

Team building and group activities

Community Rowing on the Charles River

Home of the largest regatta in the world, the Head of the Charles, Boston is a premier rowing and training destination for collegiate and national champions alike. Now, through a new partnership with Boston's Community Rowing Inc., Hotel Commonwealth offers guests the quintessential rowing experience on the iconic Charles River.

Through the rowing season of April to November, guests and groups staying at Hotel Commonwealth can enjoy unforgettable custom-designed rowing experiences at Community Rowing Inc. Leisure travelers, including couples, families, or small groups, can enjoy private indoor instruction, followed by an on-water experience with one of CRI's highly trained coaches. Additionally, groups of up to 48 people can row together on CRI's 12-person barges for a 2-hour session. For any Boston native or visitor, rowing on the Charles River and exploring Boston by way of the water is a truly one-of-a-kind experience.

Headquartered at the award-winning Harry Parker Boathouse, non-profit Community Rowing Inc. is the largest public-access rowing organization in North America, dedicated to inviting individuals of all backgrounds, abilities, and experience to grow through rowing. Participation in an on-water excursion at CRI supports their para/adaptive, military, and Let's Row and Row Boston programs.

To book a Charles River rowing experience on your next visit to Boston, or for more information, please contact Hotel Commonwealth at: sales@hotelcommonwealth.com or 1 617 532 5066

VR The Key to Amaze

Enjoy unique virtual reality experiences together - our focus is social VR experiences. Play co-op games to boost your team spirit and inspire creativity.

Plan a unique corporate or team building event at KEY TO AMAZE VR. Stop by with your colleagues after a busy day at work or plan team/corporate events at our state-of-the-art venue.

Our VR activities improve team communication, chemistry, happiness and ensure your team is fully engaged and entertained. With VR, your team can experience environments impossible in the real world!

Address: 530 Commonwealth Avenue (next door to Hotel Commonwealth)

Website: <https://www.keytoamaze.com/>

Fenway Park Group Tours

Group tours are offered for those larger than 12 people. Batting practice tours are available on game days before the players take the field and birthday packages are also offered with the ultimate package involving trying on player's uniforms. Take a tour and see the place where the Great Bambino pitched, stop at the Budweiser Right Field Roof Deck, and sit on the Green Monster or in the Left Field Grand seats. See the red seat in the right field where the longest measurable home run was marked in 1946. Drop off your young children at Wally's Clubhouse and let them have some fun with Wally the Green Monster, get their faces painted, see a magician, play on a Nintendo Wii, and more. Stop by the Souvenir Shop at Yawkey Way and pick up a baseball cap or tee.

Address: 4 Jersey Street (5 minutes from Hotel Commonwealth)

Website: <https://www.mlb.com/redsox/ballpark>

Amazing Scavenger Hunt

Turn Boston and the Freedom Trail into a giant game board with this fun scavenger hunt adventure. Combine the excitement of the Amazing Race with a three-hour city tour. Choose from the Boston Harbor or City/Freedom Trail tour.

Guided from any smart phone, teams make their way among well-known and overlooked gems of the city, solving clues and completing challenges while learning local history.

Website: <https://www.urbanadventurequest.com/tours/things-to-do/boston-freedom-trail/default.aspx>

Group Skate at Warrior Ice Arena Experience Warrior Ice Arena, the Boston Bruins training and practice facility that's also available to the public. The 200' x 85' arena complex hosts college, high school, youth and amateur level hockey with seating for over 500 spectators. An immersive hospitality suite is available for corporate and institutional gatherings. Warrior Ice Arena features concession stands serving healthy food options and has limited parking available onsite.

Address: 90 Guest Street (12 minutes from Hotel Commonwealth)
Website: <https://www.warrioricearena.com/>

Selfup Cooking Classes Selfup offers cooking classes and team building culinary activities at its downtown Boston venue and hosts teams of up to sixty. Our renowned chefs use food as a common denominator to bring people together, body and soul. We cook, we play and we party! Selfup team buildings are socially engaging, gastronomically rewarding and are always a huge success.

Address: 19 Kingston Street (13 minutes from Hotel Commonwealth)
Website: <https://selfup.com/pages/boston>

Boston Photography Workshops Digital photography made simple. The Boston Photography Workshops is a creative studio teaching regular people how to start making better photos. With simple, fun, and effective instruction we make our digital photography classes the first step on your creative journey.

