THE PORT OF SALEM
A small city just north of Boston, Salem, Massachusetts attracts visitors from around the globe. Most noted for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, Salem’s history stretches from the 17th-century to today and includes maritime heritage, American literature, architecture, military history, and more. When you visit Salem, you will learn the stories of the interesting men and women who have made remarkable contributions to Salem, New England, and the world.

LOCATION & ACCESS
⇒ Salem is 16 miles (25 km) north of Boston and 14 miles north of Logan International Airport
⇒ Closest highway: MA RTE-128; Closest interstate: I-95
⇒ Salem is a 30-minute drive from Gloucester, Ipswich, and Essex, and 24 miles from historic Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts
⇒ High-speed Salem Ferry service between Salem Wharf and Long Wharf in Boston is available late May through October
⇒ Commuter train service between Salem and Boston’s North Station takes 30 minutes and is available daily, year-round
⇒ Salem Trolley is available for local charter
⇒ Receptive tour operators and local motor coach

PORT INFRASTRUCTURE
Address
10 Blaney Street,
Salem, Massachusetts 01970
Latitude / Longitude
42°31’ N / 70°42’ W
Berth Capabilities
850 ft (259M) LOA and deep draft of up to 32’ (9.7M). No air draft restrictions.
Anchorage
Deep Water (38 FT)
Tender service available
Tidal Range
Normal: 9 FT
Extreme: -1.7 to +11.2 (MLLW)
Wheelchair Accessible
Limited, requires advance notification
Water Availability
Limited, requires advance notification
Lighting
Yes
Recycling
Upon request
Bunkering
Limited, requires advance notification
Medical Services
North Shore Medical Center, affiliate of Mass General Hospital, is 2.5 miles (4 km) from Wharf. Pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens) available downtown.
Shore Side Amenities
Walkable downtown is .5 mile (1 km) from Wharf. Tourist trolley available. Taxi service available to malls, grocery stores, “big box stores,” which are 20 minutes

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EXPLORING SALEM

ITINERARIES & THEMES

Salem Witch Trials of 1692
The Salem Witch Trials are a dark period of fear and accusation that are ingrained in the American story. Several tours and attractions interpret the events of 1692, providing ample opportunities for visitors to learn the stories from the Witch panic. Visitors can reflect on the events of 1692 at the recently restored Witch Trials Memorial.

Maritime Heritage Salem has an exciting maritime heritage that you can experience through visiting the tall ship Friendship, sailing aboard a schooner, and exploring museums established by sea captains and filled with treasures from around the globe. See the vast international collections of the Peabody Essex Museum and then explore the personal treasures in the Phillips House Museum on Chestnut Street.

Culinary Salem is chock full of farm-to-table and boat-to-table opportunities. Visitors will love connecting Salem’s maritime and spice trade heritage with restaurants, shops, and historic sites on a local food tour, or exploring the delicious downtown independently.

Salem Sampler If this is your first visit to Salem, enjoy an overview tour aboard the Salem Trolley, learn the stories of 1692 through a museum, tour, or film, and take a tour of the iconic House of the Seven Gables. If time allows, the Peabody Essex Museum offers a unique step into Salem’s global connections. Three attractions and lunch will fill a day with just enough time to shop for the perfect souvenir!

Literary Salem
Novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne is one of Salem’s most famous sons, and you can immerse yourself in his stories when you explore Salem. Playwright Arthur Miller found inspiration in Salem, as have contemporary novelists including Brunonia Barry, Kathleen Kent, and Katherine Howe. Don’t miss the House of the Seven Gables, which inspired both Hawthorne and Barry.

HOSPITALITY & SHORE EXCURSIONS

Destination Salem is happy to help plan shore excursions for your passengers, and offers the following complimentary services.

- On-board hospitality upon arrival
- Shore-side hospitality, as needed
- Assistance with itinerary planning
- FAM Tours for tour operators and guides
- Free motor coach parking (first come, first served)
- Motor coach drop zones

The following services can be arranged for a fee:

- Trolley shuttle service during port visit
- Historian / lecturer for on-board entertainment
- Combination attraction tickets

Tour Guide Licenses
The City of Salem requires all hired tour guides to be licensed by the City of Salem. The penalty for leading a tour without a license is between $25-$100. To obtain a Guide License, please contact the City of Salem Clerk’s Office at (978) 745-9595.

SALEM HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

Each October the City of Salem hosts the largest Halloween celebration in the world. Spanning all 31 days of October (and then some!), celebrations range from family-friendly costume parades to 21+ balls and parties.

Coinciding with the fall foliage cruising season, Salem Haunted Happenings in October is a fun, festive, and beautiful time to visit Salem. The City of Salem encourages mid-week visits in October as the crowds and traffic are more manageable.

Learn more at HauntedHappenings.org.

Visit Salem.org for more information