

# Best of Boston

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Visit the Boston Local Arrangements Committee's Web site at [www.aallnet.org/events/local04/](http://www.aallnet.org/events/local04/) for additional and updated information about visiting Boston.

Massachusetts uses 10-digit dialing, which means you must dial the area code even for local calls. All phone numbers are in the 617 area code, unless otherwise stated.



## Conference Hotels

**Sheraton Boston Hotel**  
(headquarters hotel)  
39 Dalton Street, 236-2000

**Boston Marriott Copley Place**  
110 Huntington Avenue, 236-5800

**Boston Park Plaza Hotel**  
64 Arlington Street, 426-2000

## Coming into Boston

### Travel by Air

Boston's Logan Airport is located across the harbor from downtown Boston. A taxi, shuttle, or subway ride to the conference hotels should take less than 45 minutes, depending on traffic.

### Ground Transportation from Logan Airport

[www.massport.com/logan/getti.html](http://www.massport.com/logan/getti.html)

### Taxis

Taxi stands are located outside each terminal. In addition to the base fare, expect surcharges for airport and tunnel tolls totaling \$6. The current cost of a taxi, including fees, from Logan Airport to the Sheraton Boston Headquarters Hotel is approximately \$24.

### Public Transportation

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA or the "T")  
[www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)

The cost of a one-way ride from the airport is \$1.25.

From an airport terminal, take the free Massport shuttle bus (#22 or #33) to the airport subway station on the Blue Line of the MBTA. Take an inbound Blue Line train to the Government Center Station, and go up the stairs or escalator to the Green Line.

For the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, take any Green Line train (B, C, D, or E) westbound, exit at the Arlington station, and walk a short distance on Arlington Street to the hotel.

For the Sheraton Boston Hotel and Marriott Copley Place Hotel, take an "E" Green Line train west and exit at the Prudential Station. For the Sheraton, walk two blocks northwest on Belvidere Street, turn right on Dalton Street, and walk a short distance to the hotel. For the Marriott, walk one block northeast on Huntington Avenue.

If you prefer an air-conditioned walk to the Sheraton or Marriott hotels—and a sneak peek at shopping—when you exit at the Prudential Station, walk through the shopping malls to the hotel.

## Travel by Rail or Bus

### Amtrak

Intercity trains arrive at South Station. From the station, take the MBTA Red Line train inbound to Park Street Station and transfer to

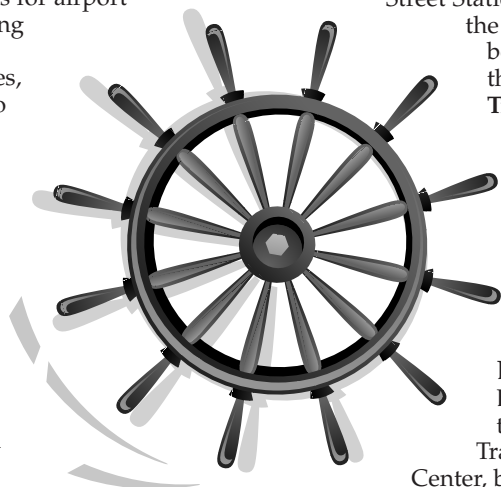
the Green Line westbound and follow the **Public Transportation**

directions to the conference hotels. The fare is \$1.25. Taxis are also available outside the station.

### Intercity Buses

Buses arrive at the South Station Transportation Center, behind the rail station. Follow the signs

from the bus station to South Station. From South Station you can take the MBTA Red Line inbound to Park Street Station and transfer to the Green Line westbound, then follow the **Public Transportation** directions to the conference hotels. The fare is \$1.25.



## Shuttle Van Services

**Back Bay Coach**  
746-9909  
888/222-5229  
[www.backbaycoach.com](http://www.backbaycoach.com)

**J.C. Transportation Inc.**  
781/598-3433  
800/517-2281  
[www.jctransportationshuttle.com](http://www.jctransportationshuttle.com)

**Logan/Boston Hotel Shuttle**  
561-9500  
877/315-4700

## Travel by Car

Avoid driving, if at all possible. Boston is known as the walking city for two good reasons: parking is expensive and driving is a challenge. Streets are confusing, and helpful signs are rare. Most street parking is reserved for residents with stickers. If you must drive, see the Parking Guide on the Local Arrangements Web site for parking options near the conference hotels and the Hynes Convention Center. Or consider parking at a suburban subway station or one of the Park & Ride lots, and take the T or a bus into Boston.

