



THE BEST OF BOSTON

Complete a minimum of 8 steps to receive this patch. Patches may be purchased at the GSSNE shop.

1. Gather information, including maps, calendar of events, transportation schedules, etc., that will help you plan a safe trip to Boston. Include at least one historical site. Use the Internet and your public library to find more information about the city. Where will you go? How will you get there?
2. Cities have various forms of transportation (city buses, commuter ferries, subways, horse carriages, taxis, etc.) Use one or more modes of transportation while in Boston. To get to Boston, you might want to take an Amtrak train from a local train station.
3. Invite a travel agent to speak to your troop/group about Boston. Ask her to assist you in planning your trip to Boston. How does she do go about it?
4. Make a list of books, poems or songs that are set in Boston. Read a book that is set somewhere in modern day Boston and then visit that place during your trip to Boston.
5. Many of Boston's historical landmarks are located on the "Freedom Trail." Visit at least four historical landmarks while you are in Boston. Learn their significance.
6. Visit Faneuil Hall & Quincy Market. Quincy Market, built in 1742, was Boston's first public market, Faneuil Hall is adjacent to the site where Quincy Market stands.
7. People in cities often come from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. While in Boston, visit an ethnic restaurant. Learn about unfamiliar items on the menu and try a new food.
8. On a clear day go to an observatory that will give you a different view of the city than that of the street level. (Hancock Tower, Prudential Building, or Bunker Hill Monument) Compare what you see to a street map. Try to locate landmarks.
9. How many museums can you locate on a map of Boston? Find out about at least ten different museums. While in Boston, visit at least two.
10. Visit Fenway Park, home to the Boston Red Sox professional baseball team. Visit the park where the Babe pitched and today's stars still thrill Red Sox Nation. Take an historic walking tour of the ballpark guided by an official Fenway Park Tour Guide.
11. Boston is known for its many colleges. Find out about the colleges in the Boston area. How many are there? How do they differ?
12. Boston's Theatre District offers a variety of entertainment options, from musicals to Broadway-bound extravaganzas. This eclectic neighborhood is where you will find many performing arts venues, such as the Wang Theatre, Charles Playhouse, Emerson's Cutler Majestic Theatre and Colonial Theater.



13. Enjoy the Boston Experience: take a *Duck Boat Tour*, a swan boat ride in the Public Gardens, a horse and carriage ride near Faneuil Hall or even a ferry ride!