The USS Constitution won all her engagements in two wars and defeated four English warships in the war of 1812. Her nickname was “Old Ironsides” because cannon balls bounced off her 21-inch thick oak hull.
Toms Boston Cruise Port Guide

Includes walking routes and public transit maps for self-guided touring. It's easy to find your way around. The Freedom Trail is marked with brick and painted lines showing the route to sixteen historic sites.

Consider yourself lucky if Boston is a port of call for your cruise. It's an amazing, wonderful, clean city to visit with many things to see and do, and it's ideally suited for self-guided touring by walking, trolley tours, and public transit.

Boston was the “Cradle of Liberty,” the center of the Revolutionary War. Popular historic sites include the Old North Church, Bunker Hill Monument, and the battlefields in Lexington and Concord.

The USS Constitution was built in Boston. Her 21-inch thick oak hull was strong enough to make cannon balls bounce off. She won ALL her engagements in two wars and surprised the world by defeating four English warships in the war of 1812. I was excited to walk the decks of such a victorious ship.

For a relaxing, scenic tour to see the city from a different perspective, take a harbor cruise.

If you're interested in sports, visit TD Garden or Fenway Park. And if you want to relax, have some great food, or do some shopping, Faneuil Hall – Quincy Market is the place to go. It's my favorite.

I've packed this guide with links to websites, maps, descriptions and location of tourist sites, plus travel tips. This can help you plan your day in port for your priorities. When you've decided which tourist sites to visit, I suggest you look for the best “promotional package” to save money on trolley tours, harbor tours, and admission to museums and tourist sites. The promotions are often listed on websites. We shop the promotional packages at the trolley companies and make our decision when we arrive in Boston.

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Tom Sheridan
Cruise ships line up along Black Falcon CruisePort (lower right corner of map above)

**Boston Logan International Airport** is 4.2 miles and a 10 minute, ~ $ 25 taxi ride.

**South Station (bus & train)** is west of the Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum. It is a 1.4 mile, 27 minute walk from the CruisePort to South Station.

**Faneuil Hall** is a 3-mile, 9-minute ride from the CruisePort
The map above shows several landmarks near the cruise dock. Printed maps for the city of Boston often show the South Station Bus & Train Terminal. It's a major public transit hub. The Boston Design Center is referenced in public transit directions. Note that it is next to the cruise ship dock. I have included several other landmarks in the map above.

Using GPS Coordinates to Plan Self-Guided Touring
This port guide references many excellent tourist maps with links to download them. But no printed map can match the features of Google Maps:

- Magnify the map scale to see fine detail near the GPS coordinates,
- Use aerial and earth views to see buildings and the landscape,
- Drag the little yellow man icon onto the map to see street views, and
- Use “Get Directions” to plan travel route and time by car, bus, walking, or bicycle.

Use this list of GPS coordinates for CruisePort area sites:

- **Black Falcon CruisePort**
  - GPS = N 42 20.634, W 71 01.987

- **Boston Logan Airport**
  - GPS = N 42 22 10.23, W 71 1 12.32

- **Boston Convention and Exhibition Center**
  - GPS = N 42 20 44.49", W 71 2 45.64

- **No Name Restaurant**
  - GPS = N 42 21 0.59, W 71 2 19.33

- **Seaport World Trade Center**
  - GPS = N 42 21 0.08, W 71 3 29.88

- **Boston Tea Party Ship & Museum**
  - GPS = N 42 21 8.29, W 71 3 4.29
  - Adult admission = $ 25

- **South Station Bus Terminal**
  - GPS = N 42 21 0.65, W 71 3 20.71

To illustrate the use of Google “Get Directions” to plot bus routes, I entered GPS coordinates for the CruisePort and Logan Airport. Then I clicked on the “bus” icon to create the map on the next page.
Google “Get Directions” Bus Route Map from the CruisePort to Boston Airport

The [http://www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com) website shows this route is 29 minutes at a cost of $2.50 regular fare or $1.00 senior fare.

Enlarge this map to see more detail.
Using Public Transit to Explore Boston from the Cruise Port

Boston has an excellent public transit system. It is low cost and goes everywhere. The Silver Line SL2 bus line circles the cruise terminal (map below).

See [http://www.mbta.com/](http://www.mbta.com/) for public transit maps, schedules, pricing, etc.

