

Boston Travel Guide and Activities



Boston has a long standing reputation for excellence in education as well as being an important city in America's history. Its colonial history blends with its modern urban appeal as old red brick houses sit comfortably next to gleaming skyscrapers. Boston is a city with vitality, undeniable character and history.



5 THINGS TO SEE

- Faneuil Hall Marketplace, the city's centre of food and shopping, right next-door to EC Boston
- Cape Cod's 40 miles of untouched sandy beaches
- Walking through Harvard University campus, the oldest and most prestigious university in the USA
- The Ferry to Martha's Vineyard, a sunny island with plenty of beaches and home to The Flying Horses, America's oldest carousel
- Discover the haunting past of Salem with a walking tour devoted to the 1692 Witch Trials

CURRENCY

Currency: \$ (US Dollars)

If you are staying in the United States for a long period of time you might want to open a bank account. You should request a letter from the administration office on the 4th floor. The letter will be available 24 hours after you have requested it. Please submit your full name and local address to the office.

You will need at least two of the following items to open a bank account:

1. Passport and I-20
2. Student I.D., major credit card, a U.S. driver's license or a Massachusetts I.D.
3. Social security number if you have one.

CLIMATE

Boston has a humid continental/subtropical climate, which is common in coastal southern New England. Summers are typically warm and humid, while winters are cold, windy, and snowy. The hottest month is July while the coldest is January.

VISA REGULATION

For Visa information please read [Applying for a Visa in USA](#)

MAPS (TUBE MAPS / BUS ROUTES)

- [T Subway Map](#)
- [Bus Services & Routes](#)

TIME ZONE/ SEASONS

GMT-5

ELECTRICITY

110 V; 60Hz - 2 flat-pin plug or third round pin are used



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

17 Jan 2022, 21 Feb 2022, 18 Apr 2022,
30 May 2022, 20 Jun 2022, 04 Jul 2022,
05 Sep 2022, 10 Oct 2022, 11 Nov 2022,
24 Nov 2022, 25 Nov 2022, 26 Dec 2022

HEALTH & INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All EC Boston students must be covered by health insurance for the entire length of their stay in the U.S. If you do not have health insurance, you must purchase insurance from EC Boston.

COST OF LIVING

Bottle of water/soda (0.33 litre)	\$1.00-\$2.00
Fast-Food combo meal	\$6.50-\$9.00
Meal, inexpensive restaurant	\$12.00-\$20.00
Coffee/cappuccino	\$3.50-\$4.50
Fitness club (monthly, 1 adult)	\$29.00-\$90.00
Public transport (local transport)	\$2.25-2.75 (one-way);
Public transport (monthly pass)	\$80.00-85.00

USEFUL LINKS

- [What's On](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Sports & Fitness](#)
- [Weather in Boston](#)
- [Mercantile KinderCare](#)
- [The Children's Place at 60 State Street](#)

TAP WATER - DRINKABLE!

Tap water is safe unless there's a sign to the contrary.

DRIVING AGE

The minimum driving age is 16 years but most rental companies require that you be at least 26 years old, have an international driving license, a second form of identity and a major credit card.

TELEPHONE COUNTRY CODE

+1 617 / 781

SMOKING LAWS

Smoking is banned in all enclosed public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars.

ALCOHOL AGE

Legal age for drinking in the US is 21 and many places will ask for identification.