

July 2022 Trip to Boston and Nantucket Areas

Saturday - Day 1 - Arrive in Boston - Flight arrived around 2

Boston Hotel: The [Colonnade Hotel Backbay](#) - Great location

- Headed towards [Seaport District](#). It's about 1.8 miles from hotel -took an Uber
Visit [Lookout Rooftop Bar at the Envoy Hotel](#) - Got reservations for 5:30 - We had to choose a 5-7 window of time for the **Ivy Couch for 2 Reservation**. It is a 100 minimum before tax and 20% gratuity. This does not include food. I paid a 25 non-refundable deposit. **Had a great time! It was really crowded in the bar area, but they seated us away from the crowd. It was a great way to start the trip!**
- Dinner: [The Granary Tavern](#) Reservations for a low top at 7:30 pm- this is 0.6 miles (12 min walk) from Lookout Bar - **It's a beautiful walk through a little park.**
- Uber back to hotel (1.8 mile walk) - **We actually walked back to hotel. It was a pretty long walk, but we got to see some really cool sites. We went through the theater district and near the burial ground in the Boston Common area at night! Super cool!**
- Nighttime entertainment we could have done:
 - [Nick's Comedy Stop](#) - Performances start at 8:00, so this was too early for us.
 - [D's Keys](#) ...Open on Saturday night- Reservation not required but can ensure a seat.

Sunday Day 2 - Boston

- Mass at 8:00 - [St. Cecilia Catholic Church](#) - This is a 6 minute walk (0.3 mil) from hotel.
- We began our walk after going back to hotel and changing and grabbed coffee at Levain Bakery on our walk. **This was such a great morning stop on our way to Commonwealth Ave. We sat outside the bakery, drank our coffee, and ate our breakfast.**
- Other breakfast option [Eataly](#) (across the street from our hotel) Coffee Cafe at Eataly: https://www.eataly.com/us_en/stores/boston/boston-caffes/ -
- Walk to Boston Common Area -We walked down Exeter St. to Commonwealth Ave up to Public Gardens for a beautiful morning walk. Stop by Levain Bakery on Newbury St. on our way.
- Once we got to public garden, we walked around there and Boston Common. We also saw Park St. Church and Granary Burying Ground in this area. This had many famous graves, John Hancock, etc. Cheers bar is in this area but didn't open until 11:00, so we came back at the end.
- Walk to buy tickets at Trolley stop 13 (Stop #13 is located at the corner of Charles Street South and Boylston, directly across from the Boston Common, and diagonally across from the Boston Public Garden. The trolley pulls in directly in front of our souvenir shop called Old Town Trolley Welcome Center) address: Boston Tours by Old Town Trolley, 3 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.
- Trolley Tour ([book tickets](#)) [Maps/Stops](#) Tour Hours are 9-4 (I pre purchased tickets online before our trip).
- Old Town Trolley Tour/Freedom Trail -This is where we stopped:

Stop 14 Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum (Closes at 4) - We went to Abigail's Tea Room and sampled the teas that were thrown into the harbor and shopped in the gift shop. We did not take time to do the actual tea party experience.

Stop 1 - We did not do this one, but it is Quincy Market.

Stop 2 - Historic North End - We spent a lot of time here. (Paul Revere's House, Copp's Hill Burying Ground, Old North Church- where Paul Revere hung his lanterns), we walked through Little Italy area to beautiful Union St. and to Bell and Hand Tavern and Union Street Oyster House. Had a drink at tavern while waiting for our table at Union St. Oyster House. From here we continued walking towards the next stop (we didn't need to hop on trolley for it) (Note: We did not go back and do Stop 3, Uss Constitution and Bunker Hill - we had walked so far already towards Stop 5)

Stop 5 - Downtown Historic District - Boston Massacre, Old South Meeting Hall, Old State House
 Stop 6 -We did get on the trolley to head to Beacon Hill - Charles St (shopping, coffee, cafe's., Acorn St(one of most photographed streets in the city)
 Stop 7 - We walked to this stop - Cheers, Boston Common/Boston Public Garden
 Stop 8 (if time) Prudential Center - This stop was at our hotel. We had already walked Newbury Street and had lunch but you could stop here for lunch and shopping. We just ran out of time.

