

Visit Boston – 5 Things You Will Love and Hate About Boston, USA

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Hey there fellow travelers, Mark here with Wolter's World, and today we're in Boston.

I've been in love with this town for 20 years, I'm so glad to be back to make our video.

So today we have for you ~~are~~ the five things you're going to love and yes and ~~a bit of a hummer and~~ [five things you'll] hate about visiting Boston.

So let's get started. The first thing you're not going to like about coming to Boston, it's kind of the fake replica, ripoff kind of things that happen here.

Probably the biggest thing you're going to notice is when you go to places like Quincy Market, and you know Fanueil Hall, and things like that, you go there and you're like, oh, man, look at this historic building, it's going to be great!

I'm going to go inside, have historic food or other things like that and you walk into, like, Quincy Market and you're like, oh, I'm walking into a food court from my local mall.

Oh and look! There's a replica bar of Cheers there.

Okay, well, the Boston Tea Party, I'm going to see boats which are replicas.

And there's some kind, this replica kind of thing, that gets a little bit overplayed you know.

Oh, the best clam chowder in Boston and things like that and it does get a bit frustrating when you are here.

That's why I ~~kind of it the~~ [say it is the] first thing [that will bother you]. ~~as you know~~

The second thing you're not gonna like when you come here is, look if you come here in the winter, I'm not going to lie to you, the winter weather is horrible.

The rest of the year, man, fall is fantastic, summers nice, springs beautiful, all this stuff.

But when you come in winter it's cold, it's windy, and when it snows, it doesn't snow a little bit, it snows a lot.

Okay, and when you're trying to get around town and all the stuff like that, it is just bitterly cold, so try to avoid coming here you know, December, January, February, early March, ~~these kind of~~ [that time of year], ~~things~~, because the winter weather is horrible.

Now the third thing you're not going to like ~~about~~ when you come here is driving and parking.

Look, this is a historic city, it's been around for hundreds of years, they did not put in a grid system, you know, four hundred years ago.

So you have all these windy roads and one-way roads, this way and that way, in this way, and that way, and it is super confusing if you're not from here.

And even if you have GPS, knowing which way to go can be really tough so you get stuck in traffic and all kinds of stuff and it's really frustrating.

And trying to find parking, now I'm ~~even say anything~~ [not even talking] about affordable parking, that doesn't exist, [just] trying to find parking ~~also~~ is a real pain.

So, that's the third thing you're not going to like.

So what I'd say is, [when] you're going out, take the T, the T is ~~the Chi in the T is there like~~ the local subway ~~and stuff like that~~ or take the bus and you'll be fine.

Okay, but just remember that driving or parking is really crazy.

And that leads us into the fourth thing you're not going to like when you're here is the jaywalking in this town.

I mean seriously, Bostonians take jaywalking to the next level when they jaywalk all the time.

Now they don't, like, walk into traffic and it's not like when you're, like in Naples in Italy where you, like, weave through the traffic as it goes, but people here they go.

I got a spot, so they're just going to go, because you have all these one-way streets and people not knowing which way they're going to go and stuff like that.

So you do see a lot of people jaywalking, so do pay attention to the locals.

But if you're not sure, don't just like walk out [into the street] because, remember, you don't know if this is a one way street or two ways ~~going this way~~.

Or there's a herd of people on the the Freedom Trail that are going to run you over going that way.

But just ~~know is that~~ [look out for] the jaywalkers ~~from~~ when you're driving or when you're ~~there~~ [walking around].

It's a bit, it's a bit messed up, when you are here.

~~with that and~~ The fifth hate you might have when you're here, remember I'm kind of a homer, so it's hard for me to find the hates is, look, there is a lot of cobblestone [streets here].

This is [an] historic city from the [time of the] American Revolution.

You have all these great old [buildings with their great old] architecture and ~~stuff like that and~~ they do have some cobblestones around and things like that.

And since you're going to be walking around a lot when you're here, ~~one~~ your feet are going to hurt.

And with those cobblestones, if you've got bad ankles and things like that, you do need to be careful.

I have seen a few tourists walking around, ~~one~~ you know, with a with a little limp because they

twisted their ankles and stuff like that.

Or a guy ~~over~~[next to you] just bumped into you had flip-flops.

[When that happened to me,] I was like, I think I broke my toe.

My god dude, that's why you don't wear flip-flops when you're here.

Okay, so those are five like little things you might not like when you're here.

But what you are going to love when you're here, let's be honest, Boston is kind of the cradle of US history.

I mean, this place is amazing!

The first thing you're going to love is the historic aspect of Boston walking the Freedom Trail, it's cool.

There's this red brick line like, two bricks next to each other that goes all through the historic center and goes to like 16 different spots along the way.

You can see Paul Revere's house, you can see the, the churches behind me, there's all the famous graveyards where you can see famous people.

Oh, like Sam Adams, he's buried right over there and you have all these famous spots.

Oh, you know what Paul Revere told the guy, hey, you know, put the, put the lamps in the church bell tower, one if by land, two if by sea, that's here.

And you have all this history, it really it is like you're going on an eighth grade history trip, you know.

And it's really cool and that's what I love about this.

You have a really great historical city and they've done a great job of promoting that.

You can get tours and guides, you get the people dressed up in period pieces, you know, people look like me, they looked like Benjamin Franklin, you know, hairy, and long on the sides.

Yes, there's people doing those things and it is so cool to get that kind of historic feel with this city because there's so much to it.

Now the second thing you're going to love, remember I talked about how you can do all that walking?

What's cool is the historic center, like the Revolutionary War part and things like that and that the trail.

It's all really compact, you can easily navigate Boston on foot to go see the major sights.

I just walked from the South Station, did the whole trail, went up to Bunker Hill, all these things, no big deal.

