

Get a taste for what makes this city dynamic – cultural diversity, world-renowned feasts and festivals, beaches and boating, great architecture, cobblestone streets, and home to the New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park. Learn about a past filled with stories from whaling, the textile industry, a working waterfront, and the Underground Railroad.

Once home to great American artists Albert Bierstadt, William Bradford, and Albert Pinkham Ryder, the city continues its love of the arts and is ranked the #7 most artistic city in the United States (based on the number of artists per capita) by Richard Florida, the author of the "Rise of the Creative Class".

Come see our working waterfront, America's #1 fishing port. Our authentic New England Seaport supports a unique blend of commercial and recreational boats!

Travel down a cobblestone path. See history come to life. It's all here in New Bedford. Get ready to explore!



DAY 1

STOP #1

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

33 William Street

508-996-4095

www.nps.gov/nebe

New Bedford has a fascinating history, filled with stories of whalers going to sea, escaped slaves seeking freedom, and connections to the sea that span for centuries. Inside the NBWNHP Visitor Center you can browse the park's exhibits, bookstore, interactive kiosks, and view the orientation film. In addition, NBWNHP provides free guided tours that start from the national park visitor center. Groups of 10 or more should complete a group reservations request form with the park service.

STOP #2

New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center

38 Bethel Street
508-993-8894

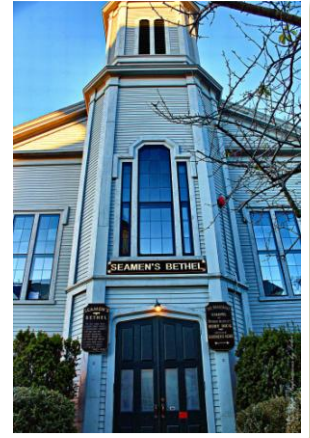
The New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center is dedicated to preserving and presenting the story of the fishing industry past, present, and future through exhibits, programs, and archives.

STOP #3

Seamen's Bethel & Mariners Home

18/15 Johnny Cake Hill
508-992-3295

Built in 1832 and once housing a school, seaman's register, library and reading room, the non-denominational Seamen's Bethel still serves the seafaring community of New Bedford while also providing a historical venue for special events.



Lunch Options:

Freestones City Grill

41 William Street
508-993-7477
www.freestonescitygrill.com

This locally-favored restaurant offers healthy choices, as well as great diverse selection of seafood and American cuisine.

On Own:

Shopping:

The Bedford Merchant

28 William Street
508-997-9194
www.bedfordmerchant.com

Step into an olde fashioned shopping experience!

Destination Soups

149 Union Street
Hot and cold soups, salads, sandwiches, and vegetarian options.

BRICK Pizzeria Napoletana

163 Union Street
Authentic neapolitan wood-fired brick oven sourdough pizza in 90 seconds!

Moby Dick Specialties

27 William Street
508-996-1114
www.mobydickretail.com
Your source for nautical themed gifts for the whole family.

STOP #4

New Bedford Art Museum

608 Pleasant Street
508-961-3072

www.newbedfordart.org

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Located in historic New Bedford's Seaport Cultural District, New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! offers changing exhibitions of contemporary and traditional art from across the region and around the world.

STOP #5

Fort Taber~Fort Rodman Military Museum

South Rodney French Boulevard

www.forttaber.org/museum-history

Here you can see artifacts from every major American War, the evolution of Clark's Point to Fort Rodman, as well as photos and stories of local men and women that have served our nation over each conflict. Seasonal living history programs encompassing King Phillip's War in the 17th century to World War II occur inside of Fort Rodman.



Dinner Options:

Inner Bay Cafe

1339 Cove Road

508-984-0489

www.portuguesedishes.com/inner-bay-cafe---grille.html

Brining you the distinctive cuisine of Portugal in a casual atmosphere with a full bar including imported Portuguese liqueurs.

Me & Ed's Restaurant

30 Brock Avenue

508-993-9922

<https://www.facebook.com/Me-Eds-Family-Restaurant-And-Catering-166754339262/>

Traditional Italian-American eatery serving pizza, fried seafood, pasta, subs, steaks and more. Catering also available.

