

The 13 Best Day Trips from Boston

Boston is a historic city with plenty of things to do and places to see, but there's also lots more to explore outside the city limits. Whether you're heading north to the [mountains to ski](#) or taking the ferry to Cape Cod's [Provincetown](#), there are day trips to take in every direction. Read on for our recommendations, all within driving distance and some you can even access by public transportation.

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About an hour drive south from Boston is the city of Providence, Rhode Island, also known as the “Creative Capital.” This city has become a popular tourist spot over the years, with popular attractions including [WaterFire](#), a series of over 80 bonfires along downtown Providence’s three rivers, or the annual Halloween Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular or the Faces of the Rainforest exhibit at the [Roger Williams Park Zoo](#). From November through March, head to the Providence Rink for [Ice Bumper Cars](#).

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Providence also has a foodie scene, with chefs coming from Rhode Island's Johnson & Wales opening restaurants within the city, such as [Oberlin](#), a seafood-focused small plates and tapas concept. If you're looking for Italian, head to [Federal Hill](#), the Little Italy of Providence. [The Dorrance](#) is another reputable spot, located within a former bank and serving globally-inspired New England cuisine. And while you're in town, stop by [PVDonuts](#) for delicious and unique brioche donuts in fun flavors like fruit pebbles, butterscotch crunch and brown butter brownie.

[Popular Providence hotels](#) include [The Dean](#), built around the city's history and culture, and the [Providence Biltmore](#), a historic property designed by the architects of New York's Grand Central Terminal, and the [Hotel Providence](#), another centrally located option that's great for all types of travelers.

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Getting There: Providence is an hour drive from Boston. You can also [get there by train](#), including the Amtrak and MBTA Commuter Rail on the Providence-Stoughton line, both leaving from Boston's South Station.

Newport, Rhode Island is another coastal town within driving distance from Boston. Here you'll find the makings of a perfect day trip, from the Gilded Age mansions and beaches, to walking along the famous Cliff Walk. Visitors also enjoy exploring the [Brick Market Place](#), a downtown area with more than 25 shops and eateries. If anyone you're traveling with is into cars, check out the [Newport Car Museum](#), located in nearby Portsmouth.

Favorite Newport restaurants include [The White Horse Tavern](#), America's oldest tavern, [Winner Winner](#), [Scarpetta Newport](#), [The Black Pearl](#) and [Mission Burger](#). If you plan on staying overnight, top-rated hotels and resorts include [The Vanderbilt](#), [Forty 1° North](#), [Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina](#) and [The Chanler at Cliff Walk](#). Many of these hotels

Getting There: Newport is an hour and a half drive from Boston and car is the easiest way to get there.

Travel Tip: Even if you're not staying overnight, many of the top hotels are also great spots to grab drinks with a view if you're in town for just the day. Head over to [Forty 1° North](#) and order your favorite cocktail as you look out on the water.