



Activities in Boston

The Lincoln Institute will offer a group social activity (museum tour or walking tour) on Thursday, October 31st as indicated on the registration form. If you do not wish to participate in either of the selected group activities, below is a list of alternative suggestions for things to do in the Boston area.

1. Massachusetts State House at 3:30 PM (free)

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.

2. Old State House

Old State House Tour

The Old State House was the political center of Revolutionary Boston and the first sparks of the American Revolution took place in or near this amazing building. Experience the power of the revolutionary ideas that were debated here and discover how the passionate voices of John Hancock, Samuel Adams, James Otis and others rang out from these halls and changed American history forever.

Boston Massacre Tour

Explore the actual site of the Boston Massacre and discover what really happened on that cold March night in 1770, when an angry crowd surrounded British troops in front of the Old State House. In the end, five Bostonians were killed and The Bloody Massacre on King Street became the most infamous story in Revolutionary America.

Adults \$12.00
Seniors (62+) \$10.00

3. Old South Meeting House

Stand in the very place where the Boston Tea Party was launched in 1773. This extraordinary 1729 Puritan Meeting House is one of the nation's most important colonial National Historic Landmarks.

Voices of Protest Exhibit: Discover compelling people who made a difference at Old South Meeting House and the history of protest and free speech that continues to this day. See tea leaves and a tea crate label from the Boston Tea Party, a popular 3-D model of colonial Boston that is over 100 years old, John Hancock's portable writing desk, a statue of enslaved poet Phillis Wheatley and her first-edition 1773 book - and more.

Adults: \$6
Seniors (62+): \$5

4. Skywalk Observatory and Dreams of Freedom Museum

On a clear day, you can see up to 100 miles away—a great way to get acquainted with this lovely city. Visitors gain a bird's eye view of Boston's Hancock Tower, Fenway Park, the Boston Common and Public Garden, the Esplanade and Hatch Shell, the Charles River, MIT, Harvard University, and countless other Boston landmarks.

Dreams of Freedom Museum

The exhibit celebrates the important role that immigration has played in shaping this unique city. Boston is one of the world's most culturally diverse cities, with one out of every three residents born abroad, and a population that speaks more than 140 different languages.

Multimedia Movie Theater

Conclude your tour of the Skywalk Observatory by enjoying our state-of-the-art movie theater, which continually runs two short films: "Wings Over Boston," an up-close feel of the entire city, and "Dreams of Freedom," a multimedia journey through time.

Adults: \$20

Seniors (62 and older):16

Price includes Audio Tour, Dreams of Freedom Museum and the Multimedia Movie Theater

5. Massachusetts Historical Society

Founded in 1791, the Massachusetts Historical Society is an invaluable resource for American history, life, and culture. Its extraordinary collections tell the story of America through millions of rare and unique documents, artifacts, and irreplaceable national treasures.

The MHS collections are particularly well-known for extensive holdings of personal papers from three presidents: John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and Thomas Jefferson. The collections contain many famous documents including Paul Revere's own account of his famous ride and Abigail Adams's famous "Remember the Ladies" letter to John Adams, where she advocates for the rights of women to be included in the founding of the United States. In addition, the MHS holds several imprints of the Declaration of Independence, and Thomas Jefferson's architectural drawings, among many other treasures.

6. The Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library

The Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center at the Boston Public Library, created in 2004, is a nonprofit organization established as a public-private partnership between the Library and philanthropist Norman Leventhal. Its mission is to use the collection of 200,000 maps and 5,000 atlases for the enjoyment and education of all through exhibitions, educational programs, and a website that includes more than 7,700 digitized maps at leventhalmap.org. The map collection is global in scope, dating from the 15th century to the present, with a particular strength in maps and atlases from the New England region, American Revolutionary War period, nautical charts, and world urban centers.