



Freedom Trail

Travel back in time through American history along the famed red-bricked Freedom Trail that winds throughout the many areas of Boston. With our Found guide, you will be able to experience the trails hidden treasures along the way! This 2.5 mile (4 km) urban trek is a must when visiting Boston. There are sixteen, well marked noted sights along the Freedom Trail that begin at Boston Common and end at the Bunker Hill Monument.

The sites in **bold** are the ones that one cannot miss!

1. **Boston Common** – American oldest public park and centerpiece of the city. Check out the Boston Massacre Monument that was erected in 1888 for the 5 victims of the Boston Massacre located in the middle of the park. FUN FACT: In 1634, this land was sold for ONLY 30 Pounds. In the winter, the Frog Pond serves as an ice rink and in the summer the Common shows fabulous free Shakespeare on the Common.
 - a. Cheers Pub (84 Beacon St) – Swing by this famed bar that was the base of the Cheers TV show. A tourist staple of the city of Boston, many make the pilgrimage to this pub!
 - b. Lunch on the Common with food trucks: Some good ones are Clover Foods Lab and the Chicken and Rice Guys. Food trucks are parked near the entrance to the Park St T Station.
2. **Massachusetts State House** – Occupies a spot over the cities last remaining hill; land that was previously part of John Hancock's cow pasture. San Adams and Paul Revere laid the cornerstones on July 4, 1795. If you venture inside, keep a look-out for Boston's 'Sacred Cod'.
 - a. Venture towards Beacon Hill to check out some local gems.
 - i. Acorn Street – Most photographed street in America and Boston's narrowest street. The cobblestone alleyway was

once home to artisans and to the service people who worked for the adjacent mansion dwellers. The brick walls on the north side of the street enclose examples of Beacon Hills secret gardens!

- ii. Louisburg Square – Louis May Alcott’s home was number 10 and the northern area of the square is home to Sen. John Kerry and his wife Teresa Heinz.
3. Park Street Church – The Spire that adorns this building has been a landmark since 1809. Known as “Brimstone Corner” because of its storage for gunpowder during the War of 1812.
4. Granary Burying Ground – Final resting place for Paul Revere, Sam Adams, John Hancock, James Otis, 5 victims of the Boston Massacre. FACT: The five victims of the Boston Massacre are buried in the same grave here.
5. Kings Chapel & Burying Ground – Contains a large bell crafted by Paul Revere and the Governors Pew that was once occupied by George Washington. Oldest burial ground in the city. If you want a little more, check out the Bells and Bones tour which ascends the bell tower to view Paul Revere’s bell and descends into the crypt.
6. Site of the First Public School – Sight of the first public school house in America. It also is home to a bronze statue of Benjamin Franklin which stands outside of the old city hall.
7. Old Corner Bookstore – Once was a famed meeting place for thinkers and philosophers alike, now a spot to snag some Mexican food for lunch! Here, they published books by Thoreau, Emerson, Hawthorne, Longfellow, and Harriet Beecher Stowe.
8. Old South Meeting House – Where the Boston Tea Party protest and rally began. Reenactments of the Tea Party take place here.
9. **Old State House** – Boston’s oldest surviving building. Before the revolution, the seat of the Massachusetts government was the Old State House. Inside, you can listen to firsthand accounts of the revolutionary events. Outside, gaze up at the balcony, where the Declaration of Independence was first read to Bostonians in 1776.
10. **Boston Massacre Site** – In front of the Old State House, the cobblestone circle and bronze plaque marks the site of the American Revolution’s first violent conflict in 1770, the Boston Massacre. On March

5, 1770; an angry crowd of protestors threw snowballs and rocks at British soldiers, who eventually fired into the crowd, killing five.

11. **Faneuil Hall** – Original Marketplace and meeting place that was built in 1740. A bronze statue of Sam Adams atop a horse sits out in front. On the second-floor hall is where Sam Adams and many others would speak out against British rule.
 - a. Quincy Market: Grab a beer here or shop for souvenirs! A great place to check out along your Freedom Trail tour.
12. **Paul Revere House** – Located in North Square, The Paul Revere House is the oldest example in Boston, as most other wooden construction was destroyed by the fires that ravaged the city. This is likely where Paul Revere commenced his famous midnight ride.
 - a. Mike's Pastry: Head over to this adorned café in the heart of the Italian North End area of Boston. They are famed for many pastries and coffees but one thing you must try while there are their cannoli's!
13. **Old North Church** – Played a crucial revolutionary role, the 1723 church is also Boston's oldest house of worship. There are gardens located behind the church. Behind the scenes tours are offered hourly during the months of July to October. These tours will take guests down into the crypts of the church!
14. Copp's Hill Burying Ground – Contains some of the city's oldest gravestones and offers great views across the river to Charlestown. Check out the Daniel Malcom headstone, which has bullet holes from British troops.
15. USS Constitution – The world's oldest commissioned warship. Board the ship for a tour of the upper decks, where you will learn about its exploits in America's earliest naval battles.
16. **Bunker Hill Monument** – Check out the museum to better understand what transpired on the fateful day in June 1775, when the battle of Bunker Hill took place. Climb 295 steps to the top of the monument to enjoy the panorama of the city for FREE.