The key landmark for the cruise port is “Boston Design Center.” I searched the [http://www.mbta.com/](http://www.mbta.com/) website for the route from the Boston Design Center to Faneuil Hall. The cost is $2.00 regular fare, $0.75 for seniors. Travel time involves walking 7 minutes from the Boston Design Center to Summer St & Dry Dock Ave, riding a bus for 11 minutes, and walking 8 minutes from Franklin St. & Devonshire St. to Faneuil Hall.

Getting from the cruise ship to center city, Faneuil Hall

GPS = N 42 21 36.52, W 71 3 21.58

A Long Walk:
It's a 2-mile, 40-minute walk from the cruise ship dock to center city, Faneuil Hall. That's too far for me.

Public Transit Is Excellent, Goes Everywhere, and Is Cheap:
There are many bus stops near the cruise dock. Enter GPS coordinates for the cruise dock and Faneuil Hall into “Get Directions” and click on the bus icon. Alternatively, use the [http://www.mbta.com/](http://www.mbta.com/) website with “Boston Design Center” as starting point and “Faneuil Hall” as the end point. It's a 15-30 minute trip, depending on time of day. Regular fare is $2; senior fare is $0.75. Plan your travel to get back to the ship on time.

Cruise Ship Shuttle:
We took the ship's shuttle from the cruise dock to Faneuil Hall for $15/person round-trip. We didn't have to worry about heavy traffic or crowded buses in the afternoon and the ship would not leave without us.

Old Town Trolley Tours is the only trolley company with a stop at the cruise dock when ships are in port.
Getting the trolley at the port is confusing. Please read this section carefully and check the website listed above. **Some cruise ships sell tickets for Old Town Trolley Tours at the ship's excursion desk.** If you buy a ticket from your ship, the tour is only a 1.5 hour drive through the city with NO stops. I don't know why anyone would limit their tour of Boston to a non-stop, narrated drive through the city. Boston is a wonderful city!!
If you buy your ticket directly from Old Town Trolley Tours, you have a full day of HopOn, HopOff use of the trolley with 19 stops in Boston. Unfortunately, you cannot buy a ticket directly from Old Town Trolley Tours at the cruise port. You have to buy the trolley ticket online and won't get a refund if your plans change.

To summarize this confusing situation:
• The only place you can purchase a trolley ticket at the cruise port is at the ship's excursion desk. Your ship may offer the 1.5 hour, non-stop trolley tour as an excursion. Our ship did not offer this tour.
• If you buy a trolley ticket online, you cannot return the ticket for a refund.
• If you want the flexibility to purchase a full-day, HOHO trolley ticket when your ship arrives in port, you have to go into Boston's center city to purchase the ticket.

Tips on Selecting a Trolley Tour

Time in port is limited. Throughout this guide, I have listed many popular tourist sites with information on GPS location and weblinks to help you research tours of museums, ball parks, etc., to plan your day in Boston. Prioritize the tourist sites you wish to visit and select the trolley tour company that best meets your needs.

Trolley companies offer:
• Different “promotional packages,” at great prices, combining the trolley tour with admission to museums, sports centers, tourist sites, harbor cruises, etc. Find the best package for your interests.
• Trolleys have different routes and number of stops. Download the route maps listed below. You can purchase a ticket online at a discounted price, but the ticket is non-refundable. I prefer to research the trolley tours before my cruise and buy the tickets in Boston. Check the websites, or call the trolley company, to determine where you can buy tickets for the trolley tour your want.

Three trolley tour companies are rated 4.5 out of 5.0 by TripAdvisor:

Old Town Trolley Tours  
website = http://www.trolleytours.com/boston/  
Download the route map from http://www.trolleytours.com/boston/images/boston-mass-map1.pdf

Boston Upper Deck Trolley Tours  
website = http://bostonsupertours.com/  

CityView Trolley Tours  
website = http://www.cityviewtrolleys.com/boston/  
Download the route map from http://www.cityviewtrolleys.com/boston/Boston_PDF/BostonMap.pdf

For our needs, CityView Trolley Tours was the best choice. We bought tickets for $ 35/person near Faneuil Hall in October 2012. I wanted this tour “package” because it included a free harbor tour, an $ 18 value. Another issue was the seats on the trolley. “Authentic” trolley seats are wood slat. I find wood slat seats very uncomfortable. CityView has padding on both the bottom and back of the seats.

Harbor Cruise Tours

I highly recommend a harbor cruise tour. The price is ~ $18, but it was free with our trolley tour. Tour boats are big with room to walk around. It is a relaxing tour.