Yes, there's some hills and some cobblestones that [are annoying] ~~kind of sucked~~, but actually it's really navigable.

You can get around the town really easy.

If you want to get farther afield, you can take the T or the buses and get all around really easy.

Driving no, but getting around [by public transportation or walking] is so cool and that's what's nice about [the city].

There's a nice infrastructure that is here for tourists and I do enjoy that but that easy, navigable center [of town that's] easy to walk around, stuff really makes a big difference.

Now the third thing you're going to love about this place is, I know I've talked about all this history and stuff but the third thing you're gonna love is all the non-history stuff you can do when you're here.

Oh, you're tired of reliving 8th grade because you got bullied a lot, well we can do other things when we're here.

Yes, there's aquariums and there's zoos and there's all kinds of things you can do outside and you can go see the USS Constitution and and all this stuff.

But also, there's sports, there's activities, there's museums, man if you can go to Fenway [Park].

You know Fenway [Park] and Wrigley [Field in Chicago], man if you're going to go see baseball in America those are two places you [should] go [to].

Fenway here in Boston, Wrigley in Chicago, it is an experience.

The bleacher bar, look, you don't have to get a ticket [in advance], if you're there when there's a game day, you know, go get a beer, go take a whiz and you can watch the game from the whiz, I mean go to the bathroom, that is so cool, but get to a Red Sox game, that's cool.

If the Red Sox aren't playing, they love their sports here, go see the Bruins and hockey or the Celtics and basketball.

If you get tickets to go to Gillette Stadium and go see, you know, the, the New England Patriots playing, because really, I mean, you know watch me.

The Trinity is, you know, God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Well here it's the three B's, it's Brady, Belichick and Byrd.

Those [players] are kind of the trinity of sports here in, in Boston and so there is a lot of that, you know, a lot of that sports stuff.

With the architecture here too, when you walk around town, you do [see] the historic stuff that's cool, but there's all kinds of new modern architecture, relatively new architecture to see here.

And it's such a great feeling walking on the waterfront and Boston Harbor.

Yes, you see that the Boston Tea Party Museum but also you look and see the views, it's really beautiful here with the architecture.

And then there's the arts, you can go to the Museum of Fine Arts, or the Gardner Museum, there's that.

I mean there's all kinds of really cool new museums around town to take in because this city has a lot of history, had a lot of money and so there's a lot of really good museums to enjoy.

So it's not just history, there's also art, architecture and sports to enjoy when you're here.

Now the fourth thing that I've really liked about coming to Boston is it is pretty safe.

I mean for a big US city this is probably one of the safest big US cities around.

We've been walking around and enjoying the sites, I've never worried about my wallet, I've never worried about anything where I've gone.

Yes, there's some bad parts of Boston, okay, I'm not going to say it's safe everywhere, but for tourists these easy walking around places you're going to, it does feel safe.

And it is safe, except for like, breaking your ankles on cobblestones, it is a really safe city, which is really great.

So you can take the T to go see places and you're not worried, oh, do I need to ~~make~~ pretend, like, I don't exist so they don't see me when I'm on the T and stuff like that, you know.

And it's really cool taking the Green line, you're on, like, whoa, whoa there.

But that's one of my favorite memories, the first time I came here, is like getting whiplash on the, on the Green Line.

And there's all kinds of really cool stuff here, but it's safe and the thing is they have this great infrastructure here, it really makes it a nice thing to do so that's why I really recommend coming here.

Now the fifth thing you're in love when you come here is, you know, I always like to talk about the food but actually Boston does have a really good history and New England has a really good history of great food and yes you will have the seafood when you're here.

Go try one of the oyster bars around town.

Eat there, you know the Parker House rolls are from here, there's the Omni Parker House Hotel.

You could stay there and get the rolls and you know there's all kinds of great food here.

Yes, you know there's the clam chowder and everyone claims they have the best clam chowder in Boston.

Look, wherever you are, at least have it, try it.

There's bakeries all around town.

The North End with all the Italian families and history there.

Yes, you go to Mike's, Mike's pastry shop there, go have your cannoli there, which, which I did, it's super touristy but it's really good.

It's tasty, it's tourist tasty.

There's lots of places there that have that and you can go around to different neighborhoods and have different kinds of food and it is really good.

Yes, you can have a Boston cream pie.

Yes, you can drink, you know, Sam Adams beer which is from around here.

But there's a lot of locally produced beers in New England you could enjoy here.

There are tons of bars, yes, there is the Cheers bar you could go to, which is fine.

Now don't get me wrong, I mean, hey, if you want do that, it's got beer.

But there are a lot of really cool places you can go out to and enjoy and explore out there and that's what's really cool.

So you can really explore and enjoy these things and then I guess I'll throw in a sixth love, Boston is one of those places where you can bring your kids, because they do have an aquarium, they do have a really nice Children's Museum here, and you'll see, like, your kids would like, because there's a big bottle of milk outside, you know.

It's a kind of statue which actually sells snacks and stuff like that.

The historic side of it, the aquarium like I said, the museums that are here, Boston Commons.

Here, you can let them run around and enjoy things, I mean it's a park where you can actually go on the grass.

It is really a family-friendly place and that's why I can see why a lot of people want to move here and live in Boston.

I'd love to live on Beacon Hill, but I there's no way I would ever make enough money, but there is really this kind of cool vibe for the city.

So those are the five things that I love and hate about visiting Boston.

What are the things that you love and hate about Boston?

And, yes, if you want to put down the sports teams that's fine either way.

Oh, by the way don't compare them to, like, New York here or talk about Yankee stuff like that, that's not cool.

This is a whole different historical city versus a New York or Chicago or other kind of places.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy that, if you want to learn more, we got another video, what you don't do when you are here in Boston.

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Anyway, bye from Boston.