ROAD TRIP · UNITED STATES

Boston, Cape Cod and Newport

Beaches, dunes and mansions on the coast of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Length	12 days, 11 nights
Distance	520 km, 6 driving days
Behind the wheel	8 h
Travellers	2, 1 room, 1 car
Hotels	Comfort: a good hotel (3 stars)
Flights	Amsterdam – Boston (BOS), Boston (BOS) – Amsterdam

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Day by day

DAY	DATE	NIGHT	KM	DRIVE	°C
1		Boston	10	10 min	
2		Boston			
3		Boston			
4		Chatham	140	2 h	
5		Chatham			
6		Chatham			
7		Provincetown	60	1 h	
8		Provincetown			
9		Newport	200	3 h	
10		Newport			
11		Boston	110	1 h 40 min	
12		Flight home from BOS	10	10 min	

520 km · 8 h behind the wheel · on average 90 km a driving day

Kilometres and drive times by road (OSRM, OpenStreetMap), without stops: plan generously.

The route



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ON THE ROAD

Day 1	Land at Boston (BOS), drive to Boston · About 10 km (10 mi), 10 min
Day 4	Boston, drive to Chatham · About 140 km (90 mi), 2 h
Day 7	Chatham, drive to Provincetown · About 60 km (30 mi), 1 h
Day 9	Provincetown, drive to Newport · About 200 km (120 mi), 3 h
Day 11	Newport, drive to Boston · About 110 km (70 mi), 1 h 40 min
Day 12	Boston to Boston airport (BOS), fly home to Amsterdam · About 10 km (10 mi), 10 min

Well prepared

ESTA

Dutch and Belgian travellers need no visa for a holiday of up to 90 days, but do need an approved ESTA before boarding. It costs about $40, is valid for two years (or until your passport expires) and is applied for online. Apply at least 72 hours before you fly, and only on the official site.

esta.cbp.dhs.gov

Passport

An electronic passport (with the chip symbol), valid for the whole stay. Children need their own passport and ESTA.

nl.usembassy.gov

Driving licence

Your Dutch driving licence is accepted for renting and driving a car as a visitor. An international driving permit next to it helps with police and some rental desks.

anwb.nl

Renting a car

The renter is the main driver and pays with a credit card in their own name (no debit or prepaid card); the deposit is held on it. Usually from 21, and from 21 to 24 you pay a young-driver fee of about $25 a day. Book from home with insurance included (CDW/LDW and extra liability, SLI) and an extra driver if you want to take turns. Returning the car elsewhere (a one-way trip) costs extra. Fuel is sold by the gallon (3.8 litres); fill it up yourself before you bring it back.

Driving in the USA

Keep right; speeds are in miles an hour (65 mph is 105 km/h). Turning right on red is allowed after stopping, unless a sign says no. At a 4-way stop, whoever stopped first goes first. For a stopped yellow school bus with flashing lights you stop in both directions. Toll roads are often electronic only: ask your rental company about its toll pass. On remote stretches (parks, desert) there's little signal and a long way to the next pump: fill up at half and download the map.

Renting an RV

You can rent an RV from about 21 with an ordinary car licence. On top of the rent, count on mileage (often per mile), a kit with bedding and kitchen things, cleaning and the campsite: in the popular parks you book those months ahead on recreation.gov. Big RVs aren't allowed on every park road. Take photos of the RV when you pick it up: damage and missing items are the most heard complaint.

recreation.gov

National parks

Most big parks charge per car. Visitors from abroad pay $100 a person extra at 11 popular parks; the annual pass for non-residents is $250. Some parks need a timed-entry reservation in high season.

nps.gov

Money and tipping

Prices are without sales tax, which is added at the till. In restaurants a tip of 15 to 20% is usual. Cards are accepted almost everywhere; at the pump you may be asked for a ZIP code, so pay inside.

Travel insurance and health

Care in the USA is very expensive: take travel insurance with worldwide medical cover, and check whether your health insurance covers the USA. Cancellation insurance covers the trip if you can't go; insure the rental car with the rental company (see Renting a car). Take medicines in their original packaging, with a prescription in English. Emergency number: 911.

Power, phone and time

110 volt with flat two-pin plugs (type A/B): bring an adapter. A US eSIM is cheaper than roaming. The mainland has four time zones, Arizona mostly without daylight saving time.