Address: 516 East 2nd Street (13 minutes from Hotel Commonwealth)
Website: <https://www.bostonphotographyworkshops.com/>

Neighborhood attractions

The House of Blues The House of Blues grew out of founder Isaac Tigrett's love for the unique American art form known as the "the Blues". Weaned on this music during his early childhood in Tennessee, one of Isaac's goals was to introduce the world to the music of the rural south, including the Blues, Rhythm and Blues, Gospel, Jazz and Roots-based Rock & Roll.

The very first House of Blues opened its doors in a converted historical house in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1992 and is home to live music, original folk art, and delta-inspired cuisine.

Address: 15 Lansdowne Street
Website: <http://www.houseofblues.com/boston/about>

Jillian's and Lucky Strike Lanes Located behind historic Fenway Park, Jillian's and Lucky Strike Lanes are part of a 70,000 square foot, multi-dimensional entertainment complex that spans over three floors.

Whether it's dancing, bowling, professional billiards, or great food and drink, there's something for you tonight at Jillian's.

Address: 145 Ipswich Street
Website: <https://www.luckystrikeent.com/locations/fenway/>

Cheeky Monkey Cheeky Monkey Brewing Co. is excited to bring sarcasm and freshly brewed beers to Lansdowne Street. Going far beyond your average brewery, Cheeky Monkey creates a one of a kind experience in Boston, featuring cross cultured street food and entertainment classics.

Address: 31 Lansdowne Street (4 blocks from Hotel Commonwealth)
Website: <http://cheekymonkeyboston.com/>

View Boston

View Boston is a 360° taste of the city, offering breathtaking views atop one of the tallest buildings in New England. Whether discovering famed institutions and coveted hidden gems or meeting friends for a sunset cocktail, your unforgettable Bostonian experience begins here.

Address: Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street

Website: <https://viewboston.com/experience/>

Charles River Esplanade

Along the Boston side of the Charles River, which separates the city from Cambridge, is a roughly three-mile leafy path known as the Esplanade. To take in its full charm, begin your walk near the Boston University Bridge, you'll pass playgrounds and marshes and places to rent sail boats and buy lemonade (you are, remember, visiting in good weather). You'll also be swarmed by flocks of wild geese and packs of joggers. End your walk at the Museum of Science, which, not incidentally, is a great place to occupy kids for several hours.

Address: Banks of the Charles River

Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/masssparks/region-boston/charles-river-reservation.html>

The Agganis Arena

Located within Boston University's \$225 million John Hancock Student Village — a 10-acre hub of activity designed to be the thriving center of student life and athletics — Agganis Arena is a multipurpose sports and entertainment center. A 290,000-square-foot premier venue with 6,150 seats for hockey and ice shows, the Arena is expandable to over 8,000 seats for concerts, sporting events, and family shows.

In addition to exciting hockey action, Agganis Arena hosts Boston University events, concerts, family shows, sporting events, trade shows and conferences throughout the year.

Address: 925 Commonwealth Avenue

Website: <http://www.agganisarena.com/index.html>

Historic attractions and museums

The Freedom Trail

Your visit to Boston must include a walk into history along the Freedom Trail. You can start in the beginning, the middle or the end and wind your way through the streets of this very modern city — Boston — and along the paths of history. This is Boston's indoor / outdoor history museum. There are 16 "official" sites of the Freedom Trail. You'll want to visit every one!

Address: Various access points

Website: <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/visitor/visitor.html>

Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum

Located on the Congress Street Bridge in Boston, Massachusetts, this floating Boston Museum is unlike anything you've ever experienced before. Live actors, high-tech, interactive exhibits, authentically restored tea ships and the stirring, multi-sensory documentary "Let it Begin Here," are just a taste of what you'll see, hear and feel.

Address: Congress Street Bridge

Website: <http://www.bostonteatartyship.com/>

King's Chapel and Burying Ground

In 1688, the Royal Governor built King's Chapel on the town burying ground when no one in the city would sell him land to build a non-Puritan church. The first King's Chapel was a tiny church used by the King's men who occupied Boston to enforce British law. By 1749, the building was too small for the congregation, which had grown to include a number of prominent merchants and their families.

Address: School Street at Tremont Street

Faneuil Hall Marketplace

Located in downtown Boston, steps away from the waterfront, Faneuil Hall Boston is alive today as it was in 1742 when our nation's fathers proclaimed it "The Cradle of Liberty."

Over 70 retailers and 40 office tenants occupy the 200,000 square feet of retail and 160,000 square feet of space on Boston's iconic mixed-use festival marketplace.

Customers enjoy unique, locally-loved, and nationally recognized shops while indulging in the worldwide cuisine at our restaurants, pubs, and in the world-famous Quincy Market Colonnade.

