

24 HOURS IN Boston

Teeming with diversity and culture, from historical sights and outstanding museums to renowned sports venues, outdoor festivals, world-class dining, and green spaces, the walkable city of Boston makes for a delightful summer break



MORNING

In 2000, Boston – the most populous city in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – was named a majority-minority place, meaning that the majority of the population could be defined as a minority group. With this comes great diversity in the population, and with diversity comes great food. There is an abundance of restaurants serving up authentic food from cultures across the world, that could take your palate from Mexico and Italy to Lebanon, Jamaica, India, Peru, Morocco, Japan, and everywhere in between, within a day. Each neighbourhood has its own charm and ethnically-accurate culinary treasures, but if you want to start your day with another of life’s greatest simple pursuits – people-watching – you’ll want to enjoy a leisurely brunch on Newbury Street. Although this bustling commercial street has been described as Boston’s answer to NYC’s Fifth Avenue, among the high-end shops and stunning 19th century brownstones you’ll also find quirky one-of-a-kind boutiques and affordable restaurants serving up delicious food that you can enjoy al fresco, as outdoor patio dining hits its peak here during the sunny months. Joe’s on Newbury, Stephanie’s on Newbury, La Voile, Sonsie, Trident Booksellers & Café, and Little Whale Oyster Bar are good picks.



Traditional Italian spaghetti with meatballs



Fresh cannoli

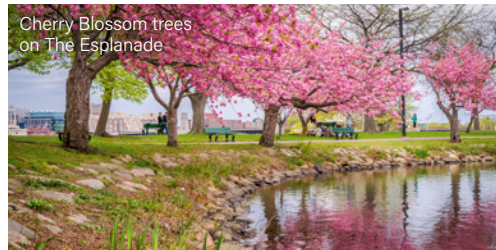
AFTERNOON

The time between breakfast or brunch and dinner can be one of the most challenging parts of the day in Boston, simply because there is always so much to do that it’s hard to choose. If you fancy a nearby walk, you’d be remiss not to take a stroll through the Boston Public Garden. Established in 1837, it was the first public botanical garden in the United States. While there, you can visit the “Make Way for Ducklings” statues – a famous sculpture by Nancy Shon inspired by the namesake children’s novel by Robert McCloskey – or take a swan boat, as written about in another classic book, E.B. White’s *The Trumpet of the Swan*. Bonus: *Cheers* fans can visit the bar that inspired the one in the TV show nearby too. If you prefer to be indoors, you can visit one of the city’s countless museums or libraries instead, from the Museum of Fine Arts and Museum of Science to the Boston Athenaeum, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, USS Constitution Museum, Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, or The Paul Revere House, to name some. If you prefer for your history to come with

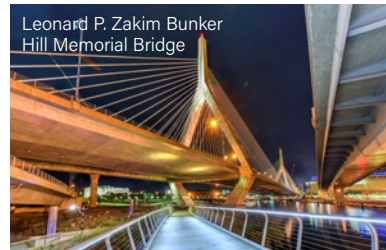
a snack, you can head to Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market in the city’s Government Center area. This waterfront spot has been open since 1742, and it still boasts a fully-operational food hall with more than 50 vendors. One of the most unique picks, however, is the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. The museum was the site of a 1990 theft that saw 13 of its works stolen, and to this day remains unsolved – and in line with its unique take on displaying art, wherein they don’t use conventional labels and instead encourage people to find their own meaning in each piece, the stolen works’ frames still hang there empty as a symbol of hope, should they ever be returned. It also has a stunning courtyard.

EVENING

Choosing an after-dark pursuit in this city can be an equally tough choice. A Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park is a must-do for sports fanatics. Culture vultures might enjoy a play in the theatre district or at one of the many concerts and outdoor festivals that spring up during summer, while foodies will love dining at iconic venues such as Mistral or The Oak Room, perhaps followed by drinks at Clink – a bar at The Liberty, a unique hotel built upon a former jail that retained its original bars and cells, and transformed them into a Luxury Collection hotel. But as many locals would agree, one of the most magical ways to spend an evening in Boston is in its North End: this tiny neighborhood is crammed with more epic Italian restaurants than you can shake a cannoli at (which you can find at Mike’s Pastry or Modern Pastry, the two reigning champions). As live music streams in around a backdrop of fairy lights, you’ll be transported to 1950s Little Italy. **BT**



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