Views of the city are unobstructed from the back and upper deck of the boat. If you're a photographer, you'll love it. I had great views of the city and the USS Constitution. You can't take these photos from the land side because you can't get back far enough to frame the photo and there is always something in your way.

The harbor tour lasts ~ 40 minutes. It originates at Long Wharf near the Marriott Hotel, across the street from the Faneuil Hall area. The boat stops next to the USS Constitution allowing passengers to get on/off. Then it heads toward the Boston Fish Pier area before turning around to dock at Long Wharf. This route gives you the full, panoramic view of the city skyline.
Tourist Sites in the Faneuil Hall – Quincy Market Area

Enlarge this map to see more detail

Faneuil Hall – Quincy Market is one of the most important areas to visit in Boston. The cruise ship shuttle bus drops you off as indicated. Caution – your ship might use another drop-off location. Take a photo when you get off the bus so you can find your bus stop later.

You can buy trolley tour tickets as shown in the map above. Harbor Cruises depart from Long Wharf near the Marriott Hotel. New England Aquarium (sometimes called “Boston Aquarium”) is on Central Wharf.

We always stop for lunch at Durgin-Park restaurant. There are a gazillion restaurants and a hundred stores. It's a wonderful, colorful, and festive area to spend part of, or a full day. The site of the Boston Massacre is next to the Old State House. The Old City Hall Grounds and Old South Meeting House are only a short walk.
I have listed GPS coordinates below for the Faneuil Hall – Quincy Market area sites.

Shuttle bus drop off for Faneuil Hall  GPS =  N 42 21 39.54, W 71 3 14.49
I take a photo of the stop area for the shuttle and trolley, so I will not have difficulty finding that location later.

Faneuil Hall & Quincy Market  GPS =  N 42 21 36.52, W 71 3 21.58
website =  http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com/

Faneuil Hall - Quincy Market is a MUST-Visit area. You could spend all day there.
There are shops, restaurants, street theater, and regular events. Quincy Market is in front of Faneuil Hall as shown in the photo at left below. There is a tourist information center in Faneuil Hall. Photo of Durgin-Park at right below.
Faneuil Marketplace Restaurants
Al Mercatino
Ames Plow Tavern
Anthem Kitchen + Bar
Aris Barbeque
Bagelville We get a round.
Bangkok Express
Berry Twist
Boston and Maine Fish Co
Boston Café
Boston Chipyard
Boston Chowda Head ovah heaya.
Boston Kitchen
Boston Pretzel
Boston Pretzel & Lemonade
Carol Ann’s Bake Shop
Cheers
Dick’s Last Resort
The Dog House
Durnig Park Restaurant, Oyster Bar
El Paso Enchiladas
Fisherman’s Net
Gourmet India
The Green Organic Bowl
Jen Lai Rice & Noodle Co.
Joey’s Gelateria
Kilvert and Forbes
La Pastaria
McCormick & Schmick’s
Megumi
Mija Cantina & Tequila Bar
MMMac N’ Cheese
The Monkey Bar
Ned Devine’s Irish Pub
New York Deli
North End Bakery
Parris
Philadelphia Steak & Hoagie
Piccolo Panini
Pizzeria Regina
The Prime Shoppe
Quincy’s Place Food, Ice Cream & Candy
Salty Dog Seafood Grill & Bar
Sprinkles Ice Cream
Starbucks
Steve’s Greek Cuisine
Ueno Sushi
Wagamama
Walrus and the Carpenter
West End Strollers
Wicked Good Cupcakes
Zuma’s Tex Mex Cafe

Faneuil Marketplace Stores
A Hat For Every Head
Ann Taylor
ArtsBoston’s BosTix Booth
Belt Stop
Best Gift Idea Ever
Best of Boston
Boston Campus Gear
Boston Harley Davidson
Boston Logos
Boston Pewter Company
Boston Pretzel & Lemonade
Boston Tote
Boxers To Go
Build-A-Bear Workshop®
Camera Center
Cheers
Cheers Gift Shop
Christmas in Boston
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Coach
Crabtree & Evelyn
Declaration
Destination Boston
Every Bead of My Heart
Funusual
Gateway News
Geoclassics
Godiva Chocolatier
Irish Eyes
Just Zip It Boston
L’Attitude Boston Boutique
Life Is a Highway
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Local Charm
Lucky Décor
Lucy’s League
Magnetic Chef
Merry Trading Company
Michal Negrin
Musically Yours
Newbury Comics
Nine West
Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston
Orient Express
Origins
Pajama Party
Retail & Office Leasing
RevoluotionalBoston® Museum Store
RevoluotionalBoston® Visitor Info Center
Samsonite
Sea Boston USA
Silver Star
Sock It To Me Boston
The Stone Flower
Stuck on Stick Pins
Sunglass Hut & Watch Station
Super Duck Tours
Teeny Billboards
Urban Outfitters
Victoria’s Secret
Wicked Good Cupcakes
Yankee Candle Company