Evening Entertainment:

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center

684 Purchase Street

508-994-2900

www.zeiterion.org

1920's Georgian Revival style adaptation theater hosting a variety of world class performances each year including jazz, dance, musicals, comedy, blues, and family programs.

The Blue Lane

Rodney French Boulevard

508-979-1745

<http://destinationnewbedford.org/listing/the-blue-lane/>

Walkway atop the City's hurricane barrier looking out upon Buzzards Bay, Fort Taber, Butler Flats Lighthouse, West Island, and Fort Phoenix.

Please visit www.DestinationNewBedford.org for a complete list of evening entertainment.

DAY 2

STOP #1

Nathan and Polly Johnson House

21 Seventh Street

508-979-8828

www.nbhistoricalsociety.org

Contact: Lee Blake 774-929-3035

Nathan and Polly Johnson were free blacks living in New Bedford during the 1850's. They were advent abolitionists and used their home as a staging point for the Underground Railroad. In fact, this is the first place that the great Frederick Douglas and his family stayed after escaping slavery in 1838.

STOP #2

New Bedford Whaling Museum

18 Johnny Cake Hill

508-997-0046

www.whalingmuseum.org

Contact: Gayle Hargreaves

Devoted to the global story of whales, whaling, and the cultural history of the region, the museum's 20 galleries of maritime art and science exhibits include five whale skeletons and the world's largest ship model, Lagoda, which visitors may climb aboard. The Museum's collections number in excess of 750,000 items, including the world's largest collections of scrimshaw, whaling logbooks, and journals.



Lunch Options:

The Black Whale

106 Pier 3/Fisherman's Wharf

508-990-7100

www.theblackwhale.com

Specializing in the freshest seafood from boat to restaurant plus a sushi bar.

On Own:

DNB Burgers

22 Elm Street

Craft burgers and hand cut fries.

Tia Maria's European Cafe

42 N Water Street

Made to order with local and organic ingredients whenever possible.

Shopping:

NB Whaling Museum Store

18 Johnny Cake Hill

508-997-0046

www.store.whalingmuseum.org

Unique items including apparel, books, jewelry, DVDs, posters, archival prints reproduced from collections, and ship models.

The Landing Gift Shop & Chandlery

98 Front Street
508-642-9211

www.thelanding98.com

USA Made Gifts, Screen Printing,
Fishing Supplies, Fine Art, Jewelry,
and more!

STOP #3

Harbor Tour - Whaling City Expeditions

City Pier 3, 228 MacArthur Drive
508-984-4979

www.whalingcityexpeditions.com

Experienced captains take visitors on a relaxing, narrated 60-minute cruise around historic New Bedford Harbor: Palmer's Island Lighthouse, Fort Phoenix, the largest Hurricane Barrier on the East Coast, No. 1 Fishing Fleet in U.S., Schooner Ernestina, Joshua Slocum Memorial, and lots of Whaling History!

STOP #4

Schooner Ernestina

89 N Water Street, 10 State Pier
National Historic Landmark and gift of the Republic of Cape Verde, *Schooner Ernestina* is the official vessel of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Launched in Essex in 1894 as the *Effie M. Morrissey*, she sailed as a Grand Banks fishing schooner, far-north Arctic explorer and trans-Atlantic Cape Verdean packet. Her homeport is New Bedford, ship's berth: New Bedford State Pier, Southwest face.



STOP #5

New Bedford Seaport Art Walk

City Pier 3/Fisherman's Wharf
508-979-1745

www.destinationnewbedford.org/seaport-art-walk

The New Bedford working waterfront is transformed with original sculpture created by local artists. Ten to twenty sculptures are temporarily installed along MacArthur Blvd, the City and State piers, and in the city's Seaport Cultural District.

Dinner Options:

Merrill's on the Waterfront

36 Homer's Wharf
508-997-7010

<https://www.merrillswaterfront.com>

Merrill's is a truly unique harbor-front restaurant that provides each of its guests a front row seat into the country's most valuable fishing port.

Rose Alley

94 Front Street
508-858-5123

www.drinkrosealley.com

Casual pub specializing in the best all Angus burgers, chicken wings and tenders, offering 26 flavors of zesty dry rubs and savory sauces. (Private Room capacity 30)

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