

QUAINT NEW ENGLAND TOWNS

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Boston, Massachusetts to Kennebunkport, Maine

Kennebunkport to Camden, Maine

Camden to Bar Harbor, Maine

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North Conway, New Hampshire to Londonderry, Vermont

Londonderry, Vermont to Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Stockbridge, Massachusetts to Providence, Rhode Island

Mystic, Connecticut to Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Cape Cod to Boston, Massachusetts

1 hour and 32 minutes / 144km

2 hours and 7 minutes / 174km

1 hour and 43 minutes / 124km

3 hours and 29 minutes / 294km

1 hour and 2 minutes / 80km

3 hours and 14 minutes / 297km

1 hour and 45 minutes / 144km

2 hours and 8 minutes / 200km

2 hours and 3 minutes / 195 km

1 hour and 15 minutes / 113km

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

though many visitors know about Boston's rich history and its role in the Revolutionary War, they may not be aware of the city's world-class museums, numerous universities and abundant shopping opportunities. Begin your exploration of the city on **The Freedom Trail** with its 16 historic stops, including the famous **Old North Church** and the **Paul Revere House**. Spend an afternoon (or a day) enjoying the **Museum of Fine Arts'** extensive collection or the eye-opening exhibits at the **Museum of Science**. For a more intimate experience, visit the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum** or the **Nichols House Museum**. Walk across the Charles River on the **Longfellow Bridge** or take the "T" (subway) to Cambridge to explore the ivy-trimmed campus of **Harvard University** and nearby cafés

and bookstores. Shoppers will enjoy areas such as **Newbury Street** in the Back Bay (high-end boutiques in restored brownstone houses), **Copley Place** (a two-level mall with top brand-name stores) and the famous **Faneuil Hall Marketplace** (100-plus shops and pushcarts as well as 50 restaurants, pubs and food vendors). Sports fans should plan to watch a Boston Red Sox baseball game (April through October) and take a tour of **Fenway Park**, the oldest Major League Baseball park in the country. If the weather is nice, stroll through the **Boston Common** and take a ride on one of the famous Swan Boats in the Public Garden.

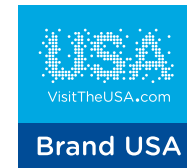
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The Freedom Trail, Boston



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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS TO KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

● ● ● ● ● 1 hour and 32 minutes / 144km

Head north along the scenic New England coast through Massachusetts. Infamous for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, Salem is a colourful city with a rich maritime heritage, Victorian architecture and fascinating stories that span nearly 400 years. Continue through Manchester-By-The-Sea, Massachusetts (made famous by the award-winning 2016 movie of the same name) and historic **Rockport**, Massachusetts, an inspiration to painters since legendary American painter Winslow Homer spent two summers in this area (1873 and 1880). After exploring charming Rockport, head to **Portsmouth**, New Hampshire. Settled in 1623, Portsmouth's historic past and cultural strengths make it an attractive destination. It's also a gateway to New Castle, one of New Hampshire's smallest towns and home of the **Fort Constitution Historic Site**. After exploring the fort, depart for Maine, where your first stop is **Ogunquit**, named by the Abenaki tribe, meaning 'beautiful place by the sea'. Enjoy the vintage feel of this charming place, stroll among quaint buildings or explore the **Marginal Way** ocean path. The final stop today is **Kennebunkport**, Maine, located along the Atlantic Ocean and Kennebunk River. Settled in the 1600s and a long-time ship building centre, the city's resident sea captains built fine mansions here; some of these original homes are now lovely inns.

