



# 15 best winter day trips from Boston

*From cozy getaways to glittery jaunts to the best foodie stops, we found the most fun destinations to hit outside The Hub this winter*

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Bostonians take winter fun seriously, it's an integral part of living in the Northeast. Truly, the only way to survive the winter cold is to plan fun activities that get you out of the house. One of the best ways to avoid cabin fever this time of year is to get out of the city. And, a little day trip can really lift the spirits. Explore all that New England has to offer, including quaint, historic towns and shoreline stops, as well as gaming destinations and, of course, buzzing ski towns. And if you don't have time to head of Boston right now, stick stay closer to home and enjoy the city's best attractions, best free things to do and best museums in Boston.

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### 6. Newport, RI

What is it? While you may think summer is the time to visit Rhode Island's beloved ocean-front town, don't underestimate a winter stroll

through its center, stopping along the way for seaside snacks and off-season shopping deals.

Why go? The annual Newport Winter Festival is among New England's largest winter celebrations and takes place each February with 10 days of events (this year it's held on Feb 13-22. Along with concerts and a children's fair, there's a killer Chili Cook-Off featuring chefs from local restaurants.



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Don't Miss: Stop by The Reef for classic seafood with impressive ocean views. Also a trip to a few of the Newport's Gilded Age Mansions, decked out for the season, is a must-do.

## **14. Providence, RI**

What is it? This easy to navigate city in Rhode Island should be on your radar year round for a day trip. Sure the summer's WaterFire isn't for a few more months, but that doesn't mean the city isn't lit up with fun things to do during the colder season.

Why go? Put on your warmest winter coat and treat yourself to a dine-around through Federal Hill, the city's impressive Italian neighborhood, loaded with Italian eateries and shops. There's also a vibrant, historic, and contemporary art scene, nicknamed "The Creative Capital," centered around institutions like the Providence Art Club (one of America's oldest) and Rhode Island Schools of Design (RISD).

Don't Miss: Visit the RISD's museum, which includes one the country's finest university art collections, and don't miss celebrated Syrian bakery Aleppo Sweets.