- Lunch: We did lunch at Union Street Oyster House. Grabbed a drink at Bell and Hand Tavern next door while we waited for our table. **Loved going to both of these as they were really historic places. We ate inside upstairs at Union Street. It was very old and very cool.**
- Other lunch options [Stephanies on Newbury](#) (love the patio seating by the street) or [Corner Tavern](#)
- Pre-Dinner: We grabbed a drink at the Green Dragon (another old pub very close to our dinner spot).
- Dinner: [Limoncello](#) in Little Italy Area -reservations for 7:00
- Dessert: [Modern Pastry](#) or Mike's

Other dining options: Joe's American Bar and Grill is across from Stephanie's, John Harvard's Brewery (Harvard)

Helpful Trolley Tour: <https://www.trolleytours.com/boston/2-day-itinerary>
https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/sites/default/files/content/Visit/Resources/freedom_trail_official_online brochure_2020.pdf

Monday Day 3- Salem/Glocester/Rockport

- Car Rental location back at airport with Avis: Confirmation: 28645260US0 For 8:30 am and return by 1:30 Tuesday to Hyannis Steamship location on 65 South St.
 Today's Rental Address: 15 Transportation Way, Boston, MA 02128
- Drive to Salem and Park: Parking is available right across the street from the visitor center at the Witch City Mall Garage and around the corner in the Church Street Lot. Visitor's Center: Salem Armory Regional Visitor's Center: 2 New Liberty Street There are other parking garages and lots in the vicinity as well.
- <https://www.salem.org/>
- We headed towards Daniel Lowe Building and ate brunch across the street at the Ugly Mug Diner. **This was a great diner.**
- Walk the Salem Heritage tour: <https://www.salem.org/blog/heritage-trail/> - Starts at visitor center. Walk towards Essex street filled with boutiques, cafes, witch museum. We just started here: Corner of Essex and Washington is Daniel Lowe building - read the plaque that notes the building as the site of Salem's first Town Hall, and the location where delegates for the first Continental Congress were chosen in 1774.
- Continue along Essex, see the Witch House - the only building still standing in Salem with direct ties to the **Salem Witch Trials of 1692**, this was the family home of Judge Jonathan Corwin. **We did pay to go see inside the house. It was full of educational history on the Salem witch trials and how it all began.**
- *Across the street you will see...* A monument remembering **Salem Captain William Driver**, who named the American flag "Old Glory." Today, that flag, which was given to Driver by his mother as he departed on a trip, is part of the Smithsonian collection.
- Keep heading down Essex towards Ropes Mansion. **The gardens in the back are free to look at and roam around.**

- From there, take a *left on North Street and continue to Lynde Street. Take a right on Lynde and walk to the **Witch Dungeon Museum**. We just took a pic outside. We didn't do a tour.*
- *Keep going down Lynde Street and turn right onto Washington Street...Continue to **Old Town Hall** in Derby Square. This is the oldest surviving municipal structure in Salem - early 1800's*
- *Down Front Street, which will turn into Charter Street, find the **Old Burying Point Cemetery** is the second oldest English cemetery in Massachusetts. This is a burial site for a Mayflower passenger and Witch Trials Judge John Hathorne (great grandfather to Nathaniel Hawthorne).*
- *Right next to cemetery on Liberty Street is the **Salem Witch Trials Memorial** dedicated to 20 innocent people executed during the Witch Trials of 1692.*
- *We walked back to our car, and drove to Chestnut Street, which was the first planned street in America. **Beautiful street***
- *Then headed to Max's House (if you are a fan of the movie Hocus Pocus) and then to Marblehead to Old Burial Hill by car. **This was a beautiful cemetery and overlooks the water. It was very worth the drive out there.***
- *Other stop we didn't do: House of Seven Gables.*

Links:

- [The Witch House](#) (Information and Hours of Operation, Self Guided Tour \$8.25 and \$6.25 for Seniors) Address: 310 Essex St, Salem, MA 01970
 - [Hocus Pocus Locations](#)
 - [Ropes Mansion](#) (Allison's House) 318 Essex St. (Right down street from Witch House - 1 minute walk) - Free Self Guided Tour and Gardens in back
 - Old Town Hall (32 Derby Square, Salem, MA 01970)
 - Drive to Max's House - 8 Ocean Ave. - This is someone's actual house, so it is not an official tour location.
 - Drive to [Old Burial Hill Cemetery](#) - [Directions from Max's House](#) - about a 4 mile drive - 15 minutes)
 - [Pioneer Village](#) (Open only on Saturday and Sunday but maybe able to see something- Sanderson Sister's House - Binx's Village- [Directions from Old Burial Hill](#))
 - [Salem Old Town Hall](#) -93 Washington St.
- [Salem Witch Museum](#) - Address: 19 ½ Washington Square (3 minute ride away from Old Town Hall) - \$12 adults, 10.50 for Seniors
- Places to Eat Lunch in Salem:
 - Rockafellas 231 Essex St.
 - ***[Ugly Mug Diner](#) 122 Washington St.
 - [Gulu Gulu Cafe](#) 247 Essex St.
- Drive to Gloucester, MA - Hotel: **Atlantis Oceanfront Inn** (30 min. drive) (Oceanfront Midlevel 2 Queens) 3:00 check-in
- We left for dinner on Bearskin Neck:
 - Take picture at Motif #1, Bradley Wharf, Rockport, MA 01966,
 - Shop on Bearskin Neck
 - Eat dinner on Bearskin Neck: Try Roy Moore's Fish Shack (they close at 8 - do not take reservations) - **This was very reasonably priced and ended up being one of our favorite meals.**
 - Lobstaland is another choice in Gloucester but is closed on Monday.