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Durgin Park Restaurant  GPS =  N 42 21 38.00, W 71 3 18.57
It's been in business for 180 years featuring “Yankee Fare”. The beef and chowder are great.

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Old State House & Boston Massacre site
GPS =  N 42 21 31.57, W 71 3 26.48
(photograph right)

The Old State House is the oldest surviving public building in Boston. It was built in 1713 to house the government offices of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. It stands on the site of Boston's first Town House of 1657-8, which burned in 1711. The Old State House was a natural meeting place for the exchange of economic and local news. A Merchant’s Exchange occupied the first floor, and the basement was rented by John Hancock and others for warehouse space. As the center of political life and thought in the colonies, the Old State House has been called one of the most important public buildings in Colonial America.

website = http://www.bostonhistory.org/?s=ossh&p=visit
Adult admission = $ 7.

Old South Meeting House  GPS =  N 42 21 25.34, W 71 3 30.74

From the meeting of more than 5,000 colonists on December 16, 1773, which started the Boston Tea Party, to the present, the Old South Meeting House has been an important gathering place for nearly three centuries. Renowned for the protest meetings held here before the American Revolution, this National Historic Landmark has long served as a platform for the free expression of ideas. Today, the Old South Meeting House is open daily as a museum and continues to provide a place for people to meet, discuss and act on important issues of the day. The stories of the men and women who are part of Old South’s vital heritage reveal why the Old South Meeting House occupies an enduring place in the history of the United States.
Old City Hall grounds  GPS =  N 42 21 27.82, W 71 3 34.57
It's a beautiful historic building transformed into offices and a restaurant. There are statues of Benjamin Franklin and Josiah Quincy in the courtyard. This location is also the “First Public School Site”. For the history of the site, see http://www.oldcityhall.com/history.html

Stops for trolleys, the aquarium, and harbor tours are across the street from Faneuil Hall

Old Town Trolley Tours  GPS =  N 42 21 35.81, W 71 3 6.22  (buy tickets at this location)
Cityview Trolley Tours  GPS =  N 42 21 34.72, W 71 3 6.37  (buy tickets at this location)
New England Aquarium  GPS =  N 42 21 32.87, W 71 2 58.79

Boats for Harbor Tour  GPS =  N 42 21 35.45, W 71 2 59.29
Our Cityview Trolley tour included a free harbor tour. The harbor tour is about 40 minutes on a big boat with open aft and upper decks for unrestricted photos. The boat docked for a few minutes at the naval yard. The harbor tour gives you a different perspective for photos – Bunker Hill and “Old Ironsides” (photo below).

She was nicknamed “Old Ironsides” because cannon balls bounced off her 21-inch thick oak hull.
The harbor tour allows you to see the area from different angles. I photographed the USS Constitution from three sides and selected the photo I liked best based on location of the Bunker Hill Monument in the background. A 10x zoom is more than adequate.

You'll have great views of the Old North Church steeple above the buildings, the Leonard P. Zakim bridge, and the Boston skyline. The boat moves slowly so you have a lot of time to frame your pictures.

Leonard P. Zakim bridge (photo left)
Boston skyline (photo below)

The Paul Revere House to Bunker Hill Monument Area
Use this list of GPS coordinates for the tourist sites in this area:

Paul Revere House  GPS =  N 42 21 49.42, W 71 3 12.84
  website =  http://www.paulreverehouse.org/about/
On the night of April 18, 1775, silversmith Paul Revere left his small wooden home in Boston's 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.

The Freedom Trail Adult Ticket is $ 13. It includes admission to the Old South Meeting House, the Paul Revere House, and the Old State House.