The cobblestone promenades are filled with the music and jaw-dropping routines of world-renowned street performers and musicians.

Address: South Market Building, Faneuil Hall
Website: <https://faneuilhallmarketplace.com/>

Paul Revere House

On the night of 18 April, 1775, silversmith Paul Revere left his small wooden home in Boston North End and set out on a journey that would make him into a legend. Today that home is still standing at 19 North Square and has become a national historic landmark. It is downtown Boston's oldest building and one of the few remaining from an early era in the history of colonial America.

Address: 19 North Square
Website: www.paulreverehouse.org

Old North Church

Immortalized in Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride", the Old North is the oldest church building in Boston and the city's most visited historic site. On the evening of 18 April 1775, the Old North sexton, Robert Newman, climbed the steeple and held high two lanterns as a signal from Paul Revere that the Regulars (term describes enlisted British soldiers) were marching to Lexington and Concord to arrest Samuel Adams and John Hancock and to seize the Colonial store of ammunition. This fateful event ignited the American Revolution.

Address: 193 Salem Street
Website: www.oldnorth.com

The State House

Designed by Charles Bulfinch, the "new" State House was completed on 11th January, 1798, and widely acclaimed as one of the more magnificent and well-suited buildings in the country. Its golden dome was once made of wood, and later overlaid with copper by Paul Revere.

Address: Beacon Street
Website: <http://www.cityofboston.gov/freedomtrail/massachusettshouse.asp>

USS Constitution

The USS Constitution (Old Ironsides) is the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. Her history is rich and colorful and 200 years strong -- from fighting Barbary pirates on the "shores of Tripoli" to winning famous victories during the War of 1812, the USS Constitution Museum brings her tale alive through its collection of 3,000 original artifacts and art work and through hands-on activities.

Address: Charlestown Navy Yard
Website: www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org

The ICA

Award-winning architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro designed the ICA, conceiving the building both "from the sky down," as a contemplative space for experiencing contemporary art, and "from the ground up," providing dynamic areas for public enjoyment.

Address: 100 Northern Avenue
Website: www.icaboston.org/about/

New England Aquarium

The mission of the New England Aquarium is to increase understanding of aquatic life and environments, to enable people to act to conserve the world of water, and to provide leadership for the preservation and sustainable use of aquatic resources.

Address: Central Wharf
Website: www.neaq.org

Museum of Fine Arts

The MFA is one of the most comprehensive art museums in the world; the collection encompasses nearly 450,000 works of art. We welcome more than one million visitors each year to experience art from ancient Egyptian to contemporary, special exhibitions, and innovative educational programs.

Address: 465 Huntington Avenue
Website: www.mfa.org

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Isabella Stewart Gardner first welcomed visitors to her museum on New Year's Day, 1903. On that evening guests listened to the music of Bach, Mozart, and Schumann, gazed in wonder at the courtyard full of flowers, and viewed one of the nation's finest collections of art. Today, visitors experience much the same thing. The Gardner Museum has remained essentially unchanged since its founder's death in 1924. Unchanged but certainly not stagnant. Three floors of galleries surround a garden courtyard blooming with life in all seasons.

Address: 280 The Fenway
Website: www.gardnermuseum.org

The performing arts

The Boston Symphony Orchestra

Now in its 127th season, the Boston Symphony Orchestra gave its inaugural concert on October 22, 1881, and has continued to uphold the vision of its founder, the businessman, philanthropist, Civil War veteran, and amateur musician Henry Lee Higginson, for well over a century.

Address: Symphony Hall
Website: www.bso.org

Boston Pops Orchestra

Members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra first performed a summer program of light music in a café-style setting on July 11, 1885, under the direction of Adolf Neuendorff. The event was known as a Promenade Concert. The term "Pops" was first officially used during the 1900 season.

Address: Symphony Hall
Website: www.bostonpops.org

Boston Ballet

"...[This is] a company in the very first rank. We are accustomed to Boston having one of the great symphonies of the world. The town has now gotten itself a ballet company that meets that standard." - Clive Barnes, "Dance Magazine"

Address: The Wang Centre for the Performing Arts
Website: www.bostonballet.org

Boston Lyric Opera

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) is New England's favorite opera company. Founded in 1976, BLO is recognized for its artistically excellent productions of a diverse repertoire that entertain and inspire audiences and feature emerging operatic talent. Boston Lyric Opera's programs are funded, in part, by a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Address: The Wang Centre for the Performing Arts
Website: www.blo.org/

Handel and Haydn Society

Under the artistic leadership of Artistic Advisor Sir Roger Norrington, Principal Conductor Grant Llewellyn, and Conductor Laureate Christopher Hogwood, the Society continues to receive accolades, including a 2002 Grammy Award and a place in the American Classical Music Hall of Fame.