Customs

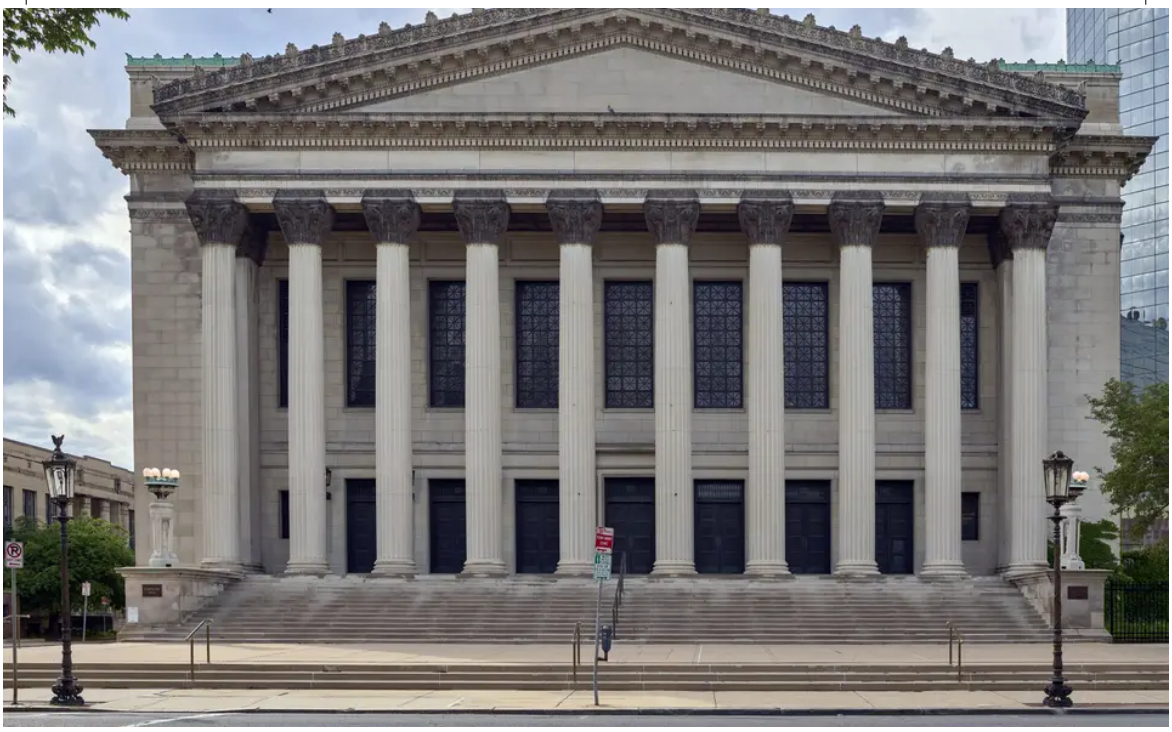
Fresh food, meat and fruit may not be brought in. Declare food you carry.

Packing list

- [ ] Passport (valid for the whole trip)
- [ ] ESTA, printed
- [ ] Driving licence (and an international one)
- [ ] Credit card in the driver's name
- [ ] Travel and cancellation insurance
- [ ] Confirmations: flights, car, hotels
- [ ] America the Beautiful pass for the parks
- [ ] Plug adapter for type A/B (110 volt)
- [ ] Car charger and phone holder
- [ ] eSIM or offline maps
- [ ] Sunscreen, sunglasses and a cap
- [ ] Water bottles for the desert
- [ ] Hiking shoes
- [ ] Layers: the coast and the nights get cold
- [ ] Medicines, in your hand luggage
- [ ] A pen, for this booklet

DON'T FORGET

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DAYS 1–3

Boston MA

The Freedom Trail and Fenway Park

Land at Boston (BOS), drive to Boston: about 10 km (10 mi), 10 min

3 nights

BOSTON · DAYS 1–3

HOTEL

- ☐ The Verb Hotel · 3★ — roughly €110
  1271 Boylston St
- ☐ Hampton by Hilton at the Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €110
  670 Summer Street
- ☐ Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport District · 3★ — roughly €120
  670 Summer Street
- ☐ The Inn at Longwood Medical · 3★ — roughly €160
  342 Longwood Ave
- ☐ Courtyard Boston Downtown/North Station · 3★ — roughly €160
  107 Beverly St

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DAYS 4–6

Chatham MA

Cape Cod's beaches

Boston, drive to Chatham: about 140 km (90 mi), 2 h

3 nights

CHATHAM · DAYS 4–6

HOTEL

- [ ] Old Harbor Inn · 3★
  22 Old Harbor Rd.
- [ ] The Chatham Motel · 3★
  1487 Main Street
- [ ] Chatham Seafarer Inn · 3★
  2079 Main St
- [ ] 1 Mi to Town & Oyster Pond Beach: Chatham Retreat · 3★
  1066 Main Street
- [ ] Cape Cod Perfection - Mid-cape Chatham! · 3★

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DAYS 7–8

Provincetown MA

Dunes and whale watching

Chatham, drive to Provincetown: about 60 km (30 mi), 1 h

2 nights

PROVINCETOWN · DAYS 7–8

HOTEL

- [ ] Admirals Landing - Adults Only · 3★
  158 Bradford Street
- [ ] Inn at 7 Central · 3★
  7 Central Street
- [ ] Revere Guest House · 3★
  14 Court St.
- [ ] Snug Cottage · 3★
  178 Bradford Street
- [ ] Atlantic Light Inn · 3★
  11 Pearl Street

