



TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN NEW BEDFORD

1. TOURS

See history come to life! Travel down a cobblestone path, hear stories from whaling, the textile industry, and the Underground Railroad. Take a self-guided tour of our authentic New England Seaport, an active working waterfront and America's #1 Fishing Port.



2. MUSEUMS

Museums and attractions sure to intrigue and delight! Including the legendary Whaling Museum, Fishing Heritage Center, Art Museum, Military Museum, Fire Museum, and more!

3. FESTIVALS

Too many too count and happening all year long. Everything from Jazz, Chowder, Wine, and Folk Fest to the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, the largest Portuguese Feast in the World!

4. HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS & CITY CELEBRATES NYE

Holiday Happenings includes events throughout all of December with family fun, live performances, festive decorations, holiday shopping, and a lot more! Then ring in the New Year with amazing street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers, fire-eaters, and a spectacular fireworks display.



5. ARTS & CULTURE

New Bedford has been ranked the 7th most artistic city in America by Richard Florida, Atlantic Magazine. Indulge your eyes and soul in a variety of artwork in all media including painting, ceramics, sculpture, fiber arts, metals, puppetry, installation, mixed media, and much more, including the famous Zeiterion Theatre!



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6. BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO

Buttonwood Park Zoo the most visited attraction in Bristol County holds events all year long! Come visit one of the finest small zoos in the United States and encounter animals from home and around the world.

7. THE BLUE LANE

The Blue Lane connects all of New Bedford's shoreline attractions. For magnificent waterfront views, the Covewalk and Harborwalk bike paths atop the hurricane barrier are the perfect destination. The centerpiece of Fort Taber is a historic fort built in the late 19th century as a part of the nation's sea coast defense system, but also includes a beautiful bike patch, beach, pier for fishing, playground, and picnic areas.



8. FRESH SEAFOOD

Seafood from the Port of New Bedford is the most sustainably caught seafood in the world. From fine dining to informal fish market stands, you cannot go wrong with seafood choices in New Bedford, America's #1 Fishing Port!

9. BEACHES

Spend some time in the sand! New Bedford's three public beaches include beautiful sunsets, beach volleyball, reggae music, convenient parking, sparkling waters, and sandy shores.

10. SHOPPING

From antiques to fine wine, New Bedford has a shopping experience for everyone to enjoy. Shop the latest styles, specialty foods, a perfect gift, and much more. See what is in store for you!

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