TD Garden The Goal  GPS =  N 42 21 54.60, W 71 3 43.93
  website =  http://www.tdgdarden.com/
The arena hosts NHL's Boston Bruins, NBA's Boston Celtics, and world-renowned concerts, sporting events, family shows, wrestling, ice shows and so much more. It's home to approximately 200 public events annually. It is located near North Station, a major public transit station.
“The Goal” statue (photo at right) honors Bobby Orr’s game-winning goal in 1970. In overtime, “the Goal” clinched the Stanley Cup win over the St. Louis Blues. The Bruins organization placed a bronze statue outside TD Garden to forever commemorate the iconic event in Boston’s sports history by Hall of Fame defenseman Bobby Orr.

Paul Revere Statue & Mall      GPS = N 42 21 55.58, W 71 3 10.81
Old North Church             GPS = N 42 21 59.37, W 71 3 16.78
Copp’s Hill Burying Ground GPS = N 42 22 1.12, W 71 3 22.15
Leonard P. Zakim Bridge GPS = N 42 22 6.68, W 71 3 46.23
USS Constitution            GPS = N 42 22 21.76, W 71 3 28.78
Bunker Hill Monument Park GPS = N 42 22 34.91, W 71 3 38.53

Tourist Sites in the Paul Revere House to Bunker Hill Monument Area

For reference, I've shown the location of the Harbor Cruises and Cruise Ship Shuttle Bus Stop on this map.
Paul Revere Statue & Mall  GPS = N 42 21 55.58, W 71 3 10.81  
website = http://www.paul-revere-heritage.com/landmarks-monument.html

This is the most photographed statue in Boston. (Photo Right) It's next to the Old North Church.

Old North Church  GPS = N 42 21 59.37, W 71 3 16.78  
website = http://oldnorth.com/site/

“One if by land, two if by sea” was to signal the route of British troops toward Concord. It was a backup signal to Patriots across the river in Charlestown, in the event Paul Revere was unable to reach Charlestown to begin his ride.

The Old North Church is not a publicly funded landmark; we suggest a voluntary donation of at least $1 per person for dropping in. Visitors are seated in box pews to hear a brief 7–10 minute presentation by our staff Guides. (Photo above left). Note: the sign in the church suggests a minimum donation of $3/person.

Behind the Scenes 30 minute guided tour ($5 adult price) includes:

- **The Bell Ringing Chamber:** Climb the stairs of the Old North steeple to the room where the teen-aged Paul Revere worked as a bell ringer. Explore the history and architecture of the steeple, which has been toppled twice by hurricanes in its 270 year-old history. Listen and learn about the workings of the oldest set of change bells in North America.

- **The Crypt:** Walk amongst the 37 tombs constructed below the floors of the Old North between 1732 and 1860. Learn about the construction of the tombs, view artifacts found in the crypt, and hear the history of those buried there including the Church’s first rector and soldiers killed during the Battle of Bunker Hill and Breed’s Hill.

Copps Hill Burying Ground  GPS = N 42 22 1.12, W 71 3 22.15  
website = http://www.celebrateboston.com/sites/copps-hill-burying-ground.htm  
website = http://www.hmdb.org/Marker.asp?Marker=18898

Copps Hill Burying Ground was founded in 1659 as Windmill Hill. It was later renamed after William Copp who owned the land. Thousands of artisans, craftspeople, and merchants are buried on the Hill. Additionally, thousands of African Americans who lived in the "New Guinea" community at the base of Copp's Hill are buried in unmarked graves on the Snowhill Street side.

USS Constitution  GPS = N 42 22 21.76, W 71 3 28.78
For background on the nickname “Old Ironsides”, see http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/oldironsides.htm

Entrance to the ship is free. It’s a fairly steep ramp up to the deck. The ladders below deck are VERY steep.

"Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes!" This legendary order has come to symbolize the conviction and determination of the ill-equipped American colonists facing powerful British forces during the famous battle fought on this site on June 17, 1775. The battle is popularly known as "The Battle of Bunker Hill" although most of the fighting actually took place on Breed's Hill, the site of the existing monument and exhibit lodge. Today, a 221-foot granite obelisk marks the site of the first major battle of the American Revolution.

Please Note:
From April 8 through June 30 of 2013, due to high visitation and safe occupancy requirements, all visitors who wish to climb the Bunker Hill Monument must first obtain a free climbing pass from the Bunker Hill Museum at 43 Monument Square. Climbing passes are limited and issued on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please call 617-242-7275.
South Station Bus Terminal  GPS =  N 42 21 0.65, W 71 3 20.71 is shown on the map for reference. It is 1.4 miles northwest of the cruise ship dock.

