



Day Trips from Boston, MA

New England is a great area to explore and adventure around that we at Found Hotel Boston Common, have put together several near-by cities we think are worth checking out! The following are ALL accessible by public transportation and will take less than 2 hours to get to. Here is your chance to get out of the city and explore Massachusetts!

1. Salem (50min-hour): The first city that we suggest you check out is Salem, Massachusetts. Historically known for the infamous Salem Witch Trials, this city has many interesting places to venture around. The following is a guide in which we think are some MUST SEE attractions when visiting Salem.

How to get to Salem: This Northern city is both accessible by car OR commuter train. If you choose to take public transportation, the directions are as follows:

- Take the Orange Line T at Tufts Medical Center towards Oak Grove. Exit at the North Station.
- At North Station, you will take the Purple Newburyport/Rockport Line towards 117 Rockport (\$7, comes ever 30 min)
- Exit at Salem Depot

a. Attractions:

- i. Salem Maritime National Historic Site – Nine acres of land along the Salem waterfront are home to 12 historic sites, including the Friendship Ship. With a variety of daily events and guided tours, this historic site should be the first stop on your tour of Salem. Head to the visitor's center for more information

about the happenings around the Salem Maritime during your stay. (FREE)

- ii. Peabody Essex Museum – Next, we suggest that you visit the Peabody Essex Museum. A museum with both an extensive collection of Asian and Native American art and information about Maritime history, this is a great spot to check out while visiting Salem. They also have great exhibits that change periodically throughout the year. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for students (bring your ID), Seniors \$18, youth/Salem residents free. Also, \$12 after 5pm.
- iii. Site of the witch trials “Witch City” – There are many sites around Salem that hold historical importance to the infamous Salem Witch trials. For the best experience, the following are just a few that we believe to be the most interesting.
 - a. Witch House (Johnathan Corwin House):
Johnathan Corwin was Salem’s magistrate during the Witch Trials. He was responsible for investigating claims against local women who were accused of being witches. It is said that he did some of his “examinations” in the rooms located on the first floor of his house. Adult \$8.25 and Child \$4.25; \$2 extra for tour.
 - b. “Cry Innocent” Re-Enactment: The only immersive Witch Trial re-enactment is that of “Cry Innocent”. Participants will act as if they are on the Puritan jury and judge the claims of the women who are accused of being witches. (\$25)

b. Food:

- i. New England Soup Factory –If you’re getting hungry for some lunch, head over to the New England Soup Factory and score a nice cup of soup, sandwich or salad. This place is a must eat when spending the day in Salem.
- ii. Glu-Glu Café – The place to snag some crepes, play board games, grab a cup of coffee or a pint of beer and enjoy some live music all in the same place. If any of this sounds good to you, the Glu-Glu Café is your spot!

c. Special Events:

- i. October – If you plan on visiting Salem during the month of October, don't miss the Haunted Happenings Halloween festival! With events scheduled every day during the month, there will be some Halloween fun added to your Salem adventure!

2. Rockport (1.5hr): Located on the tip of Cape Ann, just North of Salem, spend your day enjoying this small, coastal town. Adorned with beautiful views, quaint shops and excellent New England food, Rockport is sure to not disappoint. The following are some MUST SEE attractions and places to eat when visiting Rockport, Massachusetts.

How to get to Rockport: This coastal city is both accessible by car OR commuter train. If you choose to take public transportation, the directions are as follows:

- Take the Orange Line T from Tufts Medical Center to North Station towards Oak Grove. Exit at North Station.
- From the North station, take the Purple Newbury/Rockport Line towards 117 Rockport (\$7, comes ever 30 min)
- Exit at Rockport

a. Attractions:

- i. Halibut Point State Park – Spend the start of your day discovering the beauty of Halibut Point State Park. With its scenic views, sea rocks and several trails that meander throughout the park, this is a great place to begin your day.
- ii. Beaches – There are several excellent beaches at Rockport, but our two suggestions would be Good Harbor Beach or Singing Beach. At Good Harbor Beach during low tide, you can walk out to Salt Island and at Singing Beach, you can enjoy beautiful white sides.
- iii. Thatcher Island – You can venture to this small Island off the coast of Rockport by either taking a boat over to the island OR you can take a kayak! Once over to the island, you can climb

the two light houses, spend the day walking around or even checking out the museum.

- iv. Rockport Art Colony – You might want to take some time out of your day to wander the many art galleries that make up the Rockport Art Colony. With many beautiful works on display and cool shops to visit, you will want to check this out!

b. Food:

- i. Red Skiff – Don't be surprised if you find yourself waiting for a table at this small seafood house. If you come for breakfast, try a pancake. If you're here for lunch you cannot pass up some clam chowder or a lobster roll!
- ii. Helen's Strudel – Up for some desert? Look no further than Helen's Strudel. Serving up fresh Austrian pastries, you will be sure to leave their shop a satisfied customer.

- 3. Plymouth (1hr and 15min): One of Americas historically significant towns is Plymouth, Massachusetts. This is because it contains a monument said to have been the first place that the Pilgrims stepped foot upon when entering America. Plymouth is a town that is a MUST SEE when traveling the States. The following is what we suggest you check out while visiting Plymouth.

How to get to Plymouth: This town is both accessible by car OR by public transportation. If taking public transit, the directions are as follows:

- From Found Hotel Boston Common, take a Lyft/Uber to the Boston South Station (suggested) OR take the Orange Line T from Tufts Medical Center towards Oak Grove. Exit the Orange Line T at Downtown Crossing. Head RIGHT down Summer St. Boston South Station will be located on your RIGHT-hand side.
- From Boston South Station, catch the Commuter Train towards Plymouth/Kingston
- Exit at Plymouth

a. Attractions:

- i. Plimoth Plantation – This interactive site shows its visitors what life was really like during the time the Pilgrims entered

Plymouth. From their dress, the way they cook and even down to their vocabulary; Plimoth Plantation gives its guest the full experience. Tickets are Adult \$28, Senior \$26 and Child \$16.

- ii. Plymouth Rock – The famed Plymouth Rock is where the Pilgrims are said to have stepped foot when entering North America. Here, tourists come in waves to see the rock formation that marks Americas first successful journey to religious freedom.
- iii. Pilgrim Hall Museum – Americas oldest museum, Pilgrim Hall holds the real objects that both the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag's used during their time period. This is an interesting place to see how America was first founded. Adult \$8, Child \$5.

b. Food: A great area in which to find a quaint place to snag something to eat is on Main Street. Here, you can find a place to sit down and have some lunch or pick up a snack. Whichever you prefer, they will have it here. If you want specifics, here are some suggestions:

- i. KKatie's Burger Bar – Serving up wicked drinks and juicy burgers, this is definitely a go-to spot to grub. Try their Pickle Back Burger & pair it with a Pickle Back shot!
- ii. Blue Blinds Bakery – Feel like something sweet? Don't? Who cares! You must stop by this homey bakery serving up some of the best pastries and coffee in New England. Take some time to enjoy and take in the atmosphere at Blue Blinds Bakery!
- iii. Lobster Hut – In the mood for seafood? Head down to the wharf and savor some of the freshest seafood around. Anything on the menu here is something that those traveling throughout New England must try.