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DAYS 9–10

Newport RI

The Gilded Age mansions

Provincetown, drive to Newport: about 200 km (120 mi), 3 h

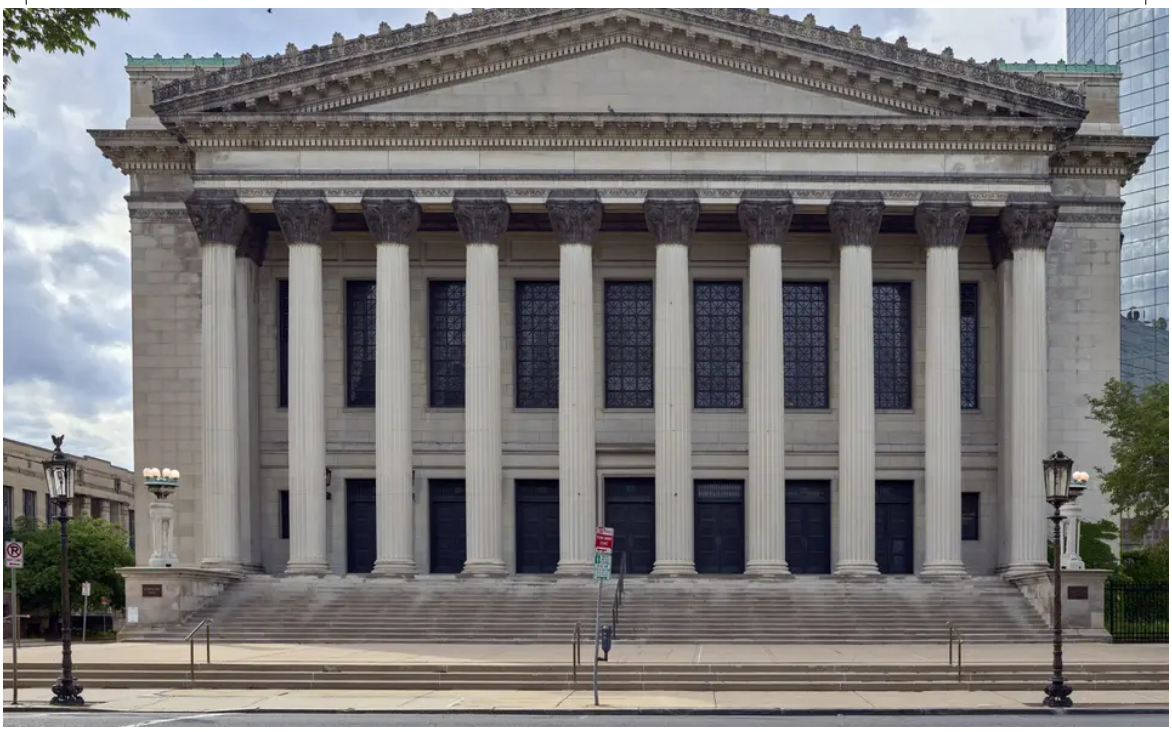
2 nights

NEWPORT · DAYS 9–10

HOTEL

- [ ] The Brenton Hotel · 3★ — roughly €650
  31 America's Cup Avenue
- [ ] Mill Street Inn · 3★ — roughly €300
  75 Mill St
- [ ] Club Wyndham Newport Onshore · 3★
  405 Thames St
- [ ] Wellington Resort · 3★ — roughly €190
  551 Thames St
- [ ] Club Wyndham Inn on Long Wharf · 3★
  142 Long Wharf

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DAY 11

Boston MA

Before the flight home

Newport, drive to Boston: about 110 km (70 mi), 1 h 40 min

1 night

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What it costs

DAY	PLACE	HOTEL	TOURS	CAR	TOTAL
1	Boston	€160	–	€60	**€220**
2	Boston	€160	–	€60	**€220**
3	Boston	€160	–	€60	**€220**
4	Chatham	€160	–	€60	**€220**
5	Chatham	€160	–	€60	**€220**
6	Chatham	€160	–	€60	**€220**
7	Provincetown	€160	–	€60	**€220**
8	Provincetown	€160	–	€60	**€220**
9	Newport	€160	–	€60	**€220**
10	Newport	€160	–	€60	**€220**
11	Boston	€160	–	€60	**€220**
12	Flight home from BOS	–	–	€60	**€60**

Flights	€1,700
Hotels	€1,760
Excursions	€0
Car hire	€720
Total	**€4,180**
	€2,090 a person

An estimate to plan with (prices of 2026-10): hotels, the ticked excursions, car hire and flights. No fuel or meals.

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About this booklet

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