## Important Numbers

**Emergencies:** Police/Fire/EMS, 911  
**Police** (non-emergencies), 343-4200  
**Poison Control Center,**  
800/222-1222  
**Rape Crisis Line,** 800/841-8371  
**Alcohol and Drug Hotline,**  
800/452-9300  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA),**  
426-9444

## Medical Attention

**Inn-House Doctor**  
24-hour medical hotel visits  
and dental service  
859-1776

**Tufts-New England Medical Center**  
750 Washington Street, 636-5000  
[www.nemc.org](http://www.nemc.org)

## Getting Around Boston

### Public Transportation

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority  
www.mbta.com

The MBTA, or "T" as known to the locals, provides a good subway and bus network. Fares are \$1.25 for subway and \$.90 for buses. Visitor passes are available for one day (\$7.50), three days (\$18), and seven days (\$35). The T has a helpful trip planner on its Web site.

There are four main subway lines: Red, Orange, Green, and Blue. "Inbound" trains go toward Park Street Station in the center of the city, where Red, Orange, and Green Lines intersect. "Outbound" trains go away from Park Street.

### Taking the T from the Convention Center

For Red, Orange, Blue, and Green Lines **inbound**: follow signs from the convention center to the Prudential Center Station. Take an **inbound** train to Park Street where you can connect to the Red and Orange Lines. Continue to Government Center for the Blue Line connection.

For Green Line E trains **outbound**: take an **outbound** train from the Prudential Center Station.

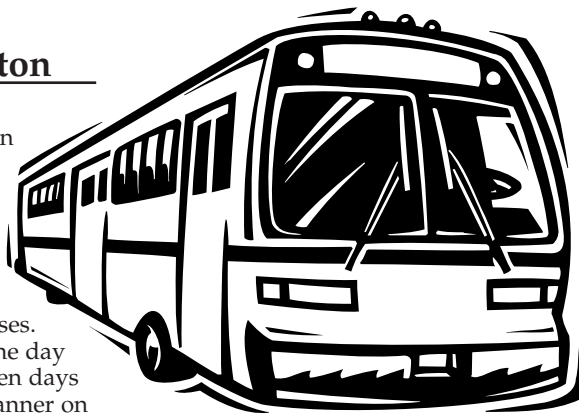
To Kenmore Station and B, C, and D Lines **outbound**: walk to Massachusetts Avenue (left as you exit the convention center along Boylston). Take a right at Massachusetts Avenue and walk about 50 feet until you see the entrance to the Hynes Convention Center Station (on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Newbury Street). Take the appropriate **outbound** train.

### Taxis

Taxis may be flagged street-side and are found waiting outside most hotels downtown. Meter rates are \$1.75 for the first 1/8th of a mile and \$.30 for each additional 1/8th of a mile.

Boston Licensed Taxi Companies include:

Boston Cab	536-5010
Checker Cab	536-7000
City Cab	536-5100
ITOA	825-4000
Metro Cab	782-5500
Town Taxi	536-5000



### Walking

Boston is a city for walking. Streets in Back Bay, the conference location, are in a grid pattern, unlike parts of downtown Boston where streets seemingly run in all directions. Within Back Bay, the north-south streets are in alphabetical order (from east to west) from Arlington Street—bordering the Public Garden—through Hereford Street—one block east of Massachusetts Avenue.

The east-west streets include Boylston Street, which borders the convention center on the north; Newbury Street, which is lined with art galleries, cafes/restaurants, and stores; and Commonwealth Avenue, which features a tree-lined promenade from the Public Garden to Massachusetts Avenue and is considered one of the most beautiful streets in the country.

Walk north from the convention center through a wealthy neighborhood of Victorian townhouses and brownstone residences, take a pedestrian overpass over Storrow Drive to the Charles River Esplanade, and walk along the Charles River, with Cambridge on the far shore. Or walk east on Commonwealth Avenue, cross Arlington Street, and wander through the Public Garden—

America's oldest botanical garden—where you can take a ride on a pedal-powered swan boat. Continue east to the Boston Common, Boston's oldest park, and at the Visitor Center on Tremont Street near the Park Street subway station is the start of the Freedom Trail, a self-guided three-mile walking tour of Boston's historic sites.