Faneuil Hall  GPS =  N 42 21 36.52, W 71 3 21.58 is also shown for reference.

Cheers  GPS =  N 42 21 20.48, W 71 4 16.17  This is the bar used in the famous TV show.
Boston Common

Boston Common is ~ 50 acres. It's the oldest park in the country, and it has an interesting history. Many years ago, cattle grazed in the area. Public hangings were held here. The British troops camped here before marching to Lexington and Concord.

Today, Boston Common is a beautiful park and the starting point for the Freedom Trail.

There are sixteen historic sites on the Freedom Trail.

A red brick, or painted line, connects the sites on the Trail. Take a self-guided tour or join a tour at the Boston Common Visitors Center at 148 Tremont Street or the Bostix Booth located at Faneuil Hall. If you prefer to ride, take a trolley, an unofficial guided tour. You'll need to disembark the trolley to see many of the historic sites. To find out more about guided tours, contact the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

See http://www.cityofboston.gov/freedomtrail/

1. Boston Common Visitor Center  
   GPS = N 42 21 19.20, W 71 3 48.96

2. Massachusetts State House  
   GPS = N 42 21 28.99, W 71 3 49.19

3. Park Street Church  
   GPS = N 42 21 23.25, W 71 3 43.76

4. Granary Burying Ground  
   GPS = N 42 21 26.10, W 71 3 40.87
   Granary Burying Ground is next to Park Street Church

5. King's Chapel and Burying Ground  
   GPS = N 42 21 28.75, W 71 3 36.02

6. First Public School Site and Ben Franklin Statue  
   GPS = N 42 21 28.21, W 71 3 35.00
   NOTE: This is the same location as the "Old City Hall grounds"

7. Former Site of the Old Corner Bookstore  
   GPS = N 42 21 26.62, W 71 3 29.69
   NOTE: This site is currently a jewelry store; there is nothing to see or photograph

8. Old South Meeting House  
   GPS = N 42 21 25.34, W 71 3 30.74

9. Old State House  
   GPS = N 42 21 31.57, W 71 3 26.48

10. Boston Massacre Site  
    GPS = N 42 21 31.70, W 71 3 26.04
    NOTE: The “Boston Massacre Site” is a bronze plaque in the sidewalk next to the “Old State House"

11. Faneuil Hall  
    GPS = N 42 21 36.52, W 71 3 21.58

12. Paul Revere House  
    GPS = N 42 21 49.42, W 71 3 12.84

13. Old North Church  
    GPS = N 42 21 59.37, W 71 3 16.78

14. Copp's Hill Burying Ground  
    GPS = N 42 22 1.12, W 71 3 22.15

15. USS Constitution and Charlestown Navy Yard  
    GPS = N 42 22 21.76, W 71 3 28.78

16. Bunker Hill Monument  
    GPS = N 42 22 34.91, W 71 3 38.53

If possible, stop at the Visitor Center at Boston Common or Faneuil Hall to get the latest, timely advice on the Freedom Trail and to purchase admission tickets to the sites.

Massachusetts State House  GPS = N 42 21 28.99, W 71 3 49.19  
website = http://www.malegislature.gov/Engage/StateHouseTours

The Massachusetts State House, designed by Charles Bulfinch, the leading architect of his time, is a grand repository of history as well as an architectural treasure. With a cornerstone laid by Samuel Adams in 1795, and a dome coppered by Paul Revere in 1802, its marble-floored corridors and spacious ceremonial rooms are filled with works of art depicting our state's unique heritage. We welcome you to visit the State House online or in person. Tours last 45 minutes and are free.

Park Street Church is at the northeast corner of Boston Common  GPS = N 42 21 23.25, W 71 3 43.76  
website = http://www.parkstreet.org/

With a steeple over 200 feet high, Park Street Church is a distinctive landmark dating back to the early 1800s. It's next to the Granary Burying Ground.

Granary Burying Ground  GPS = N 42 21 26.10, W 71 3 40.87

Each grave contains at least 20 bodies. Three signers of the Declaration of Independence are buried here; namely, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, and Robert Treat Paine.
King's Chapel and Burying Ground  GPS = N 42 21 28.75, W 71 3 36.02
website = http://www.celebrateboston.com/sites/kings-chapel.htm

King's Chapel was the first Episcopal Church in New England. It is a quaint and interesting place. The interior, with its high old-fashioned pews, its tall pulpit and sounding board, its massive pillars, and stained-glass windows, is remarkably historic. The burial ground is the oldest in the city.