Address: Jordan Hall
Website: www.handelandhaydn.org/index.htm

Boston Center for The Arts

The Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) is a nonprofit performing and visual arts complex located in Boston's South End, the largest historic district in the United States. As a creative home for artists and an arts destination for audiences, the BCA builds a connection between the arts and the city's diverse community. Some of New England's most creative and acclaimed small and mid-sized theatre companies are in residence at the BCA, as are 50 working artists and arts organizations.

Address: Boston Center for the Arts
Website: www.bcaonline.org/

The Opera House

It was in 1978, when the theatre became home to The Opera Company of Boston, that the name was changed to The Opera House. Now this magnificent performing arts venue has been lovingly restored to its original grandeur and given back to the people of New England to enjoy for decades to come.

Address: Washington Street, Downtown Crossing
Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.

Colonial Theatre

The Colonial was designed by Clarence Blackall and is ideal for both musical and dramatic productions. On December 20, 1900 the opening night of Ben Hur, The Boston Globe proclaimed, "Nothing so beautiful, pictorial and mechanical, has ever been seen before on a Boston stage." During the teens and twenties the Ziegfeld Follies played the Colonial eight times, and Irving Berlin's Music Box Revue appeared at least twice.

Address: Boylston Street, Theatre District
Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.

Wang Theatre

Since The Wang Theatre's restoration, this 3600+ seat theater continues to host an impressive array of world-class Broadway, theater, music, dance, opera and film.

Address: Tremont Street, Theatre District
Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.

Shubert Theatre

This restored 1600+ seat theater; and considered Boston Theatre District's Little Princess, continues to be the home for many local community arts organizations. The Shubert Theatre also serves as a venue for the touring companies that present Broadway, theater, music, dance, and opera.

Address: Tremont Street, Theatre District
Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.

Boston Harbor & Islands and Massachusetts Bay

Boston Harbor Cruises

Boston Harbor covers over 80 km² / 50 miles² and includes 289 km / 180 miles of shoreline and 34 islands that make up the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park. Through the years, Boston Harbor Cruises has witnessed and participated in the Harbor's transformation, and today it is one of the cleanest harbors in the country and a major source of commerce, travel and recreation. Whale Watch | Provincetown Ferries | Harbor Cruises | Salem Ferries | Codzilla

Address: One Long Wharf
Website: <https://www.bostonharborcruises.com/>

Boston Harbor Islands

Made up of 34 unique islands and peninsulas, the Boston Harbor Islands have something for everyone.

Explore a historic fort, enjoy a picnic with sweeping harbor views, or sleep in a rustic campsite beneath the stars. Choose an island and plan your adventure!

Address: Various
Website: <https://www.bostonharborislands.org/>

**New England Aquarium
Whale Watch**

On a New England Aquarium Whale Watch, you are guaranteed to see whales. From Boston, Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary is just a short ride away. One of the world's most active marine sanctuaries, Stellwagen Bank is abundant with whales, dolphins, sea birds, and other marine life. If there are no whale sightings on your trip, you will receive a free ticket for a future whale watch with us. Just look at what other passengers have seen!

This area is home to several kinds of large whales, including acrobatic humpback whales, finback whales, minke whales, as well as pilot whales and the critically endangered right whales. White-sided dolphins may also put in an appearance. Learn about all these fascinating marine mammals from onboard naturalists trained by Aquarium experts.

Address: One Long Wharf
Website: <https://www.neaq.org/exhibits/whale-watch/>

Sporting events

Boston Marathon

First run in 1897, the Boston Marathon is America's oldest and perhaps most famous annual marathon. It is held the third Monday in April on Patriots Day, a state holiday.

**Head of the Charles
Regatta**

This is the largest two-day regatta in the world occurring annually in the latter part of October. Established in 1965, the regatta now hosts 19 events and attracts over 300,000 spectators who line the banks and bridges turning Boston into a rowing haven.