To be safe, cross streets using the crosswalks when the traffic light or walk signal allows. Cars are required by law to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks when there is no traffic light, but don't rely on it.



Back Bay and downtown are relatively safe. People will be out and about on Boylston and Newbury Streets well into the evening. Nonetheless, like most big cities, visitors should know where they are going and how to get there and take precautions, such as not traveling alone at night.

### Driving—Don't!

A car is unnecessary. Our convention site is located in the heart of Boston's beautiful Back Bay, adjacent to wonderful restaurants, shops, and many attractions.

## Tourist Information

### Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau

www.bostonusa.com  
2 Copley Place, Suite 105  
888/733-2678

Stop in at the Visitor Information Centers at Prudential Center (Center Court) near the convention center or at Boston Common for information, including maps, brochures, visitor MBTA passes, sightseeing tours, and coupons for various attractions.

### Massachusetts Visitors Information

www.mass-vacation.com

## Sightseeing and Boat Tours

### BeantownTrolley/Gray Line/Brush Hill Tours

781/986-6100, 800/343-1328  
www.brushhilltours.com

### Boston Duck Tours

Prudential Center, 267-3825  
www.BostonDuckTours.com

### Boston Harbor Cruises

1 Long Wharf, 227-4321  
www.bostonharborcruises.com

### Boston Steamship Company

60 Rowes Wharf, 542-8000  
www.bostonsteamship.com

### Discover Boston Trolley Tours

84A Atlantic Avenue, Commercial Wharf,  
742-2194, 742-1440  
www.discoverbostontours.com

### Massachusetts Bay Lines

60 Rowes Wharf, 542-8000  
www.massbaylines.com

### Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston

Central Wharf and Milk Street,  
800/868-7482  
www.historictours.com

## Shopping and Services

### Sales Tax

Massachusetts has **no sales tax** on clothes or shoes under \$175 or on groceries, beer, wine, or liquor. Otherwise, the sales tax is 5 percent on almost all items, restaurant meals, and take-out food.

### Shopping

**Newbury Street** is lined with boutiques, exclusive stores, and art galleries. The Copley Place and Prudential Center shopping complexes have an impressive collection and variety of world designer stores.

**Faneuil Hall Marketplace** offers shopping, restaurants, and entertainment on Boston's historic waterfront ([www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com), 523-1300).

### Groceries

#### Shaw's Prudential Supermarket

53 Huntington Avenue, 262-4688

#### Trader Joe's

899 Boylston Street, 262-6505

### Convenience Store

#### 7-Eleven Food Store

261 Dartmouth Street, 262-1212

### Beer, Wine, and Alcoholic Beverages

Available in liquor stores, not supermarkets. Some stores may be open on Sunday.

### Huntington Wine & Spirits

(open Sunday 12-7 p.m.)

301 Huntington Avenue, 536-0164

### Pharmacy and Film Developing

#### CVS Pharmacy

587 Boylston Street, 437-7916

#### CVS Pharmacy

240 Newbury Street, 236-2210

### Walgreens

841 Boylston Street, 236-8130

### Dry Cleaner

#### Elite One Hour Cleaning

297 Huntington Avenue, 536-2086

### Shoe Repair

#### Instant Shoe Repair

219 Newbury Street, 437-1137

### Eyeglass Repair

#### Lens Crafters

699 Boylston Street, 437-1070

### Copying

#### Copy Cop

815 Boylston Street, 267-9267

#### Kinko's Copies

187 Dartmouth Street,  
262-6188

### Post Office

#### Prudential Center

(Belvidere Arcade)  
800 Boylston Street,  
267-4164

### Bookstores

#### Barnes & Noble

Prudential Center,  
800 Boylston Street, 247-6959  
[www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