Below is a section of the Freedom Trail Map. Enlarge this map 200% to see more detail. Download the full map from this link  http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/pdfs/boston-nps-map.pdf
It is 4 miles from Copley Square to Harvard University.

Copley Square, Trinity Church  GPS = N 42 20 58.91, W 71 4 33.74
See these websites for gorgeous photos of Copley Square
http://friendsofcoplesqure.org/tour.htm
http://www.aviewoncities.com/boston/coplesqure.htm
http://www.greatbuildings.com/buildings/Trinity_Church.html

Copley Square is an architectural delight with an impressive mix of historic and new buildings.
- Trinity Church was constructed in 1877. It features a red clay roof, arches, and a tall tower.
- Boston Public Library has an Italian-style facade. It was opened in 1895.
- There are three John Hancock buildings; namely, the old Hancock building 26-stories, a 60-story glass skyscraper, and the Stephen L. Brown building.

Photo of Trinity Church (at right)
Fenway Park  GPS =  N 42 20 47.97, W 71 5 49.95
Fenway Park Tours
see  http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/tour.jsp
If you're a baseball fan, you might want to visit Fenway Park.

Harvard University  GPS =  N 42 22 25.56, W 71 7 7.86
Harvard is across the Charles River in Cambridge. Some of the cruise ship excursions stop here for a 40-minute walk through the area with the guide. We weren't interested in walking through the campus. We stopped for a beer and some finger food at John Harvard's Brew House. It's a great place to visit.

John Harvard's Brew House  GPS =  N 42 22 20.96, W 71 7 9.34
see  https://www.johnharvards.com/locations/cambridge-ma

Self-Guided vs Ship's Excursion Tours of Boston
My goal is to describe tourist sites and travel options to help you plan your shore excursion for your priorities. I am not trying to convince you what to do. I'm just describing what we did.

Boston is ideal for self-guided touring:
• Boston is an amazing, beautiful, clean city with many things to see and do.
• The city government, non-profit organizations, and businesses have worked together to create and disseminate excellent maps and descriptions of tourist sites via visitor centers and websites. They have also marked walking pathways and provided guided trolley and harbor tours to help the visitor find his way around. In addition, the public transit system is excellent, goes everywhere, and is inexpensive.
• I use Faneuil Hall as my base for exploring the city. I visit the information center and check promotional packages from the trolley companies to decide whether I will use trolleys, harbor cruises, public transit, walking, etc. to visit tourist sites of interest. There are very few hills in Boston; it is easy to walk.
• I don't need the ship's excursion tour or a guide in Boston. Trolley and harbor tours have guides to explain the sites. And many sites have free guides or a guided tour is included in the admission.

I recommend a guided-tour for Lexington and Concord.
Unless you know history in detail, you'll need a guide. You are traveling a long distance from the ship and need someone to point out the historic sites. When you walk the battlefields, you'll want a guide to explain what happened and stop at key landmarks to tell the story.

We've taken two ship's excursion tours to Lexington and Concord. They were very good, but the guide on one tour was much better than on the other.

The ship's tour began with a drive through Boston with stops at Copley Square, Faneuil Hall, TD Garden, and the Old North Church. On the way back to the ship, we stopped at Harvard University for a walking tour.

See this link for an introduction to American Revolution. In a few minutes, it will orient you to the location of battles  http://www.revolutionarywaranimated.com/LexingtonAnimation.html
The ship's excursion has a guide to narrate the entire tour. The bus slows down, and the guide points out buildings and landmarks along the route. The bus parks at Lexington Green so you can walk with the guide to hear the story. Lexington is a very attractive area with well-maintained, historic buildings. The Visitor Center has a diorama of the battlefield. There are also clean toilets.

The bus drives slowly from Lexington to Meriam's Corner as the guide points out where the troops were. Then the bus parks in Concord so you can walk with the guide along the Old North Bridge area. There are toilets next to the parking lot.

