

Top 5 Things to Do In



1. **Freedom Trail** – “The [Freedom Trail](#) is a 2.5-mile stretch hosting 16 sites pertaining to the Revolutionary War. You could take a costumed [guided tour](#) or, more appealingly, [download a map](#) and follow your own itinerary. If you have limited time, concentrate on those sites in and immediately around the North End, which is also Boston's Little Italy. Among them are the [home of Paul Revere](#), where you'll get a good sense of how people lived in 1770s (in a word, closely; the house is really small). You can also drop by the [Old North Church](#), where those two famous lanterns warned Paul Revere the British were coming by sea in 1775, essentially igniting the American Revolution. Nearby are the [Old State House museum](#) (among the impressive memorabilia is a vial of tea salvaged from the original Tea Partiers), which is worth a visit, and [Faneuil Hall Marketplace](#), which, unless you enjoy food courts and stores you can find at any mall in America, is not.” – [Time Magazine's Top Ten](#).
2. **Faneuil Hall Market Place** – “In the heart of downtown Boston, and along the Freedom Trail, is Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The original Faneuil Hall dates back to 1742 and the festival marketplace now encompasses the North Market, Quincy Market and South Market buildings.” – [Travel Channel](#)
3. **Cheers Pub** – “Fans of the television show won't be able to resist popping into the bar shown in the opening credits of this '90s sitcom. Formerly named Bull & Finch pub, it has since been renamed to the more tourist-friendly Cheers. Just be prepared to hear your friends at home sing, “Where Everybody Knows Your Name” when you tell them you visited. For the menu and more information call 617-227-9605” – [Travel Channel](#)
4. **Boston Commons/ Botanical Gardens** – “The starting point of the Freedom Trail, Boston Common is the oldest park in the country. The park is almost 50 acres in size. Today, Boston Common is the anchor for the Emerald Necklace, a system of connected parks that winds through many of Boston's neighborhoods. The "Common" has been used for many different purposes throughout its long history. In 1634 the Common was created as America's first public park; it was practical and pastoral with walkways built for crosstown travel. In contrast, the Public Garden was the first public botanical garden in America. It was decorative and flowery from its inception, featuring meandering pathways for strolling.” – City of Boston
5. **Museum of Fine Arts/ Museum of Science** - The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts, is one of the largest museums in the United States. It contains more than 450,000 works of art, making it one of the most comprehensive collections in the Americas. The Museum of Science (MoS) is a [Boston, Massachusetts](#) landmark, located in Science Park, a plot of land spanning the [Charles River](#). Along with over 700 interactive exhibits, the Museum features a number of live presentations throughout the building every day, along with shows at the Charles Hayden Planetarium and the [Mugar Omni Theater](#), the only domed [IMAX](#) screen in [New England](#).