#### Brattle Book Shop

9 West Street, 542-0210  
Used and rare books

#### Brentano's

Copley Place  
100 Huntington Avenue, 859-9511

#### Trident Booksellers & Cafe

338 Newbury Street, 267-8688  
General new and used;  
free wireless Internet

#### Virgin Megastore

360 Newbury Street, 896-0950  
Books and cafe on top floor

### Day Spas

#### Aveda Lifestyle Salon and Spa

669 Boylston Street, 267-3080

#### Bella Sante

39 Newbury Street, 424-9930

### Candela Day Spa and Salon

28 Arlington Street, 426-6999

### Movies

#### AMC Fenway 13

401 Park Drive, 424-6266

### Sony/Loews Theatres

Copley Place, 100 Huntington Avenue,  
266-1300

Boston Common, 175 Tremont Street,  
423-3499

## Attractions

### Boston Public Library

700 Boylston Street, Copley Square,  
536-5400  
[www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org)

### Discount Theatre and Arts Tickets

[www.artsboston.org](http://www.artsboston.org)  
The BosTix booth is in Boston's Copley Square at the corner of Boylston and Dartmouth Streets near the Copley and Back Bay T stops. Half-price tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. Cash only.

### Institute of Contemporary Art

955 Boylston Street, 266-5152  
[www.icaboston.org](http://www.icaboston.org)

### Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

280 The Fenway, 566-1401  
[www.gardnermuseum.org](http://www.gardnermuseum.org)

### John F. Kennedy Library and Museum

Columbia Point, 514-1600, 866/535-1960  
[www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org)

### Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Avenue, 267-9300  
[www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

### Old North Church

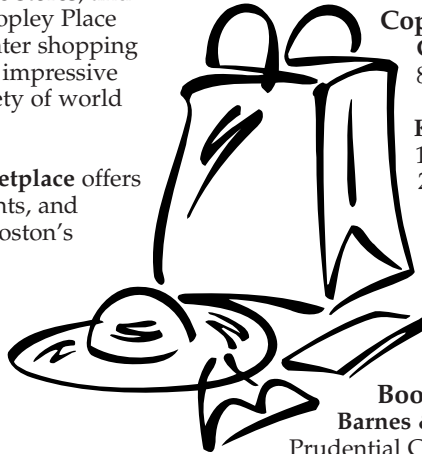
193 Salem Street, 523-6676  
[www.oldnorth.com](http://www.oldnorth.com)

### Old South Meeting House

310 Washington Street, 482-6439  
[www.oldsouthmeetinghouse.org](http://www.oldsouthmeetinghouse.org)

### Paul Revere House

19 North Square, 523-2338  
[www.paulreverehouse.org](http://www.paulreverehouse.org)



*Kids Love Boston Guide* (\$3.25)  
Greater Boston Convention  
Center and Visitors Bureau  
Prudential Center (Center Court)  
[www.bostonusa.com](http://www.bostonusa.com)

### Boston by Little Feet

Faneuil Hall, Congress Street, 367-2345  
(general info), 367-3766 (recorded tour info)  
[www.bostonbyfoot.com](http://www.bostonbyfoot.com)  
Boston by Foot guided tours conducts  
a one-hour Freedom Trail walking tour  
designed for children aged 6-12.

*Boston Parents Paper*  
<http://boston.parenthood.com>

### Children's Museum

300 Congress Street, 426-8855  
[www.bostonkids.org](http://www.bostonkids.org)

### Franklin Park Zoo

1 Franklin Park Road, 541-5466  
[www.zoonewengland.org](http://www.zoonewengland.org)

Museum of Science, Mugar Omni  
IMAX Theatre, and Hayden  
Planetarium  
Science Park, 723-2500  
[www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)

### New England Aquarium and Simons IMAX Theatre

Atlantic Avenue, Central Wharf  
next to the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel,  
973-5200  
[www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org)



## Summer Sports

**Boston Red Sox**  
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way,  
877/733-7699  
www.redsox.com

Fenway Park is a 10-minute walk from the Hynes Convention Center. Tickets are tough to come by, but there's always a chance for single seats or standing-room-only admission.

July 6, 7, 8: Home v. Oakland Athletics (7:05 p.m. game time)  
July 9, 10, 11: Home v. Texas Rangers (Friday and Saturday 7:05 p.m.; Sunday 2:05 p.m.)

**Tours of Fenway Park** are available hourly at the Souvenir Store on Yawkey Way; daily from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or three hours prior to game time; 226-6666.

**Pawtucket Red Sox**  
McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket,  
Rhode Island, 401/724-7300  
www.pawsox.com

Boston's Triple-A team. Just a 45-minute trip by train or bus from Boston, Pawtucket will host the 2004 Triple-A All-Star Game on July 14. Take the MBTA commuter rail to South Attleboro Station or a Bonanza bus to the Providence terminal, and it's a short cab ride to the field.

