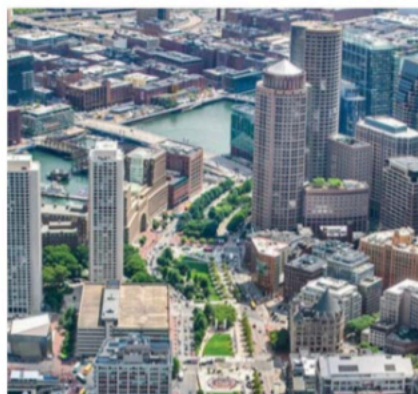


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Boston, MA

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950 milesFLY TIME
2 ¼ hours

The Best of Boston

MASSACHUSETTS' CAPITAL CATERS TO HISTORY, SURE—AND JUST ABOUT EVERY OTHER INTEREST, TOO. **BY MICHELE HERRMANN**



AS THE birthplace of the American Revolution, Boston is a history buff's must-see. But the harbor-side city also shines with new attractions, diverse neighborhoods to stroll, and a thriving arts scene. To start, the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** (gardnermuseum.org) doesn't shy away from the intrigue behind the theft of 13 masterpieces in an unsolved 1990 heist. This Venetian-inspired palazzo houses a splendid collection of sculptures, paintings, tapestries, and furniture.

At the **John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum** (jfklibrary.org), the Boston native is honored with exhibits that hark back to his childhood. See marine life at the **New England Aquarium** (neaq.org), wander around **Faneuil Hall Marketplace** (faneuilhallmarketplace.com), or head to **View Boston** (viewboston.com), a 360-degree observation deck atop the Prudential Center.

Beantown has tons of green space, too. **Boston Common** (boston.gov/parks/boston-common) is America's oldest park, while **Frederick Law Olmsted's Emerald Necklace** (emeraldnecklace.org/park-overview) is a system of parkways and waterways linking many locations. **The Greenway** (rosekennedygreenway.org) is peppered with gardens, fountains, food trucks, and public art. Ride the carousel, with native Boston Harbor animal figures, then stop by the **Boston Public Market** (bostonpublicmarket.org) to peruse locally made crafts and more.

Boston also offers eclectic dining experiences. Start your morning at **Tatte Bakery & Cafe** (tattebakery.com) with scrumptious pastries. At night, **Grace By Nia** (gracebyniala.com) brings a modern supper club experience with soul-infused cuisine and live entertainment. Boston's Back Bay holds **Raffles Boston** (raffles.com/boston). Be sure to grab a drink at the hotel's Blind Duck, an intimate speakeasy bar. **B**

IF YOU GO

STAY Adjacent to Fenway Park, **The Verb Hotel** (theverbhotel.com) jams with rock decor, record players, and vinyl. Sleep in a Backstage Trailer inspired by an iconic act like Van Halen.

SIP **Nathalie** (nathaliebar.com) brings female-produced wines to the forefront and pairs them with a menu of refined sharable bites.

BROWSE Lose track of time amid the stacks of the **Brattle Book Shop** (brattlebookshop.com). It has a prime antiquarian collection.



DAY TRIP

Find high-flying fun in Muncie at the **NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION MUSEUM**. See the biggest collection of model airplanes in the U.S., from early 1900s rubber band versions to WWII replicas and experimental drones. Visit a full-scale 1950s hobby shop authentic in every detail and experience a NASA wind tunnel. **5151 E. Memorial Dr., Muncie** —CHRISTINA VERCELLETTO