

Boston: Life in the Hub

Few cities offer the concentration of academia, culture, and sport that Boston does. Residents often refer to their city -- with typical Boston modesty -- as the "Hub of the Universe". With its beautiful historic setting and its abundance of modern educational and cultural institutions, Boston enjoys the best of both worlds: at times it feels like a quaint colonial seaboard town, at others like a modern cosmopolitan center. Within the area are more than 65 colleges and universities, including Harvard, Tufts, MIT, Boston College, and Boston University. This confluence of educational institutions has drawn large number of technological and biomedical firms to the area. Boston is also a Mecca for music and theater lovers, who can enjoy performances by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Boston Philharmonic, and the Boston Pops, events at the New England Conservatory and Berklee College of Music, and countless movies and plays.

Boston has more museum-square-footage-per-capita than any other city, with something to suit both children and adults. Especially noteworthy are the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, the Children's Museum, the Harvard Museum of Natural History, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the New England Aquarium.

Sports fans will find professional baseball, football, basketball, hockey, soccer and tennis within the metropolitan area. Joggers and cyclists can enjoy the city's many paths and riverfront parks. Few runners pass up the opportunity to participate in or watch the annual Boston Marathon.

The city offers a wide variety of department stores, boutiques, and specialty shops, both downtown and in nearby suburbs. Harvard Square, Quincy Market, Copley Place, Newbury Street, and Downtown Crossing are just a few shopping areas within the area.

Easy access to these cultural and recreational opportunities is made possible by Boston's convenient and inexpensive public transportation system, including the "T", the city's clean and reliable subway system. Because Boston is geographically compact, one can enjoy a leisurely walking tour through the city to see historical points of interest or just for fun. Boston is also one of the safest cities in the United States having experienced dramatic reduction in the crime rate in the last few years.

New England is a wonderful region in which to savor the best of every season. Skiing, sailing, exceptional beaches, stunning fall foliage, and apple picking are all easily accessible.

Boston is a special city, one steeped in tradition, and academic history. Living here means joining a community of scholars that stretches back over 375 years, one that has had an unrivaled impact on the development of science, medicine and humanities in both this country and the world.