Boston Red Sox	Boston's professional Baseball team (AL) <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.</i>
Boston Bruins	Boston's professional Hockey team (NHL / LNH) <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.</i>
Boston Celtics	Boston's professional Basketball team (NBA) <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.</i>
New England Patriots	Boston's professional Football team (NFL) <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.</i>
New England Revolution	New England's professional Soccer team <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule and tickets.</i>

Annual festivals

Independence Day	The evening's high point is the fireworks display over the Charles River, timed to begin just as the 1812 Overture reaches its climax. The Pops usually bring a roster of pop music and political stars to help inspire revelers with patriotic spirit. <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule.</i>
Blues Festival	Enjoy a weekend of music at the Hatch Memorial Shell in Boston. Since 1996, popular international artistes have been giving stunning eager audiences with brilliant performances in late September each year. <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule.</i>
Harborfest	A great way to celebrate independence, this fest attracts millions of people and has more than 200 events lined up. A whole week of fun events leading to the Independence Day is spent at the waterfront or the City Plaza. <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule.</i>
Dragonboat Festival	Dragon boats take to the Charles River, between the Western Avenue Bridge and Weeks footbridge, to recreate a Chinese tradition. <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule.</i>
Independent Film Festival	This annual event, held in April-May is highly awaited by Bostonians. The IFF acts as a platform for independent films and features entries from around the world. <i>Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule.</i>

Walking tours and horse & carriage rides

Boston by Foot	We welcome you to come and explore Boston's rich heritage of architecture and history in the company of dedicated and enthusiastic guides. Address: Various locations Website: www.bostonbyfoot.com
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Urban AdvenTours

Book your Boston bicycle rental and get ready for a fun exploration of the city! Or, we're happy to guide you on one of our expert Boston bike tours. Locals know us as the premier bike store in Boston, but we're much more than that. Don't just take our word for it though, check out our awesome online reviews. Once you're ready for a Boston adventure tour you won't forget, simply reserve an Urban AdvenTours experience with us and see for yourself how we've earned our outstanding reputation.

Website: <https://www.urbanadventours.com/>

Market Tours

Join Michele Topor on her original award-winning North End Market Tour and let her unlock for you the secrets of the cuisine and of America's oldest Italian neighborhood.

Address: Six Charter Street
Website: www.northendmarkettours.com

Carriage Rides

Ours is a city of contrasts – of gaslit lamps and cobblestones, then towers of glass and steel. Amid the clamor and bustle of contemporary business, there's the quiet, cultured spirit of an older America. Come to the center of the city and experience the sights and sounds with a leisurely horse-drawn carriage ride.

Address: Faneuil Hall Marketplace
Kindly consult our Concierge for schedule.

Local destination management companies

Corinthian Events

Experts. Dedicated. Rock Solid. These are just some of the ways we describe our team. Since the year 2000, we have built a team that knows how to deliver the best results and the most memorable events on the planet. Orchestrating and conducting events, harmonizing like the finest symphony; executing with clear melodies, decisive tempos, and critical listening — shaping every note of your event masterpiece.

Address: 109 Kingston Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02111
Telephone: 1 617 450 0600
Facsimile: 1 000 000 0000
Website: <https://www.corinthianevents.com>

Faith Moore & Associates

FM&A is Boston's highest quality destination management company, creating special events and incentive programs for global, national, and local clients since 1990. Bringing you the ultimate experiences Boston and New England have to offer is both our business and our delight! Our world-class clients partner with us again and again for innovative strategic events, profound destination knowledge, bulletproof logistics, and exceptional value.

Address: 121 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, MA 02108
Telephone: 1 617 248 1600
Facsimile: 1 617 248 1616
Website: <http://www.fmaevents.com/>

More things to see and do

Fenway Park	The House of Blues	Lucky Strike Bowling Lanes	Museum of Science
Charles River Esplanade	Harvard University and Museums	Copley Place Shopping	Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
The Freedom Trail	Whale Watching	New England Aquarium	Boston Public Garden
Boston Harbor Walk	Provincetown via Ferry	Boston Athenæum	Samuel Adams Brewery
Museum of Fine Arts	Beacon Hill Walking Tours	Museum of African-American History	USS Constitution
Franklin Park Zoo	JFK Library & Museum	Boston Harbor Islands National Park	Arnold Arboretum
Trinity Church	Newbury Street Shopping	Faneuil Hall Marketplace	Massachusetts State House
Fort Independence	Boston Bike Tours	Boston Tea Party Museum	Institute of Contemporary Art
MIT Museum	Paul Revere House	Gibson House Museum	Boston Public Library
Prudential Tower, View Boston	Commonwealth Museum	Rowing on the Charles River	Deep sea fishing
Newburyport	Salem via ferry	Northampton and Amherst	The Berkshires