

# TAKE TIME TO DISCOVER QUINCY

Welcome to Quincy, Massachusetts, a city steeped in history and culture, international cuisine and stunning outdoor beauty. This coastal city, just seven miles from Boston, beckons visitors to discover its many charms.

Known as the City of Presidents, Quincy's historical pedigree includes two American presidents, John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams, and John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence and first governor of Massachusetts. Another major Quincy figure is Abigail Adams, John Adams' equal partner and source of wisdom and strength, who reminded her husband to 'remember the ladies' when fighting for independence.

"The City of Quincy is truly the birthplace of our great American story," says Mayor Thomas P. Koch.



Indeed, as Quincy prepares to celebrate its 400th anniversary in 2025, the Quincy 400 organization is planning special events to celebrate the city's illustrious history, from the Massachusetts Tribe of native Americans who predate the European settlers, to the colonial era of the 18th century, and finally, to immigrants from all over the world who settled in Quincy from the 19th century up through today.

"But our history is just part of our story," says Mayor Koch, adding that Quincy is equally proud of its "27 miles of coastline and beaches, acres of beautiful parks, the most interesting and diverse dining scene outside of Boston, rock-climbing and hiking at the Blue Hills Reservation, world-class golf courses and so much more."

Accessible by car, train and ferry, Quincy boasts a reimagined downtown and vibrant neighborhoods, brand new parks, and even its own professional sports team, the New England Free Jacks. Based at newly renovated Veterans Stadium, the Free Jacks won the inaugural Major League Rugby (MLR) championship in July, 2023.

"Quincy has something for everyone," says Director of Tourism Dagny Ashley. "Stay in one of our many beautiful hotels. Enjoy the city's endless dining options, a diverse culinary experience and an adventure that will take you around the world. And explore the culture of one of America's historic cities, Quincy, Massachusetts!"

## COASTAL QUINCY

For pure beauty and outdoor adventures, head to Quincy's beautiful coastline. Start at Quincy Shore Drive, the city's historic parkway just over the Neponset Bridge, and visit Marina Bay on Boston Harbor. With its Nantucket style boardwalk, trendy restaurants, traditional New England style outdoor dining, and the largest marina on the east coast, Marina Bay is a perfect place to enjoy the harbor and see the Boston skyline and Boston Harbor Islands.

Next stop is Wollaston Beach, where you can stroll the beach, people-watch from benches along the promenade, then pick up fried clams and seafood delights from the Clam Box and Tony's Clam Shop, which has live music in summer.

Further down the coast, the U.S.S. Salem & US Shipbuilding Museum at the Fore River Shipyard showcases Quincy's proud shipbuilding history, where locals built more than 600 ships, among them 92 naval vessels used in WWI and WWII.

## IRISH CONNECTIONS

Quincy also has strong connections to Ireland, going back to the 19th century when scores of Irish immigrants settled and started working in the bustling granite industry. The Quincy Quarry and Granite Workers Virtual Museum tells the story of the city's important role in supplying granite to some of

the area's most iconic churches, buildings and monuments such as the Bunker Hill Monument, and also Irish-American sculptors such as John Horrigan and his son Gerald.

Today, 23.2% of Quincy residents claim Irish ancestry, according to the U.S. Census 2022 American Community Survey.

The Lucky Shamrock Store on Beale Street is the ultimate one-stop market to buy imported Irish tea, chocolate, sausage, beans and other favorite foods.

Irish pubs such as Paddy Barry's, established in 1998, features top Irish musicians nightly and is popular with the area's Irish immigrant community. Wrote one reviewer, "Stepping inside feels like being transported back to the lively atmosphere of a pub in Cork City. The energy is infectious, with the sounds of laughter and conversation filling the air."

Quincy Parks Department and the Thomas Crane Library also host regular concerts with acclaimed performers such as Irish tenor Ronan Tynan and harpist Áine Minogue.

In 2018, Quincy Chamber of Commerce established a connection with the Cork County Council in Ireland, "based on mutual interests in furthering economic development through education and tourism," says Chamber President Tim Cahill. That relationship continues today. Quincy Chamber has also connected with the Kildare Chamber of Commerce and plans to develop a relationship there, too.

Quincy-based Cara Group Tours, owned by Irish-born Sara Stanton, is active in booking group tours to Ireland and supporting local Quincy causes. Among the tours this October 2024 is the inaugural trip to Ireland by the Irish Cultural Centre of Greater Boston.

You can find more information about Quincy and all it has to offer by stopping in to Discover Quincy's Visitor Center on Hancock Street, which is being newly remodeled and tentatively slated to reopen in May 2024.

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