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1 The **Freedom Trail** is an introduction to Boston's history and allows the visitor to discover several different landmarks of the city. The Trail spans over an area of 2 1/2 miles and is marked by a red line which offers the visitor an insight to the historical highlights of the city. The starting point of this trail begins at the Boston Common Information Center, on the Tremont Street side of the park.

2 **The Public Garden** – beautiful downtown city park is surrounded by tree lined avenues on all sides. The park has lovely manicured lawns as well as a lake where paddled-powered Swan Boats are available for rides.

3 **Beacon Hill** is an exclusive residential area with an endless collection of art galleries, boutiques, and sidewalk cafes.

4 **Old State House** is Boston's oldest public building and was once the Headquarters of the British Government during the Revolution. It was here that the signing of the Declaration of Independence took place. Inside, the visitor will enjoy two floors of exhibits covering the city of the past and the present

5 **Quincy Market** is a delightful shopping arena with a great variety of shops, restaurants and cafes.

6 **Park Street Church** was the site of William Lloyd Garrison's first anti slavery-address. It was also here that the first recital of the hymn "America" was performed.

7 **South End** is Boston's answer to New York's East Village. With its many restaurants and cafes this area attracts artists and students who enhance the bohemian atmosphere of the neighborhood. The Boston Ballet and the Boston Center for the Arts is also located here.

8 The **North End** is one of the oldest intact neighborhoods in Boston, it is also the Italian district and is famous for its laid back atmosphere as well as its garlic flavored food. Some of the best dining is available in this district and is very popular with both residents and visitors. Many historic landmarks, part of the Freedom Trial, Revolutionary history, and the history of U.S. Immigration, are located in the North End.

9 The **Fenway** is an area of the city very popular with residents searching for quiet walks in beautiful parks. You will find some of the best rose gardens located in Fenway Park along with a collection of domestic ducks gliding through its muddy river.

10 **Granary Burying Ground** is the final resting place of three signers of the Declaration of Independence. The victims of the Boston Massacre are also buried here along with Samuel Adams, Paul Revere and Mother Goose. Another very interesting historical figure is buried at the nearby King's Chapel, that of Elizabeth Pain the heroine that inspired Hawthorne's *Scarlett Letter*.

Beyond Boston

Salem, which is located 30 minutes north of Boston, owes its popularity to the occult. Famous for the sensational Witch Trails of 1692, the town has a rich and varied history. Salem boasts some of the finest historical homes in the country and has a rich literary past as well as a strong maritime heritage. There are several museums in the town that deserve exploration. The Witch Museum, located on 19 Washington Square, explains in great detail the Trails of 1692.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Boston and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, please be advised to take only necessary items and to secure any valuables onboard.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Local Cuisine: Boston isn't called Beantown for nothing. Its many restaurants serve such delights as Indian pudding and Yankee Pot Roast. Local seafood is plentiful and can be sampled in the city's celebrated seafood restaurants lining Boston's Harbor by the wharf. If you like Italian food you will want to visit the North End which is where the Italian community live and where the smell of garlic is forever present. Chinatown is also a very popular place to eat with every type of dish served. Quincy Market has a cornucopia of different food available in an informal atmosphere.

Drink Specialties: The area is home to a number of local breweries and micro breweries. Beer is plentiful and a selection of domestic and international beers and ales are available.

Weather: Boston's coastal location makes for an ever-changing weather pattern. High temperatures in September and October are usually in the 50's and 60's, but it can be cooler at night. It is advisable to dress in layers and bring rainwear with you on your travels.

Flora and Fauna: Boston's climate is ideal for several varieties of trees which are visible throughout the city streets and parks. The city is scattered with Red and White Spruce, Balsam Fir, White Pine, Paper Birch, Sugar Maple, and Quaking Aspen. As summer turns to winter the true colors of the magnificent fall foliage come alive with the golden yellow leaves of the Birch and the sparkling red and orange of the Maple. Intensified by the backdrop of the dark evergreens, the vibrant colors will leave an everlasting impression.

SHOPPING FACILITIES Most of Boston's shops are located in Back Bay and downtown along Newbury Street and at Copley Plaza. You will find a wide selection of shops ranging from the usual main street stores to the more specialized, offering a tremendous selection of design and crafts.

Items of interest include unique crafts, paintings, jewelry, pottery, clothing, and souvenirs.

LOCAL CURRENCY The unit of currency is the U.S. Dollar. Bills are available in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. Coins are available in denominations of 1 cent, 5 cents, 10 cents, and 25 cents. Most stores accept major credit cards and debit cards. ATM's are available. At smaller establishments cash may be required. Traveler's Checks are widely accepted.

Local banks are the best location to convert any foreign currency to dollars.

POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES The main Post Office is located at 25 Dorchester Ave.

There are a few public telephones available on the pier. American coins and calling cards are accepted in pay phones.

Dial the following access numbers to use a personal calling card from a public phone:

AT&T: 1.800.225.5288

MCI: 1.800.888.8000

TOURIST INFORMATION The Tourist Information Offices are located at two locations, one at 147 Tremont Street, and the other at Prudential Center.

Visitors Information Bureau: This is located downtown in one of the city's best shopping malls, The Prudential Center. Located on the ground floor the office is open daily for information on festivals, theater, sports and special events going on during your visit to Boston.

TRANSPORTATION Local taxis will be available on the pier. It is recommended that a price is agreed upon with the taxi driver before leaving the pier.