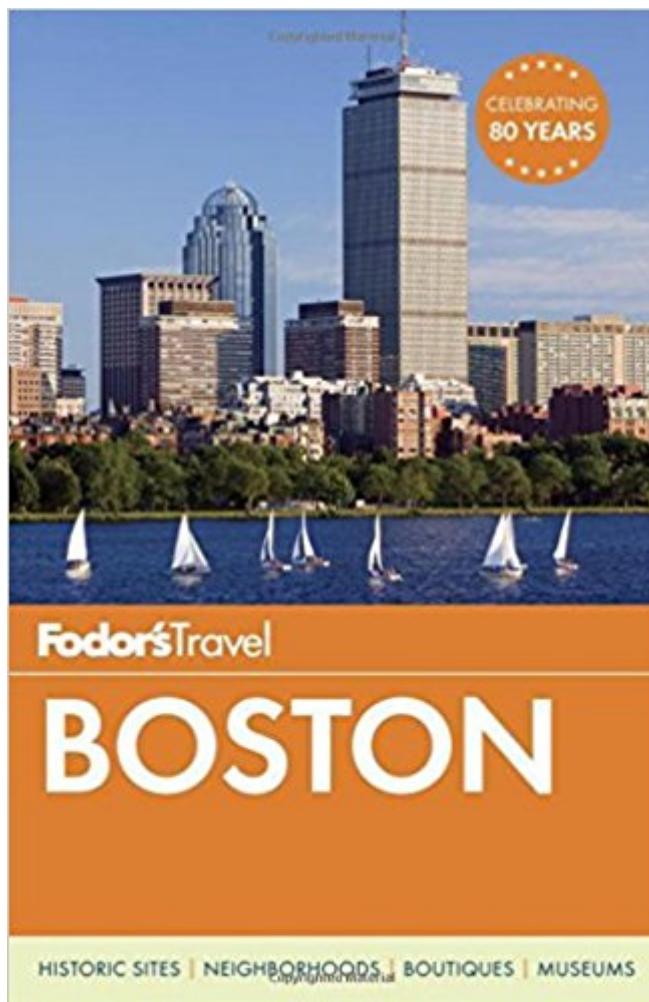


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# Fodor's Boston (Full-color Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Written by locals, Fodor's travel guides have been offering expert advice for all tastes and budgets for 80 years. There's history and culture around every bend in Boston--skyscrapers nestle next to historic hotels while modern marketplaces line the antique cobblestone streets. The city that blends yesterday and today has much to offer, and with this updated Fodor's Gold Guide first-time visitors, as well as returning visitors, will discover all of Beantown's old and new charms. This travel guide includes:

- Dozens of full-color maps plus a handy pullout map with essential information
- Hundreds of hotel and restaurant recommendations, with Fodor's Choice designating our top picks
- Multiple itineraries to explore the top attractions and what's off the beaten path
- In-depth breakout features on Boston's Freedom Trail and whale watching
- Major sights such as USS Constitution, Boston Public Garden, The Museum of Fine Arts, The New England Aquarium, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston Harbor Islands, Harvard University, and Mount Auburn Cemetery
- Side Trips from Boston including Northwest of Boston, The North Shore, and South of Boston
- Coverage of Beacon Hill; Boston Common and the Old West End; Government Center and the North End; Charlestown; Downtown Boston; Back Bay and the South End; The Fenway; Boston Outskirts; Cambridge

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Fodor's is pitched a few notches higher. Aimed at a fairly discerning

traveler with an appetite for background and the occasional surprise. The Fodor's guides are notable for their ratings of sights, restaurants, shops, accommodations and attractions. The Chicago Tribune says "In terms of comprehensiveness of coverage, the very accessible format, and the enthusiastic tone, this series remains one of the best on the market." Booklist says "Fodor's super-informative guidebooks are known for accuracy and attention to detail." Sacramento Bee says "Fodor's can help you plan the perfect adventure." Arizona Republic

For over 80 years, Fodor's Travel has been a trusted resource offering expert travel advice for every stage of a traveler's trip. We hire local writers who know their destinations better than anyone else, allowing us to provide the best travel recommendations for all tastes and budget in over 7,500 worldwide destinations. Our books make it possible for every trip to be a trip of a lifetime.

