

boston *survival guide*

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Arriving in Boston

One of the many things that makes Boston a great city to visit is the close proximity of transportation hubs to the city's historic sites and attractions.

Travel by Air

Logan Airport (BOS)

www.massport.com/logan-airport/Pages/Default.aspx

Boston's Logan Airport is conveniently located across the harbor from downtown. The trip into town by taxi, shuttle, or subway to the convention center generally takes 30-45 minutes depending on the day of the week and time of arrival.

For pre-trip planning, consult MassPort's GetUthere application (www.massport.com/massport/gtu/Pages/default.aspx). Once you enter your starting point and destination, GetUthere will plan your route using a variety of public transportation options.

Taxi

Taxi stands are located in front of each terminal. Fares begin at \$2.60 for the first 1/7 mile and are 40 cents for each additional 1/7 mile. Passengers should expect to pay \$8 in addition to the fare to cover tolls and airport surcharges. Total fare to the Hynes Convention Center and conference hotels will cost approximately \$30 without tip.

Public Transportation

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (www.mbta.com)

Taking the subway (known locally as the "T") costs \$2 when you purchase a ticket from a kiosk in a station. From airport terminals, take the free Massport shuttle (Route #66) to Airport Station on the Blue Line. Take an inbound train (toward Bowdoin) to Government Center Station. From Government Center, follow signs to Green Line on the upper level. Take the Green Line westbound to the conference hotels or convention center:

- *To Hynes Convention Center:* Take a "B"/Boston College, "C"/Cleveland Circle, or "D"/Riverside Green Line train to the Convention Center Station. Exit toward Massachusetts Avenue, turn left and walk along Massachusetts to Boylston Street. Cross Boylston, and turn left; the Hynes Lower Level entrance will be two blocks down on your right.
- *To Sheraton Boston:* Take an "E"/Heath Street Green Line train to the Prudential Station. Walk two blocks northwest on Belvidere Street, turn right on Dalton Street, and walk a short distance to the hotel.
- *To Colonnade Hotel:* Take an "E"/Heath Street Green Line train to the Prudential Station. Walk two blocks northeast on Huntington Avenue.
- *To Hilton Boston Back Bay:* Take an "E"/Heath Street Green Line train to the Prudential Station. Walk two blocks northwest on Belvidere Street; the hotel is on the corner of Belvidere and Dalton.
- *To Marriott Copley Place:* Take an "E"/Heath Street Green Line train to the Prudential Station. Walk one block northeast on Huntington Avenue.
- *To Westin Copley Place:* Take a "B"/Boston College, "C"/Cleveland Circle, "D"/Riverside, or "E"/Heath Street Green Line Train to Copley Station. Walk one block northeast to the hotel.

Plan your return trip to Logan Airport at www.mbta.com/riding_the_t/logan.

Travel by Rail or Bus

Amtrak offers multiple trains daily into Boston's South Station. Conference hotels and the Hynes Convention Center are easily accessible from the subway—take the Red Line inbound to Park Street Station and transfer to the Green Line westbound. Follow directions listed under Public Transportation for more information on Green Line Station stops for convention center and conference hotels. Taxis are



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also available immediately outside South Station. Fares to conference center hotels in Back Bay will cost approximately \$10-\$15.

Boston is also serviced by several bus lines. The South Station Bus Terminal is adjacent to the South Station Train Station. Follow signs from the bus station to the train station to access the T. From the train station, take the Red Line inbound to Park Street Station and transfer to the Green Line westbound. Follow the directions under Public Transportation to convention center and conference hotels. Taxis are available outside the station.

- BoltBus (877/265-8287)
www.boltbus.com
- Greyhound (800/231-2222)
www.greyhound.com
- Megabus (877/462-6342)
us.megabus.com
- Peter Pan Bus Lines (800/343-9999)
www.peterpanbus.com

Travel by Car

If you don't have to drive, please don't. Driving in Boston is challenging—the traffic is bad (especially during rush hour), the roads aren't well marked, on-street parking is limited, and off-street parking is expensive. If you must drive, the Hynes Convention Center's website is the best resource for information on parking garages within walking distance (www.massconvention.com/jhcc_dir_par.html). Parking generally costs between \$25 and \$50 per day.

Another alternative to consider is parking at a suburban subway station and taking the subway or a bus into the city. For more information, check the MBTA website at www.mbta.com.

Getting Around Boston

The Hynes Convention Center and the conference hotels are located in the heart of Boston's beautiful Back Bay. Some of Boston's best places to eat and shop are within walking distance. Other attractions like museums, parks, and historic sites are also within walking distance or just a short subway ride away.

