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## ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Twelve million visitors from all over the world come here each year. The numbers speak for themselves: Boston is a city people love. Brimming with history, innovative museums and galleries, a lively arts community, and some of the best sporting events in the world, it's never boring in Boston.

### History and Attractions

Wander down any Boston street and it won't take long before you bump into a historic building or landmark. Founded in the 17th century, Boston is the birthplace of the American Revolution. From Faneuil Hall and the Old North Church to the Paul Revere House and the site of the Boston Massacre, Suffolk's campus is situated in the heart of one of America's first historic walking tours, called the Freedom Trail. Also nearby are two of the country's oldest parks—Boston Common and the Public Garden—where you'll find an outdoor ice-skating rink, softball fields, tennis courts and swan boats. On the north side of Boston Common is Beacon Hill, home to 19th-century row houses, the gold-domed Massachusetts State House, and Suffolk's main campus buildings.

Throughout history, one of Boston's best assets has always been its gleaming waterfront. For the best views, stroll the Boston Harbor Walk or sit in a waterside café. The more adventurous can rent a sailboat on the Charles River; set off from Boston Harbor aboard a New England Aquarium whale watch; or take off on a Duck Tour in a World War II amphibious vehicle.

### Performing Arts

The arts are alive and well in Boston. The Hub (as Boston is sometimes called) is home to the Boston Ballet, Boston Lyric Opera, and a wide variety of theater groups. Boston's Theater District, just blocks from Suffolk's main campus, is home to about ten major venues, including the Boston Opera House, the Wilbur Theatre and the Wang Center for the Performing Arts. While many major Broadway productions stop in Boston, just across the river in Cambridge you'll find the prestigious American Repertory Theatre.

### Museums

Not many cities can rival Boston's world-class museums. The Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, the Institute of Contemporary Art, and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

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are all here, along with many well-respected libraries and galleries.

### **Music**

Bostonians take their music seriously. Classical lovers enjoy the world-renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Pops. On the flip side, is a booming local music scene. In Boston you'll find clubs featuring jazz, blues, ska, punk, folk and more. Bands like Boston, Aerosmith and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones got their start here. And at Boston's TD Banknorth Garden you can catch major acts like Pearl Jam, Mariah Carey and Faith Hill.

### **Shopping and Dining**

There's more to Boston cuisine than clam chowder and baked beans. Fresh local seafood and Irish pub fare are always available, but so are Italian and Asian feasts, Spanish tapas, and Middle-Eastern, Brazilian, and French-Cambodian food, to name just a few. And the same applies to shopping. Newbury Street and Copley Square feature designer clothing shops, art galleries and sidewalk cafés; Downtown Crossing, just blocks from Suffolk, offers numerous department and specialty stores; and Boston's many ethnic neighborhoods are where you'll find interesting goods from around the globe.

### **Sporting Events**

Boston is a legendary sports town, and Suffolk is right in the thick of it. The TD Banknorth Garden, home of the Boston Bruins and Celtics, is just a five-minute walk from campus. The landmark Fenway Park, longtime home of the 2004 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox, is a short subway ride away. And Gillette Stadium, home of the three-time World Champion New England Patriots and the New England Revolution, is easily accessible by commuter train. Add the Boston Marathon, the Head of the Charles Regatta and college teams galore, and Boston's sports scene can't be beat.

Whatever your passion, follow it to Boston. Steeped in history, buzzing with innovative ideas and cool things to do, Boston is more than a trendy tourist destination: It's a city you'll love to call home.

### **Museums**

Boston Historical Society and Museum	<a href="http://www.bostonhistory.org/">http://www.bostonhistory.org/</a>
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Museum of Science	<a href="http://www.mos.org/">http://www.mos.org/</a>
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Museum of Fine Arts	<a href="http://www.mfa.org/">http://www.mfa.org/</a>
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Institute of Contemporary	<a href="http://www.icboston.org/">http://www.icboston.org/</a>
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Art	<a href="http://www.icaBoston.org/">http://www.icaBoston.org/</a>
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum	<a href="http://www.gardnermuseum.org/">http://www.gardnermuseum.org/</a>
New England Aquarium	<a href="http://www.neaq.org/">http://www.neaq.org/</a>
Children's Museum	<a href="http://www.bostonkids.org">www.bostonkids.org</a>

## History

Boston Common	<a href="http://www.cityofboston.gov/freedomtrail/bostoncommon.asp">www.cityofboston.gov/freedomtrail/bostoncommon.asp</a>
Boston Tea Party Museum	<a href="http://www.bostontepartyship.com">http://www.bostontepartyship.com</a>
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Boston Harbor Islands	<a href="http://www.bostonharborislands.org">http://www.bostonharborislands.org</a>
Bunker Hill Monument	<a href="http://www.nps.gov/bost/Bunker_Hill.htm">www.nps.gov/bost/Bunker_Hill.htm</a>
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USS Constitution Museum	<a href="http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org">http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org</a>
Museum of Afro-American History	<a href="http://www.afroammuseum.org/">http://www.afroammuseum.org/</a>

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