**Sports Museum**  
One Fleet Center, North Station,  
624-1235  
www.sportsmuseum.org

## Weather

Generally very pleasant. July average temperature: 74 degrees; average rainfall: 3.06 inches.

## Places of Worship and Religious Services

The following places of worship are located near the convention center or on the MBTA Green Line. For additional listings and faiths, visit [www.worshiphere.org/MA/Boston.htm](http://www.worshiphere.org/MA/Boston.htm).

**Baptist**  
**First Baptist Church of Boston**  
110 Commonwealth Avenue,  
267-3148

**Catholic**  
**Saint Cecilia Parish**  
18 Belvidere Street, 536-4548

**Saint Francis Chapel**  
800 Boylston Street (Prudential  
Center Hynes Court), 437-7117

**Congregational**  
**Park Street Church**  
One Park Street, 523-3383

**Episcopal**  
**Cathedral Church  
of Saint Paul**  
138 Tremont Street,  
482-5800

**Trinity Church**  
206 Clarendon Street,  
Copley Square, 536-0944  
[www.trinitychurchboston.org](http://www.trinitychurchboston.org)  
H.H. Richardson's 1877  
architectural masterpiece

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
175 Huntington Avenue, 450-2000  
world headquarters and Mary Baker  
Eddy Library  
[www.tfccs.com/bostonactivities](http://www.tfccs.com/bostonactivities)

**Jewish (Orthodox)**  
**Chabad House of Greater Boston**  
491 Commonwealth Avenue, 424-1190

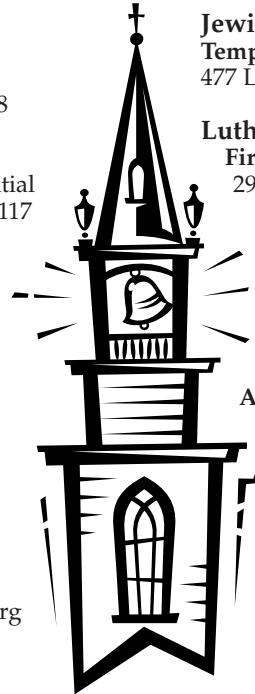
**Jewish (Reform)**  
**Temple Israel**  
477 Longwood Avenue, 566-3960

**Lutheran**  
**First Lutheran Church**  
299 Berkeley Street, 536-8851

**Presbyterian and United  
Church of Christ  
Church of the Covenant**  
67 Newbury Street, 266-7480

**Unitarian Universalist**  
**Arlington Street Church**  
351 Boylston Street, 424-6625

**United Church of Christ  
Old South Church**  
645 Boylston Street, 536-1970



## Media

**Newspapers and Magazines**  
*Boston Globe*  
morning, weekend section on Thursday  
[www.boston.com](http://www.boston.com)

*Boston Herald*  
morning

*Boston Metro*  
daily

*Boston Phoenix*  
weekly arts and entertainment

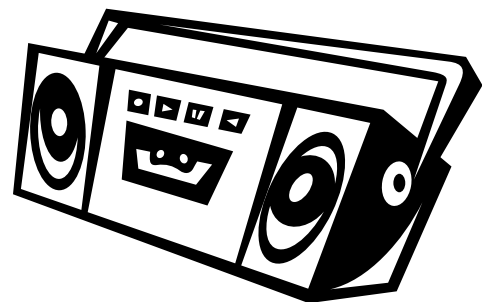
*Bay Windows*  
weekly gay and lesbian news

*Improper Bostonian*  
bimonthly entertainment  
and lifestyle  
[www.improper.com](http://www.improper.com)

*Boston Magazine*  
monthly

**Television**  
WGBH (PBS) Channel 2  
WBZ (CBS) Channel 4  
WCVB (ABC) Channel 5  
WHDH (NBC) Channel 7  
WFXT (FOX) Channel 25

**Radio**  
WRKO (680 AM)—talk  
WBZ (1030 AM)—news, talk, sports  
WGBH (89.7 FM)—NPR news, classical  
WBUR (90.9 FM)—NPR news, talk  
WUMB (91.9 FM)—folk, public radio  
WZLX (100.7 FM)—classic rock



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