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# BOSTON COLLEGE TOUR

5 days | Boston



## Your itinerary

### Day 1

#### Welcome to Boston!

#### Guided Tour of Boston College

##### Walking Tour - Freedom Trail

Walk through history along this 2.5 mile trail through Boston. You will learn about the city's role in the American Revolution as you see 16 historic sites and buildings, including the 23-carat-domed State House, Paul Revere's House, the Boston Common (America's oldest park) and the Granary Burial Ground, final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere and Samuel Adams.

##### Dinner at Faneuil Hall

Find over 36 international food vendors inside of the Quincy Market Colonnade, the largest food hall in New England!

##### Hotel in Boston area

Arrive and check into your hotel.

*Overnight in Boston area*

### Day 2

#### Breakfast in Boston

#### Guided Tour of Northeastern University

#### Guided Tour of Suffolk University

##### John F. Kennedy Library and Museum

Visit the John F. Kennedy Library, whose exhibits and archives explore the life of one of our nation's most prominent political figures and document the tenure of Camelot-JFK's "fairy-tale" administration. See a reproduction of the desk that stood in the Oval Office during President Kennedy's term, and view poignant and personal photos of his family life. You'll also hear an audiotape in which Rose Kennedy describes her role as matriarch of her highly accomplished clan.

##### Dinner in Boston

Enjoy your evening meal, provided by EF Explore America.

##### Evening Activity in Boston

Enjoy an evening activity tonight. Experience Boston's ghoulish past on a ghost tour of the city. Or, try your hand at candlepin bowling, a variation of bowling invented in Massachusetts. Candlepin players use smaller balls (without holes) to strike down thinner pins.

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### Day 3

#### Breakfast in Boston

#### Guided Sightseeing of Lexington and Concord

Journey with a licensed guide to Lexington, where the first shots of the American Revolution rang out on the Battle Green. Note that the statue of Captain John Parker gazes in the direction of Boston, still watching for the Redcoats. Concord was the Redcoats' next stop, but they were confronted by the Minutemen who fired the "shot heard 'round the world" at the Old North Bridge, which you will see on your tour.

##### Concord Historical House

Enjoy a trip inside the home of either Louisa May Alcott or Nathaniel Hawthorne, two giants of American Literature.

#### Guided Sightseeing of Boston and Cambridge

A local guide introduces you to Boston's Freedom Trail. See the Old Granary Burying Ground, the final resting place of notable Americans like John Hancock, Crispus Attucks and even Mother Goose. Pass by historic Faneuil Hall on your way to see the colonists' Old South Meeting House, where a grievance session about a new tax law sparked the Boston Tea Party. Pass the Old State House, from whose balcony the Declaration of Independence was first read to the citizens of Boston in 1776. In the Italian North End, you'll find silversmith Paul Revere's house and the Old North Church. Stop at the USS Constitution-the world's oldest commissioned warship-which never lost a battle. Not far from here, you will find the Bunker Hill Monument, where colonial rebel William Prescott warned his troops not to fire until they saw the whites of British eyes. Cross the Charles River as you head for Cambridge's Harvard Square, where you'll find the vine-covered brick buildings and wrought-iron gates of the country's oldest university.

#### Guided Tour of Harvard University

##### Dinner in Harvard Square

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### Day 4

#### Breakfast in Boston

##### Witch Activity in Salem

Step back in time to 1692 Salem, Massachusetts, where something very unusual took place. Learn more about the Salem Witch Trials with a visit to either the Witch Dungeon Museum, Gallows Hill, or the Witch Museum.

##### The House of Seven Gables

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