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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Massachusetts has played a significant role in American history since the Pilgrims, seeking religious freedom, founded Plymouth Colony in 1620. As one of the most important of the 13 colonies, Massachusetts became a leader in resisting British oppression. In 1773, the Boston Tea Party protested unjust taxation. The Minute Men started the American Revolution by battling British troops at Lexington and Concord.

Many visitors are drawn to the historic and cultural richness of Massachusetts. Through-out the state, and especially in Boston and the other coastal cities and towns, the past is preserved for the future in historic buildings, monuments, museums, and libraries. Boston has so much to offer whatever your interests - we've got it all.

Boston is a compact, walkable city and that means you will probably be doing lots of walking so bring comfortable shoes.

**Climate**

Boston weather can be unpredictable and change rapidly, so the best strategy is to pack for changeable weather and be prepared to dress in layers with one of these layers being waterproof.

Our coastal location can create unpredictable weather patterns and cause rapid changes in temperature and other conditions. If you are planning Boston travel, you will want to pack with this in mind!

In Boston fog is somewhat common, particularly in spring and early summer. From May to September, the city experiences thunderstorms that are occasionally severe; large hail, damaging winds and heavy downpours.

**Currency**

The United States dollar (\$; USD or US\$), is the official currency of the United States of America and its overseas territories. It is divided into 100 smaller units called cents.

The U.S. dollar is the currency most used in international transactions and is one of the world's dominant reserve currencies.

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