

Things to do in Salem

- Take a trolley tour around the town. Get off at points of interest and when you're ready get on the next trolley to another stop.
- Visit the amazing Peabody-Essex Museum, the 7th largest on the eastern seaboard. Learn about this country's maritime history, early crafts and industry.
- Visit the House of Seven Gables, scene of Nathaniel Hawthorne's famous novel.
- Take a cruise on the Fame, a replica of an early wooden schooner.
- Go on a guided or self-guided tour of Salem's historic sites.
- Stroll along Pickering Wharf and visit quaint and unique shops in the area. The three-masted tall ship, Friendship, is tied up there.
- Tour historic homes and buildings: the Custom House, Derby House, Narbonne-Hale House, the Phillips House, the West India Goods Store, and more. Some have guided tours.
- Learn about the history of witches in Salem at one or more of the many museums and exhibits. Some are touristy but still fun.
- Lunch at one (or more, if you're really hungry) unique seafood restaurants in the area.

Most of the above attractions are within walking distance of our hotel

If you have access to a car there are many things to do on your way to Salem or nearby:

- Visit the Saugus Iron Works on your way to or from Salem. A National Historic Site, it was the first integrated ironworks in North America, 1648-1668. It includes a blast furnace, forge, and rolling mill. Of interest to both men and women.
- Drive the picturesque shore route from Salem through Beverly and Manchester-by-the-Sea to the fishing town of Gloucester. Remember Kipling's book and the movie "Captains Courageous"?
- Take a whale watch cruise out of Gloucester.
- Drive to Marblehead, the town of sea captains engaged in trade to Europe and the Orient.

If all that activity is too much, there are many quiet and beautiful places to visit with old (make that long time) friends.

That's the reason you're coming in the first place.