there.

DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum— Lincoln, MA

DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is located on the former estate of Julian de Cordova (1851-1945). The self-educated son of a Jamaican merchant, Julian de Cordova became a successful tea broker, wholesale merchant, investor, and president of the Union Glass Company in Somerville, Massachusetts

Today, the Sculpture Park encompasses 30 acres of beautiful rolling woodlands and lawns, and is the largest park of its kind in New England.

Longfellow's Wayside Inn – Sudbury, MA

Longfellow's Wayside Inn—a nationally significant Massachusetts Historic Landmark—is the oldest Inn still operating in the United States and has been serving travelers along the old Boston Post Road for almost 300 years. The October 1862 visit to the old Howe Tavern by **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow** and his publisher, James Fields, had a far reaching impact on the literary and artistic significance of America's oldest hostelry. Longfellow made the Sudbury tavern the gathering place for the characters in his 1863 book *Tales of a Wayside Inn*, and because of the poet's immense popularity, generations of readers, poets, and artists would seek out the colonial landmark for decades to come.

Other

Worcester Art Museum – Worcester, MA

The Worcester Art Museum is world-renowned for its 35,000-piece collection of paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, photography, prints, drawings and new media. The works span 5,000 years of art and culture. View paintings by Cassatt, Gauguin, Goya, Monet, Sargent and Whistler; admire floor mosaics from the ancient city of Antioch; see cutting-edge contemporary art; and discover the Museum's many other treasures. Special exhibitions showcase the masterworks, seldom-seen gems, and important works on loan.

Newport RI Mansions – Newport, RI

The Preservation Society of Newport County, Rhode Island's largest cultural organization, preserves and protects the best of Newport County's architectural heritage. Its 11 historic properties and landscapes - seven of which are National Historic Landmarks - trace America's architectural and social development from the Colonial era through the Gilded Age. In keeping with its mission, the Society strives to offer its members and the public a comprehensive view of each property's architecture, interiors, landscapes and social history.

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens – Boothbay, ME

After 16 years of planning, planting, and building, the grand opening of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens was celebrated on June 13, 2007. This ambitious project began in 1991 when a group of mid-coast Maine residents founded the grassroots organization. They, and those who worked with them and came after them, shared the belief that northern New England in general, and Maine in particular, were in need of a botanical garden. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens purchased 128 acres of pristine land with 3,600 feet of tidal shore frontage in Boothbay. Today Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens comprises 270 acres of tidal shore land and in 2013 welcomed nearly 100,000 guests throughout the year.