Fodor's does it best. Bought this for an upcoming trip to Boston with my wife. The maps almost instantly solved our where are we staying and how do we get where we want to go problem. Same with a recent trip to NY and Fodor's guide for the Big Apple. I highly recommend it for the price, the maps, information and Prime shipping. The maps alone are almost worth the price. The rest is just icing on the cake.

Fabulous guide book. Can't think of anything more they could have included.

Helpful for upcoming trip!

Great for any one going to Boston.

Great review and help for when I go to Boston. What a city!

This guide seems quite mediocre. It takes you through the various neighborhoods of Boston, but the content seems very limited. I'm sure they've tried to narrow it down to the "best of the best," but we live outside of Boston, and looking at their recommendations and lists it's clear just how little they've actually covered here. Ice cream is just one example. They've devoted a page to it and . . . they give you five places to choose from. Five. In a major city, and all of them are at Harvard Square, so woe

to you if you are not. (In fact, the page falls into the section marked Boston Outskirts.) Another example is the section on day trips. There is no mention that you can take the Downeaster (Amtrak) all the way from North Station to Portland, Maine, which is a really fun thing to do. As a local, this seems like a huge omission to me. The maps should be fairly useful if you're on foot, but anyone familiar with Boston will know that the one-way streets are an issue by car, and none of those are marked. Even if you get this book, you will still need your GPS and perhaps access to yelp for some guidance on finding restaurants (ice cream!), etc. There are a few restaurants included on the pull-out map (which is labeled Find/Walk/See/Eat/Get Around), but SO few you have to wonder if it's just the ones who paid to be included. The book is pretty small, so there's really no excuse for not providing more info. I would suggest picking a different guide.

What Boston offers as a tourist destination is history. Everything about this city is viewed through an historical perspective. When choosing a travel guide to Boston, I find that - at least for me - its most critical aspect is the thoroughness with which it discusses historic destinations. Does it provide sufficient context and background for each site of interest? Information is the life's blood of an enjoyable vacation, when time is precious and when money is often an important issue. I never want to waste either one and that's where a good travel guide is (literally) worth its weight in gold. This superb Fodor's Travel Guide to Boston wastes no time by beginning with the key historic sites known as Freedom Trail. It offers relevant historical information about each important site, a multitude of maps and diagrams that picture each site in relation to the entire trail and helpful hints as to when walking tours are appropriate and when other means of transportation are necessary. The guide offers fascinating full page discussions of historical importance, such as describing The Black Heritage Trail in terms of its 8000 resident free black community who built houses, schools and churches that stand to this day. A self-guided tour is carefully outlined with interesting historical background for each location that's mentioned. Every significant Boston neighborhood is discussed with similar depth and their places of interest detailed, leaving choices of how best to view each location up to the reader, whose decisions are based on the wealth of information that's provided. Current sites of interest are also thoroughly discussed. Famous Boston destinations like Fenway Park, Harvard College, Boston's Back Bay, The Museum of Fine Arts and Symphony Hall are all mapped and discussed. There are dozens of color photos, maps and sidebars that help to place each site in its proper context, which in the case of this historic city is usually accompanied by a fascinating discussion of its past and its importance to colonial America and the early Revolutionary era. The second half of this travel guide offers a wealth of destinations

that are designed for fun, entertainment, dining and places to stay. Locations that may have been mentioned in short blurbs in the guide's early pages are discussed in much greater depth in its second half, which is devoted to all of the fun, dining, drinking and exploration sites for which self-guided tours are especially appropriate. If you enjoy just wandering around while on vacation (as I do), this is the part of the travel guide you will probably consult most frequently. For its wealth of information, travel tips, suggestions, maps, photos and historical discussions, this Fodor's Travel Guide to Boston is exemplary. Printed on paper that's easy to read, this travel guide is strongly recommended if you're planning a trip to Boston.

Fodor's is my favorite travel guide. It is always concise and gives you all the information you need in visiting either a new country or a city in the USA. This Boston guide is a must if you are going to visit the city. My favorite sections is "What's Where" which breaks Boston up into 9 chapters and each one goes into depth on the area. "Great Itineraries" gives you options on what to visit if you have 4 or 3 days to tour. There are also tips on where to walk in each section. There is also a section for side trips. The pull out map is handy and even shows their MBTA system. If you are planning a trip you can't go wrong with a Fodor's guide.

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