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## destination *new bedford* – Sample Three Day Itinerary 2019

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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](http://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.

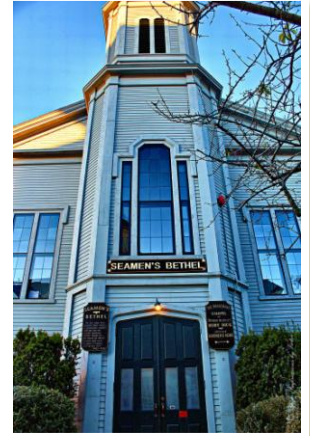
**STOP #2**

**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:**

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**Freestones City Grill**

41 William Street

508-993-7477

[www.freestonescitygrill.com](http://www.freestonescitygrill.com)

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

**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!

On Own:

**Shopping:**

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**The Bedford Merchant**

28 William Street

508-997-9194

[www.bedfordmerchant.com](http://www.bedfordmerchant.com)

Step into an olde fashioned shopping experience!

**Moby Dick Specialties**

27 William Street

508-996-1114

[www.mobydickretail.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.



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### Dinner Options:

#### **Inner Bay Cafe**

1339 Cove Road

508-984-0489

[www.portuguedishes.com/inner-bay-cafe---grille.html](http://www.portuguedishes.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.

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### Evening Entertainment:

#### **Zeiterion Performing Arts Center**

684 Purchase Street

508-994-2900

[www.zeiterion.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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:**

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**The Black Whale**

106 Pier 3/Fisherman's Wharf

508-990-7100

[www.theblackwhale.com](http://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:**

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**NB Whaling Museum Store**

18 Johnny Cake Hill

508-997-0046

[www.store.whalingmuseum.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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:**

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**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](http://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)

## DAY 3

### STOP #1



#### **The Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum**

396 County Street  
508-997-6846

[www.rjdmuseum.org](http://www.rjdmuseum.org)

Built by shipwrights in 1834 for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr., the Rotch-Jones-Duff (RJD) House and Garden Museum epitomizes the “brave houses and flowery gardens” described by Herman Melville in *Moby-Dick*. Greek Revival in style, it was designed by architect Richard

Upjohn, a founder and first president of the American Institute of Architects.

### STOP #2

#### **New Bedford Museum of Glass**

61 Wamsutta Street  
508-984-1666

[www.nbmog.org](http://www.nbmog.org)

Experience the beauty and fascination of glass from around the world and across the centuries! The NBMOG collection consists of 7,000 objects documenting more than 3,000 years of glassmaking history; covering many regions and periods, from ancient to contemporary, with special emphasis on the city of New Bedford.

### STOP #3

#### **New Bedford Antiques Center**

61 Wamsutta Street  
508-991-8700

[www.antiquescenterofnewbedford.com](http://www.antiquescenterofnewbedford.com)

Located in the U.S. National Register of Historical Places, the Wamsutta Mills, the Center is home to over 200 dealers and consignors featuring antiques and collectibles from early Americana to Mid-Century to today's treasures.

### Lunch Options:

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#### **Cotali Mar Restaurante**

1178 Acushnet Avenue  
508-990-0066  
[www.cotalimarrestaurante.com](http://www.cotalimarrestaurante.com)

A contemporary menu with international influences served in Tuscan dining setting with cozy fireplace seating, an outdoor terrace with fireplace, and a wine

cellar for groups of up to 110 guests.

#### *On Own:*

#### **Top Shelf**

1825 Acushnet Avenue  
Serving an extensive menu stocked with traditional favorites and some innovative and ethnic dishes.

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**Endzone Sports Pub**  
218 Coggeshall Street

Pub style food, fresh local seafood,  
daily specials, and a full serve bar!