Public Transportation

The MBTA coordinates all of the public transportation services in and around Boston whether it's by bus, train, or water taxi.

Fares and Tickets

Subway fares are \$2 per trip, bus fares are \$1.50 per trip, and commuter rail fares run from \$1.70 to \$8.25 depending on the route and zones traveled. Tickets for travel on the subway and bus are known as "Charlie" tickets. Tickets can be purchased at kiosks in the train stations, on the bus, or through a number of retailers around town. A complete listing of retailers who sell MBTA tickets and passes can be found on the MBTA's website at www.mbta.com/fares_and_passes/sales_locations.

For visitors planning to use public transportation frequently, consider purchasing a LinkPass for one day (\$9) or for seven days (\$15). A LinkPass allows unlimited travel on the subway, local buses, Inner Harbor Ferry, and Commuter Rail Zone 1A.



Hours of Service

The T generally begins service at 5 a.m. and ends sometime between midnight and 1 a.m. If you are planning on taking the T after midnight, please check the MBTA website to find out the exact time of the last inbound and/or outbound train to make sure you don't miss it.

Accessibility and the T

While the T does its best to serve all customers, not all stations and services

are wheelchair accessible. Many stations are currently undergoing renovations to improve this situation; however, it is best to check the MBTA's website for more information about whether the stations on your route are accessible and, if they are not, what options are available.

Taking the T from the Convention Center

The main T station that serves the Convention Center is the Hynes Convention Center station on the B, C, and D branches of the Green Line. Hynes station is on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Newbury Street. To get there from the Convention Center, exit via the main entrance on Boylston Street. Take a left and walk two blocks to Massachusetts. Take a right on Massachusetts, and walk one block to the Hynes T station. From here, you can easily access the Red, Orange, Blue, and Silver lines by taking an inbound train to one of the transfer points discussed below.

Inbound/Outbound Trains: The T is generally very easy to use. Inbound trains always run toward downtown Boston. Outbound trains always run away from it. Inbound trains head toward four stations: Park Street, State, Downtown Crossing, and Government Center. *One important thing to note:* within these four stations, trains are not referred to as inbound or outbound. You determine the direction of the train you need to take by the last stop on the line.

Green Line: The Green Line connects to transfer stations at Government Center for the Blue Line and Park Street for the Red Line. The westbound trains from these transfer stations are divided into four branches: B (Boston College), C (Cleveland Circle), D (Riverside) and E (Heath Street). The northbound trains end at Lechmere or North Station.

Red Line: The Red Line runs from Alewife in Cambridge and splits on the south side of the city running to Ashmont and Braintree. From the Red Line you can transfer to the Orange Line at Downtown Crossing or the Silver Line at South Station.



Orange Line: The Orange Line runs from the northern suburbs through the city to Back Bay and suburbs to the south. From the Hynes station, you can take the Green Line inbound to Park Street, where you transfer to an Ashmont- or Braintree-bound train, take it one stop, and get off at Downtown Crossing. Alternatively, if you don't mind a short walk, you can pick up the Orange Line at Back Bay station. From the Hynes Convention Center, take a right onto Boylston Street, walk down Boylston until you reach Dartmouth Street, take a right, and walk three blocks to Back Bay station.

Blue Line: The Blue Line runs from Government Center underneath Boston Harbor out to the North Shore. Important stops to note on this line are the Aquarium, State Street (from which you can walk to Faneuil Hall), and the airport.

Silver Line: Although mapped as part of the subway system, the Silver Line is actually a bus service consisting of two lines. The Washington Street line runs through parts of the Back Bay and Chinatown (SL4 or SL5). The Waterfront Line (SL1) runs from South Station out past the Moakley Federal "Courthouse" stop to the World Trade Center and finally out to Logan Airport.

Commuter Rail: The Commuter Rail (a.k.a., Purple Line) consists of 11 lines running from North Station or South Station to points well outside the Boston area.

Taxis

Taxis are usually easy to flag down on any of the main streets around the convention center. However, catching a cab on the street can be a challenge during rush hour

and bad weather, so your best bet will be to catch one in front of one of the hotels in the area. Licensed Boston taxi companies include:

- Top Cab: 617/266-4800
- Boston Cab Association: 617/536-3200
- I.T.O.A. Cab Association: 617/825-4000
- City Cab Association: 617/536-5100
- Metro Cab Association: 617/782-5500
- Tunnel Taxi: 617/567-2700
- 617 TaxiCab Inc.: 617/TAXI-CAB (829-4222)

Bicycle Rentals

Boston recently introduced a bike sharing system called Hubway for short trips around town. There are several bike rental stations in close proximity to the Hynes Convention Center as well as low-priced bike helmet vendors (\$7.99) if you don't have room to pack your own. Access can be purchased for one day (\$5) or three days (\$12) plus additional usage fees. For more information, visit Hubway's website at www.thehubway.com/home.