On the way back to the city, the guide points out Walden Pond, a 100-foot deep, 61-acre lake, formed by glaciers in Concord. It is the setting for the satirical book, “Walden- Life in the Woods” by Henry David Thoreau published in 1854. **Walden Pond**  
GPS = N 42 26 24.69, W 71 20 4.62

The website for Lexington is [http://www.libertyride.us/historic.html](http://www.libertyride.us/historic.html)

**Lexington Green**
- Minuteman Statue  
  GPS = N 42 26 56.08, W 71 13 48.39
- Revolutionary Monument  
  GPS = N 42 26 58.33, W 71 13 52.52
- Buckman Tavern  
  GPS = N 42 26 57.20, W 71 13 46.84
- Visitor Center  
  GPS = N 42 26 56.66, W 71 13 44.22

For more guides, see [www.TomsPortGuides.com](http://www.TomsPortGuides.com)
Lexington Green

The map above shows the Visitor Center, two monuments, the minuteman statue and the Buckman Tavern, a meeting place for the Militia.

This is a very attractive historic area to visit. Please be careful when crossing the street; there's a lot of traffic.

Captain Parker's message to the Militia
Lexington Green

Minuteman Statue
Revolutionary Monument

Sacred to Liberty & the Rights of mankind!!!  
The Freedom & Independence of America,  
Sealed & defended with the blood of her sons.  

This Monument is erected  
By the inhabitants of Lexington,  
Under the patronage, & at the expense of  
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,  
To the memory of their Fellow Citizens,  
Ensign Robert Munroe, Mess. Jonas Parker,  
Samuel Hadley, Jonathan Harrington, Jan.  
Isaac Muzzy, Caleb Harrington and John Brown  
Of Lexington, & Abiel Porter of Woburn,  
Who fell on this field, the first Victims to the  
Sword of British Tyranny & Oppression.  
On the morning of the ever memorable  
Nineteenth of April, An. Dom. 1775.  
The Die was cast!!!  
The Blood of these Martyrs,  
In the cause of God & their Country,  
Was the Cement of the Union of these States, then  
Colonies; & gave the spring to the spirit, Firmness  
And resolution of their Fellow Citizens.  
They rose as one man, to revenge their brethren’s  
Blood and at the point of the sword to assert &  
Defend their native Rights.  
They nobly dar’ed to be free!!  
The contest was long, bloody & affecting  
Righteous Heaven approved the solemn appeal  
Victory crowned their arms; and  
The Peace, Liberty & Independence of the United  
States of America, was their glorious Reward.  

 Built in the year 1799.
Lexington Visitor Center

Be sure to visit the Visitor Center to view the displays (photo below)

There are several tours of the Lexington-Concord area. Some of them originate or stop at the Visitor Center. We wanted the convenience of stepping onto a tour bus next our ship. We enjoyed the ship's excursion tour.

We took the same ship's tour in May and October (different years) so we had the advantage of seeing trees in bloom in the spring and the fall color of the leaves. This is a beautiful area any time of the year. The homes are well-maintained and the scenery is attractive.
It is 7.2 miles from Lexington Green to the North Bridge. As the tour bus drove along Minute Man National Historical Park, the guide told the story of the battles. There is not much to see from the bus.

Meriam’s Corner     John Meriam House     GPS = N 42 27 36.14, W 71 19 25.76

Meriam House (Bing.com birdseye photo at right) is where Colonial militia began a running skirmish, which continued to Boston. The British encountered heavy, unrelenting fire from hundreds of militiamen. British soldiers fell at every hill or curve where the Americans had position. After the column had passed one spot, the militiamen would cut across country and be ready for them farther up the road. **Yeah for our side.**

See the Minuteman National Park website = [http://www.nps.gov/mima/planyourvisit/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mima/planyourvisit/index.htm)

**Location of tourist sites**

- Old North Bridge Parking Lot      GPS = N 42 28 10.26, W 71 20 55.14
- Old North Bridge                 GPS = N 42 28 8.67, W 71 21 1.62
- Minuteman Monument across Old North Bridge     GPS = N 42 28 8.07, W 71 21 4.69

**Download this map from** [http://www.nps.gov/mima/planyourvisit/brochures.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mima/planyourvisit/brochures.htm)

This is a high resolution map. Enlarge it to see more detail.
Our tour bus parked in the lot. We walked with the guide to the monument and British Graves Monument. Our guide explained the site. We crossed the bridge and stopped at the Minuteman Monument. Then we returned to the bus. We did not go to the North Bridge Visitor Center shown in the map above.

Please be careful crossing Monument St. There is a lot of traffic.
North Bridge Monument

Marker - Graves of British (located near the monument shown in the photo above)
North Bridge

Minuteman Statue

Walk from Parking Lot to North Bridge

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