Accommodation: Kennebunkport, Maine



KENNEBUNKPORT TO CAMDEN, MAINE

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Today's first stop is **Old Orchard Beach**. Here, you can enjoy seven miles (11 kilometres) of sandy beach and **Old Orchard Beach Pier**, stretching more than 500 feet (150 metres) over the Atlantic Ocean. Continue north to the historic seacoast city of **Portland** with its funky galleries, one-of-a-kind shops, diverse restaurants and many lighthouses (six within 30 minutes' drive of the city – among them, **Portland Head Light**, one of the most photographed in the USA). Here, take time to explore the **Arts District** and **Old Port historic district**. As you continue through the mid-coast region of Maine, past quaint New England cottages and quiet coves, be sure to

stop at **Pemaquid Point Lighthouse** in Bristol. The lighthouse itself is beautiful and the unusual rock formations bordering the structure make this a fabulous photo spot as well. **Rockland**, known as the 'Gateway to Penobscot Bay', is a classic working harbour town and home to galleries, craft shops, fine dining and the **Maine Lighthouse Museum** with its fine collection. The final stop today is in **Camden**, where locals say 'the mountains meet the sea'. A culinary mecca, Camden features charming little streets, huge schooners and locally owned art galleries, making it the perfect destination to overnight.

Accommodation: Camden, Maine

CAMDEN TO BAR HARBOR, MAINE

● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● 1 hour and 43 minutes / 124km

Follow the scenic shoreline of **Penobscot Bay** to **Lincolnton** in the heart of the Maine coast. This off-the-beaten-path place is a perfect spot to enjoy breathtaking views of the bay. Next, visit the picturesque town of **Blue Hill** to enjoy a laid-back and charming getaway. In addition to its historical architecture and

shipbuilding roots, Blue Hill is also a gateway to **Acadia National Park**. Today's final stop is **Bar Harbor** on Mount Desert Island, featuring elegant Victorian architecture, and situated between the blue waters of Frenchman Bay and the woodlands of Acadia National Park.

Accommodation: Bar Harbor, Maine





STOCKBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS TO PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

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From Stockbridge, travel south to the Connecticut coast and Westport. The waterfront has a row of attractive red brick buildings, and the area enjoys some of the prettiest scenery in the state, making this a good stop for a picnic or a stroll through town. Further along the coast, stop at **Old Saybrook**, famous for being the home of Katharine Hepburn (and now home to **The Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center**). Filled with impressive architecture and many remarkable buildings (including historic

manor houses and the **Saybrook Breakwater Lighthouse**), this is a perfect stop for lunch. Continue on to **Mystic**, an attractive seaside village with a rich heritage. Originally one of the area's most important seaports, its history has been preserved at the **Mystic Seaport**, one of the country's largest maritime museums. Visit Main Street, many delicious seafood restaurants, quaint shops and the famous Mystic Pizza restaurant, made famous in the 1988 movie.

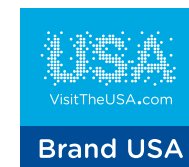
Accommodation: Mystic, Connecticut

MYSTIC, CONNECTICUT TO CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS

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Take Highway 1 to Narragansett, Rhode Island, known for its sandy beaches, and then take Highway 1a along the coast and across the Jamestown Bridge to **Newport**, one of the USA's original playgrounds for the rich and famous. Newport retains a luxurious charm and many of its Gilded Age mansions are open to the public for tours. If you are tennis fan, also check out the **International Tennis Hall of Fame** in Newport. Next, drive to charming Cape Cod, where your day's journey ends.

Accommodation: Cape Cod, Massachusetts



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CAPE COD TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

● ● ● 1 hour and 15 minutes / 113km

The beach towns of Cape Cod could easily entertain visitors for several weeks or more. Do some research before your trip to determine what community best suits your style, from the bustle and fun of **Falmouth** on the Lower Cape, to the flower-adorned cottages of Orleans and the dune-swept beaches of **Eastham** and **Truro** on the Outer Cape. Busy **Provincetown**, an LGBT-friendly city at the tip of the Outer Cape, offers eclectic shops, galleries and restaurants, as well as natural beaches and stellar whale watching. The Cape's scenic out islands – **Martha's Vineyard** and **Nantucket** – can be reached via ferry or small plane.

Summer is high season on Cape Cod, and the shoulder seasons of spring and autumn offer quieter experiences. After your visit to Cape Cod, drive to **Plymouth**, 'America's hometown', where the Pilgrims landed in 1620 in search of a home and religious freedom. **Plimoth Plantation** is a must-visit – a fascinating, interactive view of the life of the early American colonists in a harsh land. Depart Plymouth and continue to Boston, where your journey will end.

Accommodation: Boston, Massachusetts



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