Walking

Perhaps the best way to experience Boston is by walking its streets and neighborhoods. Streets in the Back Bay near the convention center are organized in a grid unlike downtown Boston where streets run in all directions. Within the Back Bay, the north/south streets are in alphabetical order from Arlington Street 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, restaurants, and boutiques; and Commonwealth Avenue, which features a tree-lined promenade from the Public Garden to Massachusetts Avenue.

Walk north from the convention center through an upscale neighborhood of Victorian townhouses and brownstones, take the pedestrian overpass over Storrow Drive to the Charles River Esplanade, and from there you can walk along the Charles River with Cambridge facing you on the far shore.

Another option is to walk east on Commonwealth Avenue, cross Arlington Street, and walk through the Public Garden, America's oldest botanical garden. Continue east to the Boston Common, Boston's oldest park, where you will find the Visitors Center on Tremont Street near the Park Street subway entrance. The Visitors Center marks the start of the Freedom Trail, a self-guided three-mile tour of Boston's historic sites.

To be safe, always use designated crosswalks and walk only when the lights indicate that it is safe to do so. Cars are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks where there are no traffic lights, but motorists often ignore this mandate—so use caution.

Back Bay and downtown Boston are relatively safe, and people are out and about on the streets into the evening hours. However, use good judgment and avoid walking through the parks and the Esplanade late at night.

Driving

Even if you have to drive to the convention, your best bet is to leave your car in a garage and explore the city on foot or by using public transportation.

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Helpful Apps and Websites

- Back Bay Visitors Guide—for everything you need to know about the Bay Back area. There is also a great printable map of the Back Bay on the site. (www.visitbostonbackbay.com/site)
- Massport—links to information about getting to and from Logan Airport (www.massport.com)
- MBTA—The MBTA website (www.mbta.com) is your best resource for all information on public transportation in and around Boston. Among useful tools for riders is a trip planner (mbta.com/riders_tools/trip_planner) to retrieve suggested routes by entering in the starting and ending addresses. Also, be sure to check out the “App Showcase” (www.mbta.com/riders_tools/apps) under “Rider Tools” on the main page. Here you will find more than 40 independently developed mobile apps to plan routes and track arrival times for the subway, buses, and trains.
- South Station—provides useful information on the train station in Boston (www.south-station.net)
- Taxi Wiz—once you enter departure and arrival points, Taxi Wiz will calculate the approximate cab fare. (boston.taxiwiz.com/?lang=en)

General Information

Hospitals

Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital

330 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215
617/667-7000
www.bidmc.org

Boston Children's Hospital

300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115
617/355-6000 or 800/355-7944
www.childrenshospital.org

Brigham and Women's Hospital

75 Francis St., Boston, MA 02115
617/732-5500
www.brighamandwomens.org

Massachusetts General Hospital

55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114
617/726-2000
www.massgeneral.org

Places of Worship

Baptist

First Baptist Church of Boston
110 Commonwealth Ave.,
Boston, MA 02116
617/267-3148
firstbaptistchurchofboston.org

Catholic

Saint Cecilia Parish
18 Belvidere St., Boston, MA 02115
617/536-4548
www.stceciliaboston.org



Saint Francis Chapel

800 Boylston St. (Prudential Center Hynes Court), Boston, MA 02199
617/437-7117
www.stfrancischapel.org/en

Congregational

Park Street Church

One Park Street, Boston, MA 02108
617/523-3383
www.parkstreet.org

Episcopal

The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul

138 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111
617/482-5800
www.stpaulboston.org

Trinity Church Boston

206 Clarendon St., Copley Square, Boston, MA 02116
617/536-0944
www.trinitychurchboston.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist

175 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115
617/450-2000
www.tfccs.com/bostonactivities

Jewish (Orthodox)

Chabad House of Greater Boston

491 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215
617/424-1190
www.chabadboston.org

Jewish (Reform)

Temple Israel

477 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02215
617/566-3960
www.tisrael.org

Lutheran

The First Lutheran Church

299 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116
617/536-8851
www.flc-boston.org

Presbyterian and United Church of Christ

Church of the Covenant

67 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116
617/266-7480
www.cotcbos.org

Unitarian Universalist

Arlington Street Church

351 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116
617/424-6625
ascboston.org

United Church of Christ

Old South Church

645 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116
617/536-1970
www.oldsouth.org/about/contact-us

