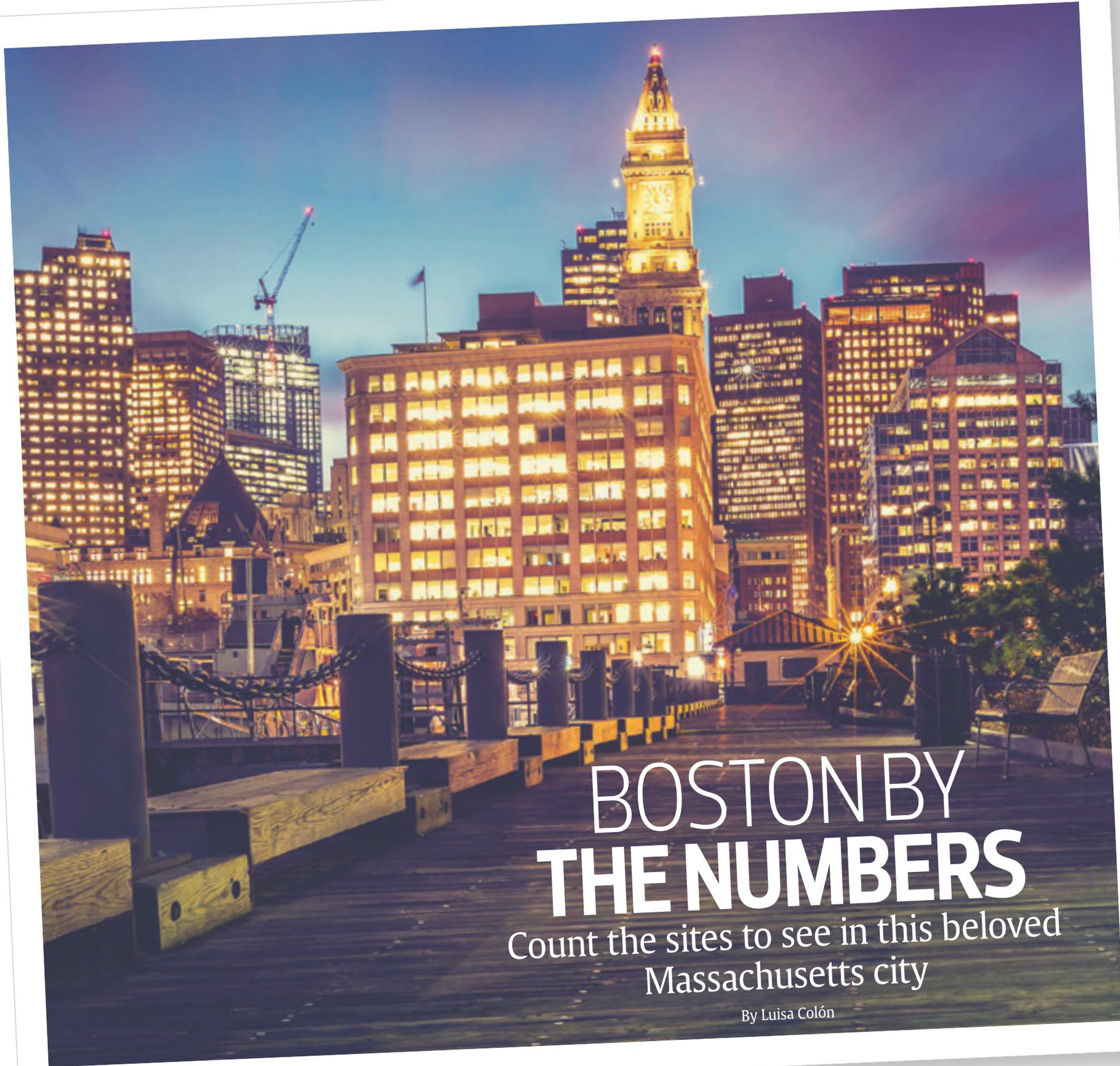




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# BOSTON BY THE NUMBERS

Count the sites to see in this beloved  
Massachusetts city

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THERE'S A REASON THAT **16.3 MILLION VISITORS** FLOCKED to the Boston region in 2014. With a wealth of attractions that offer myriad ways to explore history, nature and the arts, it's no wonder that one of America's oldest cities is also one of its most popular.

### FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

49

shops

44

pushcarts

18

eateries & pubs



▶ [faneuilhallmarketplace.com](http://faneuilhallmarketplace.com)



### QUINCY MARKET FOOD COLONNADE

35

places to nosh

Looking for parking?