Tuesday Day 4- Plymouth/Nantucket

- Headed out early to Plymouth (1.5 hour drive) - Tried to get there around 8:45 so we have time to see things. We needed to leave around noon to catch 2:25 Ferry which is a 40 min drive from Plymouth. We had to be there to claim tickets at about 1:45
- We did Plymouth Village first. **We did this tour pretty fast. We probably didn't truly get our money's worth, but we saw what we wanted to see.**
- We then drove to see Plymouth Rock and the Mayflower II. **The Mayflower II was super cool. The guides on there were full of fascinating knowledge. I had no idea of many of the things they taught us that day. History books don't go into that kind of detail. Worth the money!**
- We ate lunch at Mamma Mias. Great pizza!
- We drove to see Burial Hill- This had historic graves of pilgrims.
- Parking in Plymouth: <https://parkplymouth.com/public-parking-locations.html>
- [Things to do in Plymouth](#), [Historic Sites](#), [Plimoth Plantation](#), [Plymouth Rock](#), [Burial Hill](#) (burial site of some Pilgrims from 1622)
- Mayflower II at State Pier <https://seeplymouth.com/listing/mayflower/>
- Places to Eat Early Lunch in the vicinity: [Tavern on the Wharf](#), ****Mamma Mias**, [East Bay Grille](#), ****The Cabby Shack**
- [Places to Eat in Plymouth](#), [Dining in Plymouth](#), [Sandy's Restaurant on the Water](#), [Places to Shop](#)
- Left around noon to head to Hyannis to get 1:30 We needed to return car to Avis at Steamship Terminal first.
- **Hyline Cruises: 2:25-3:25 - Grey Lady High Speed**
- **Once off ferry, we grabbed taxi to hotel**
- **Hotel: The Nantucket Inn - Standard Queen Guest Room (Came with a breakfast for 2 each day) Check-in: 4:00, Check-out: 10:00 (complimentary shuttle service to the historic downtown and Surfside Beach).**
- After check-in, we took an uber (there is a shuttle from a hotel, but we had early dinner reservations and needed to get dropped off closer to restaurant).
- Dinner: Cru - Got RESERVATIONS FOR 5:30
- We walked to see Brant Point Lighthouse and got an ice cream at the Juice Bar.
- Then we headed to the Club Car piano bar. **Great time! Got there early enough to get a good seat at the bar for a while.**

Wednesday, Day 5 Nantucket

- Breakfast: Island Kitchen. - First Come, First Serve for Breakfast- They open at 7 am. **We took an Uber to get there. Delicious breakfast!**
- Walk to Easy Riders to get our **e-bikes**. This is about a mile walk. Our reservation was for between 8 and 9.
- Once we got our bikes, we headed downtown to see the beautiful homes and roses/hydrangeas. Most of the roads had bike paths. (Most of these locations come Elin's Downtown Rose tour)-Leaving Easy Riders, go up Surfside Rd, which turns to Atlantic Ave just past the high school and then turn right on York to get to Orange Street, turn on Plumb st., Fair, Charter st., also go up Darling St. but stay on Fair st. up to Main st. Cross over Main st to Centre St. Up to Ash Ln and Ash St. Then up to Cliff Rd. towards Lincoln Ave then Lincoln Circle to see cobblestone path to Steps Beach. Head out to see Steps Beach,
- We then headed out to Cisco Brewers. Hung out there for a little while. (Could have stopped by Something Natural on the way for maybe some drinks, snacks but we weren't hungry).
- Then we rode to Bartlett's Farm to check that out.
- Then we headed to Millie's for lunch (known for their fish tacos, and clam chowder) and to see Madaket Beach, (about 30 min. Ride from Bartlett's),

- Rode back to hotel to rest a bit and change for cocktails and dinner. Easy Riders picked up our bikes from hotel.
- If we would have had a later dinner reservation, we could have gone to have drinks: Jettie's Sandbar <https://jettiessandbar.com/> to have a drink on the beach. Do not take reservations- First come, first serve. It was very crowded, so I wasn't really disappointed we missed out on that.
- Dinner: Galley Beach Reservations are for 5:30 on the porch. \$89 per person plus 23% service charge. This includes appetizer and entree. **Honestly, I went here for the experience and surroundings. Food was good...was it worth the price...maybe for a first time trip....on next trip, we will try other restaurants. Still glad we tried it though.**
- We walked Jettie's beach for a little bit and then towards the visitors center to catch shuttle back to hotel.

