

# SAMPLE ITINERARY (7 DAY)



BOSTON HIDDEN GEMS

## Day 1 - Architecture & Gardens

- 1:00 pm You've made it to Boston! Stretch your legs on a leisurely walk in Boston Common as you learn of how Boston was first settled through lesser-known stories told by plaques and statues throughout America's oldest park.
- 3:00 pm Gather in the adjacent Boston Public Garden, where you will board one of Boston's iconic Swan Boats for a ride around Swan Pond, enjoying the ambiance of the nearby willow trees and flower gardens.
- 4:00 pm Continue to vibrant Back Bay, known for its charming streets lined with some of the best-preserved Victorian architecture in the world. Enjoy some of Boston's best shopping along Newbury Street, which is home to numerous boutiques, art galleries, and trendy shops. Take your time to explore the area and soak in the unique atmosphere.
- 6:30 pm Test your spice buds at Lolita Cocina! Whether you want their tacos, nachos, or platos, your cravings will be satisfied.
- 8:30 pm Head to your hotel to get checked in and unwind after a long day of moving around! Be sure to get a good night's sleep in preparation for a busy day tomorrow. Take a dip in the hotel pool before heading to bed!

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## Day 2 - Sports & Schools

- 9:00 am Board the bus at the hotel to start the day
- 10:00 am Drive to the city of Cambridge and explore the campuses and rivalries between Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Take a leisurely walk through the grounds, visit iconic landmarks, and soak in the academic atmosphere.
- 1:00 pm Time for lunch! Explore Harvard Square on your own time, grab some food, and have a picnic in "Hahvahd Yahd!"
- 2:30 pm Head to America's oldest ballpark, where you'll sit atop the Green Monster seating as you learn why Fenway Park had to build the Monster in the first place!
- 4:00 pm Enjoy free time to explore the Fenway/Kenmore area. Go to an arcade, go bowling, grab some food, or explore the nearby Victory gardens!
- 7:00 pm Back to Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox defend their home field!
- 10:00 pm Hopefully happy from a win, head back to your hotel for a well-earned rest!

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## Day 3 - Ghosts & Mysteries

- 9:00 am Board the bus at the hotel to start the day
- 10:00 am Witches and ghosts await you in Salem! Learn about the area's maritime history, hear the story of The Blue Lady ghost, see America's first "red carpet," and more!
- 12:00 pm Enjoy lunch in downtown Salem. Choose between a variety of options ranging from seafood to local delis to haunted restaurants! Be sure to pick up a wiccan amulet or a Harry Potter trinket to ward off evil!
- 1:00 pm Go deeper into the stories at the Salem Witch Village, where you'll learn the real history behind witches and get a photo of yourself in the stocks!
- 3:00 pm Put your thinking caps on as you go questing at Boda Borg! More than 30 different puzzle rooms await curious minds with all sorts of challenges, from solving the riddle and finding the poison to speedrunning an obstacle course.
- 6:00 pm Enjoy dinner and a show at one of Boston's best hibachi restaurants. Keep your hands away from the flaming onion!
- 8:00 pm Finish your day with a Haunted Tour of Boston's graveyards and cemeteries, and learn about the many ghosts that haunt Boston to this day!
- 9:30 pm Time to rest! Back to the hotel to relax for another day of fun.

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## Day 4 - The Revolution Begins

- 9:00 am Board the bus at the hotel to start the day
- 10:00 am Dive into America's Revolutionary past at Lexington & Concord. See the Lexington Battle Green where the first shots of the Revolution were fired, and visit the site where Paul Revere was captured by the British on his midnight ride!
- 11:30 am Visit the Old North Bridge in Concord, where the British suffered the very first casualties of the American Revolution. This is the sight of the "shot heard around the world".
- 12:00 pm Enjoy lunch at Concord's classic Colonial Inn, an institution founded 60 years before the first shot was fired!
- 1:30 pm Learn about Concord's literary past, learn about the stories behind the friendships of authors Louisa May Alcott, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Henry David Thoreau.
- 4:00 pm Back in Boston, enjoy some free time to explore downtown, with its many shops and nearby Theater District.
- 6:00 pm Gather together in Boston's historic Chinatown for a delicious dinner of Hot Pot or Dim Sum.
- 8:00 pm Put on your (provided) ponchos and get ready to be weirded out! Boston's famous Blue Man group puts on a show like nothing you've ever seen!
- 10:00 pm Back to the hotel for a shower and a good night's rest!

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### Day 5 - Militaries & Mobs

- 10:00 am Kick off the day with a view over Boston from the top of the Bunker Hill Monument. Climb the monument's nearly 300 steps and enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding area. Afterward, visit the nearby USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship still afloat.
- 12:00 pm Time for lunch! Take your pick of 18 options at HubHall, or any of the dozens of restaurants near TD Garden & North Station.
- 2:00 pm No visit to Boston would be complete without a stop in Southie! One of the most "stereotypically Boston" neighborhoods, it has been featured in *Goodwill Hunting*, *The Boondock Saints*, *The Departed*, and more, as well as being the base for the famed mob boss Whitey Bulger.
- 4:00 pm To your stations! See Fort Independence on Castle Island, the first fortified military site the British built on the continent and original home to the Redcoats.
- 6:00 pm Board a harbor cruise, which offers dinner, dancing, drinks, and spectacular views of the city. Enjoy the scenic beauty of Boston's waterfront, witness the city skyline illuminated at night, and snap some beautiful photos on this enchanting excursion.
- 10:00 pm Exhausted from dancing, head straight back to the hotel and collapse into bed, ready for your busiest day tomorrow!

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## Day 6 - Castle Trip & Little Italy

- 10:00 am Did you know that Massachusetts has a castle? Visit Hammond Castle, designed by eccentric inventor and prankster John Hammond, and enjoy the beautiful ocean views, antique collection, and impressive great hall.
- 12:00 pm Head to charming downtown Gloucester for a delicious seafood lunch.
- 3:00 pm You've been waiting for it, and now it's time to check out Boston's famous North End! Narrow streets, Italian restaurants, a gorgeous waterfront, and the smell of fresh garlic and fresh bread await you, as well as major historical sites like the Old North Church and Paul Revere House.
- 6:00 pm Head to one of the North End's many classic Italian restaurants for an incredible final dinner. Enjoy fresh pasta and a warm ambiance!
- 7:00 pm Get ready to laugh at Improv Asylum, Boston's finest improv troupe! If we could tell you more about it, it wouldn't be improv!
- 9:00 pm Head back to the hotel. Sadly, it is time to pack up, because tomorrow is your last day!

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### Day 7 - Nearby Nature

- 10:00 am It's your last day already! Make sure you're nice and tired for the bus ride home with a short hike to the lookout tower at the Blue Hills Reservation. Enjoy sweeping views of the towns around Boston and see the skyline from afar!
- 12:00 pm Enjoy one final group lunch with your tour guide at a nearby restaurant.
- 1:30 pm Board your bus to head back home, bringing with you wonderful memories of your Boston adventure. Reflect on the history, culture, and beauty of the city as you depart, and cherish the experiences you had during your visit.