There are **10,724**

**garage spaces** within two miles of the marketplace

The Museum of Fine Arts houses almost **500,000 works of art** as well as **four eateries** and **three gift shops**.  
▶ [mfa.org](http://mfa.org)

If it's the art of science you want to explore, check out the Museum of Science, which welcomed **1,402,476 visitors** in 2014, making it Boston's most popular museum. Its newest

permanent exhibit, the Yawkey Gallery on the Charles River, is **three stories high** and features a **30-foot waterfall**.  
▶ [mos.org](http://mos.org)

The New England Aquarium's **70-plus exhibits** allow visitors to get up close and personal with **27,000 animals** (including more than **80 penguins**) in environments such as a

**200,000-gallon Caribbean Coral Reef habitat**.  
▶ [neaq.org](http://neaq.org)

Get a bird's-eye, **360-degree panoramic view** of Boston — **up to 80 miles** — from the Skywalk Observatory on the 50th floor of the Prudential Center, which looms over the city at **749 feet**. On your way down, you can visit some of the Prudential Center's

**60-plus shops and restaurants**.  
▶ [skywalk.boston.com](http://skywalk.boston.com)

Take your love of the arts citywide at this year's ArtWeek Boston, a biannual creative festival with more than **100 events** in more than **50 neighborhoods and towns** from April 29 to May 8. Bonus: More than **60 percent of the events** are free!  
▶ [artweekboston.org](http://artweekboston.org)

## DISCOVER TREASURES ALONG THE NORTH SHORE

Boston is known as the cosmopolitan capital of Massachusetts, but the stunning coastline of Boston's North Shore — stretching between the city and New Hampshire — offers visitors a unique experience that's a departure from the city's sophisticated urban vibe.



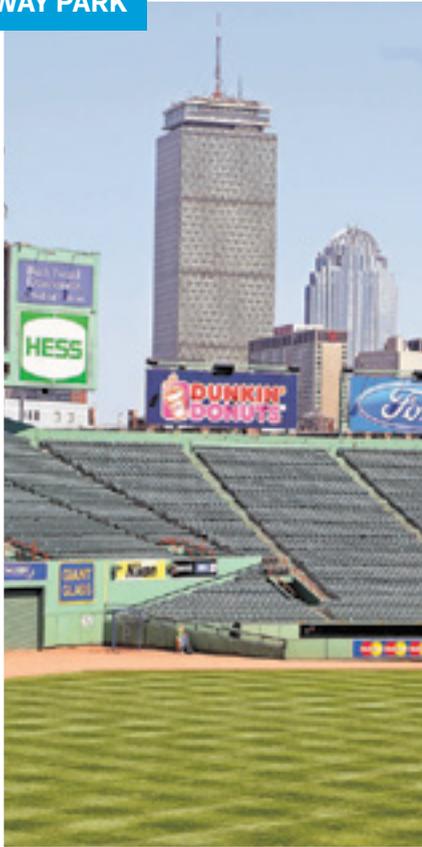
For a relaxed, laid-back experience, enjoy the ocean from one of the North Shore's **beautiful, sandy beaches** — including the famous so-called "singing sands" of Manchester-by-the-Sea's **Singing Beach**.



The North Shore is the perfect location for **hiking, biking, boating** and just soaking up natural wonders. Ply the waters in a schooner or a cruise vessel for scenic delights such as **historic lighthouses** that look like picture-perfect postcards come to life. And you'll want to take pictures to capture the sights on a **whale-watching expedition**.

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## FENWAY PARK



104

years old, the oldest MLB ballpark in the U.S.



► [redsox.mlb.com](http://redsox.mlb.com)

37

foot-high left-field wall called the "Green Monster"

## BOSTON DUCK TOURS

80

minute tour

30

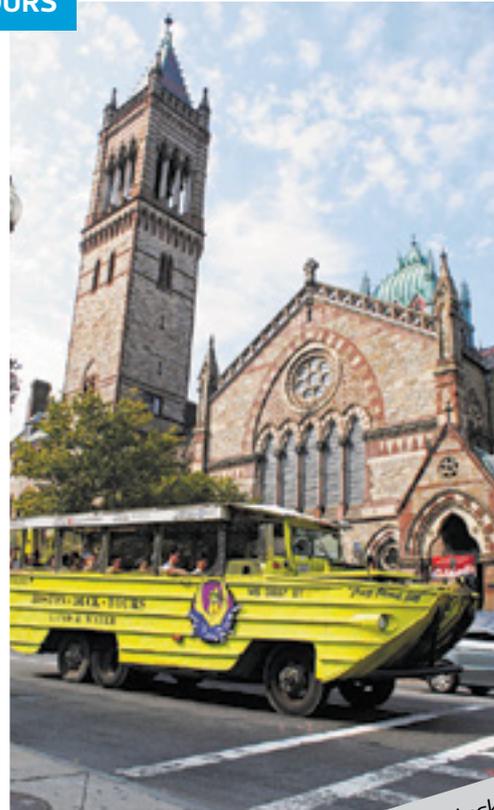
plus sites

20

mph by land

6

mph on the Charles River



► [bostonducktours.com](http://bostonducktours.com)



The **North of Boston Seafood Trail** is perfect for those who want to indulge in the Atlantic Ocean's culinary delights such as lobster, clams and oysters served up Massachusetts-style. Museums mine the region's rich history (try the **Salem Witch Museum**), and offer a vast and varied collection of art (visit the **Peabody Essex Museum**).



You'll feel as though you've traveled back in time when you stroll through the federal-style architecture in **Newburyport's Market Square Historic District**. And the charming seaside towns and art colonies of **Bearskin Neck** and **Rocky Neck** make for a perfect day of dining, sightseeing and shopping. ●

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► [thefreedomtrail.org](http://thefreedomtrail.org)

## THE FREEDOM TRAIL

44

green acres in America's oldest public park

17

official historical sites

2.5

mile walk