Thursday, Day 6 Nantucket

- Breakfast: Hotel Buffet was wonderful and included in our stay.
- We took the shuttle downtown. We walked around and shopped. We went to book stores: Nantucket Bookworks and Mitchel's and also to Barnaby's Toy Shop.
- We took Wave shuttle Sconset area - Start at Sconset Market and take Sconset Bluff Walk up to Sankaty Lighthouse. **This was quite a walk, but very worth it. Sconset Bluff Walk is a must. It starts right behind the cottages and goes through the actual backyards of these homes and overlooks the ocean. STUNNING!!** For the walk, you will want to go towards Broadway St. from Main St. Then go to Front St.- covered in shells. When you come to the second light post on the road, turn right onto the asphalt and continue along. When you reach a sign that says, "footpath only, no bikes," follow that.
- We walked back down to Summer House Beachclub Bistro for a drink - cross over the footbridge behind Sconset Market to get there.
- We caught the shuttle back to a stop near our hotel and went to have a drink and chips and dip at the Saltbox. Very casual place...perfect after all that walking today.
- We did have a plan to eat lunch at The Tavern or Oath Pizza and to go grab a coffee at Island Coffee Roasters or Roastd General Store or Wicked Bakery, but we ran out of time and were so tired.
- Dinner: Brant Point Grill - 7:00 Reservations on Open Table - **Our favorite dinner on Nantucket.**
- Then went to Rose and Crown Pub for drinks. **Had a nice time here.**

Friday, Day 7 Fly out from Nantucket

- Early Breakfast at the hotel. Pack up and leave bags at front.
- Fly out at 12:12

Dinner Ideas:

Brant Point Grill at White Elephant Hotel (Lobster Mac and Cheese)*

Galley Beach at Cliffside Beach Resort*

Cru - request Patio seating*

Sea Grille

Lobster Trap

Ventuno (Italian)

Nantucket Tap Room at Jared Coffin House

Charlie Noble

Lunch Ideas:

The Tavern (lunch)

Something Natural (lunch)

Slip 14

Lobster Trap

Sophie T's Pizza
Millie's
Oath Pizza

Breakfast Ideas:

Island Kitchen (breakfast and lunch)
Hotel breakfast
The Downyflake
The Hub - breakfast sandwiches, coffee, gifts ([menu](#))

Snack/Coffee Ideas:

Wicked Island Bakery
Born and Bread Bakery (Cruffin and so many breads to bring home!)
*Something Natural**
Roasted General Store
The Hub - breakfast sandwiches, coffee, gifts

Pre or Post dinner Cocktails:

Jettie's Sandbar <https://jettiessandbar.com/> to have a drink on the beach.
Rose and Crown Pub
Brotherhood of Thieves

After dinner Ideas:

The Juice Bar
The Club Car Bar
Rose and Crown Pub
Chicken box

Lists of things to do in town:

Go to Mitchell's Bookcorner
Nantucket Bookworks
The Hub
Visit Brant Point
Orange St. Roses and Hydrangeas - near the Unitarian Church, south to Plumb, then onto Fair, Charter st
The Whaling Museum

List of things to do on biking day:

Lunch at Something Natural, Bartlett's Farm,
Rent bikes - [Young's Bicycle Shop](#) - [Self-Guided Bike Tour](#) or [Cook's Bike Shop Easy Riders](#) (also rents beach gear) Scooters :
<https://nantucketbikeshop.com/nantucket-island-scooter-rentals/>
Cisco Brewers (Near Barlett's Farm)
Surfside Beach Shack/Surfside Beach - Place to rent chairs and eat lunch there
Madaket Area

List of Sconset Area Things to do:

Visit Sconset Cafe for coffee and cookies
Sconset Rose Cottages
Beachside Bistro in Sconset to have a drink
Sankaty Head Lighthouse in Sconset and [Sconset Bluff Walk](#) - An only-on-Nantucket experience, the 'Sconset Bluff Walk is a public walking path that takes you from the village of Siasconset almost all the way out to Sankaty Lighthouse through the backyards of some of the island's most exquisite homes.
Nantucket Webcams: <https://nantucket.net/webcams/>