



**Local Currency** The unit of currency is the U.S. Dollar. Bills are available in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Coins are available in denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, and 25 cents.



**Office/Telephone Facilities** The main Post Office is located at 25 Dorchester Ave.

There are a few public telephones available on the pier. American coins and calling cards are accepted in pay phones. For international calls, dial 011 to obtain a line out of the country. An international operator can be reached by dialing "00".



**Tourist Information** The Tourist Information Offices are located at two locations, one at 147 Tremont Street, and the other at Prudential Center.

**Visitors Information Bureau:** This is located downtown in one of the city's best shopping malls, The Prudential Center. Located on the ground floor the office is open daily for information on festivals, theater, sports and special events going on during your visit to Boston.



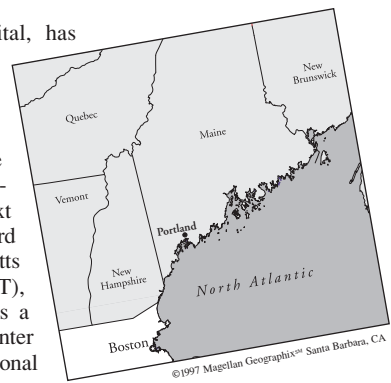
**Transportation** Local taxis will be available on the pier. It is recommended that a price is agreed upon with the taxi driver before leaving the pier.

# Boston



## General Information

Boston, Massachusetts's capital, has earned a reputation as one of the nation's most attractive urban centers. The city of Boston or the "Hub" as Bostonians refer to their city, is the birthplace of American independence. It is also located next to Cambridge, home to Harvard University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), making Boston well known as a University town and cultural center for both American and international students. The city has emerged as a leader of culture and learning and is the administrative and financial center of New England.



Boston is New England's largest city with a metropolitan population of 4.7 million people of diverse cultural backgrounds. Many of its neighborhoods reflect the local ethnic orientation and enhance the city's cosmopolitan atmosphere. While offering the advantages of a modern metropolis, Boston has succeeded in retaining a pleasant small town atmosphere which can be seen in the faces and smiles of many of its inhabitants. This is also clearly evident in its well maintained neighborhoods such as Beacon Hill, the Back Bay, and North End.

The city is filled with charming brick sidewalks enhanced with the light of old fashioned gas lamps illuminating the city's skyline. Gleaming skyscrapers are tastefully blended with historical buildings in which history still continues to flow.

You name it, it's here. The city has a thriving theater district comprised of some of the oldest and most beautiful theaters in the nation including the Shubert, Wang and Colonial. Boston is well known for its abundant shops and boutiques which offer the very best in international style and local crafts made by its many artisans. One of the finest shopping districts is located on Newbury Street also known as the "5th Avenue" of Boston. Without doubt this is one of the most exciting cities in the United States without being overwhelming. Boston has the ability to offer the visitor the amenities of any large metropolitan city but at the same time provide that small town feeling.



## Places of Interest



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**1 The Freedom Trail** is an introduction to Boston's history and allows the visitor to discover several different landmarks of the city. The Trail spans over an area of 2½ miles and is marked by a red line which offers the visitor an insight to the historical highlights of the city. The starting point of this trail begins at the Boston Common Information Center, on the Tremont Street side of the park.

**2 The Public Garden** – beautiful downtown city park is surrounded by tree lined avenues on all sides. The park has lovely manicured lawns as well as a lake where paddled-powered Swan Boats are available for rides.

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