

MASSACHUSETTS / A LITTLE HISTORY. A LITTLE MYSTERY.

# SALEM

## TRAVELER'S GUIDE

# 2026

*Make a day of it.*  
*Make a weekend of it.*  
*Take a little magic home.*



### YOUR POCKET COMPANION

Arrive & explore

Plan your days

Eat & stay

October highlights

PRESENTED BY THE SALEM HAUNTED MAGIC SHOW

An independent visitor guide | Updated August 30, 2026

**START HERE**

# Arrive with a plan.

Choose your transport before you choose your first ticket.

## By train

From Boston, take the MBTA Commuter Rail **Newburyport/Rockport Line** from **North Station to Salem**. Check service alerts and the last return train for your exact date, especially if you are staying for an evening show.

[Check MBTA schedules & alerts](#)

## By water

The Boston-Salem ferry is seasonal. Confirm sailing dates, departure points, weather updates and your return trip before booking. The Salem landing is at **10 Blaney Street**; leave time to reach downtown.

[Salem ferry & transportation information](#)

## By car

Pick a garage and a backup before leaving. October parking prices can rise, and spaces are not guaranteed. Follow current signs and restrictions; do not count on residential street parking.

**Museum Place Garage** | 1 New Liberty Street

**MBTA Station Garage** | 252 Bridge Street

**South Harbor Garage** | 10 Congress Street

[Official parking map & current guidance](#)

### FIRST STOP: VISITOR INFORMATION

Salem Armory Regional Visitor Center: **2 New Liberty Street**. Check current opening hours. Indoor restrooms are available during operating hours; save the city restroom guide before heading out.

[Visitor center details](#)

THINGS TO DO

# Find your Salem.

Mix art, maritime history, meaningful history and a little mystery.

## Peabody Essex Museum

**161 Essex Street.** Make room for art and changing exhibitions. This is a strong indoor choice for a rainy day. Check the calendar before planning your route; the current regular schedule is Thursday through Monday.

[PEM: hours, exhibitions & tickets](#)

## The House of the Seven Gables

**115 Derby Street.** Explore the historic house associated with Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel, plus the waterfront grounds. Book the correct ticket type. The historic houses have stairs and access limitations; review the accessibility options first.

[The Gables: tickets & accessibility](#)

## The Witch House

**310 1/2 Essex Street.** The former home of witch trials judge Jonathan Corwin offers a focused history stop. Check the official ticket page before you go.

[The Witch House: current tickets](#)

## Salem Witch Trials Memorial

**Liberty Street, beside Charter Street Cemetery.** A free place for quiet reflection honoring the 20 people executed in 1692. Visit respectfully during daylight hours; the memorial and cemetery are separate sites.

[Memorial visitor information](#)

## The waterfront

Explore Salem Maritime National Historical Park along Derby Street. Check NPS updates for building access and programs, then leave time to browse the waterfront at your own pace.

[National Park Service: plan your visit](#)

EAT, SHOP & STAY

# Leave room to linger.

Choose one meal worth slowing down for, then keep the rest flexible.

## Seafood: Turner's at Lyceum Hall

**43 Church Street.** A downtown option for New England seafood in historic Lyceum Hall. Check the Salem location's menu and reservation options.

[Turner's Seafood details](#)

## Pizza: Flying Saucer Pizza Company

**118 Washington Street.** A playful, science-fiction-themed stop with creative pizzas and vegan options. Ask staff directly about allergies and preparation needs.

[Flying Saucer menu & details](#)

## A sit-down evening: Ledger

**125 Washington Street.** Contemporary New England dining in a former bank. Reserve ahead and check service days; do not assume it is open every evening.

[Ledger menus & reservations](#)

## Shop between your reservations

Leave an unbooked stretch for Essex Street and the waterfront. Browse independent shops at your own pace. Ask before photographing store interiors, performers or people.

## Choose your overnight base

**Downtown Salem:** prioritize proximity if you want to walk back after an evening out.

**Outside Salem:** compare the full cost, including transport and parking, and verify the late-night return. For October, reserve lodging early and read cancellation terms.

[Browse Destination Salem accommodations](#)

Planning tip: Give dinner its own time slot. A restaurant queue is not a reliable buffer before a timed attraction or show.

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

# A day. A weekend. Your kind of magic.

These are flexible plans, not attraction opening hours or show schedules.

## One day: a balanced first visit

**Morning:** Arrive, get oriented and choose one main museum: PEM for art, or the Witch House for a focused historical visit.

**Midday:** Have lunch downtown, browse Essex Street and visit the Witch Trials Memorial.

**Afternoon:** Explore the waterfront. Add a reserved Seven Gables visit only if your timing allows.

**Evening:** Plan dinner around a booked Salem Haunted Magic Show performance on a select date, September 4 - November 6.

## Two days: a little more breathing room

**Day one:** Focus on downtown, a museum, independent shops and your evening entertainment.

**Day two:** Reserve Seven Gables, explore Salem Maritime and enjoy a relaxed meal before heading home. Keep one open block for a guided tour or a place you discovered along the way.

### MAKE THE PLAN FIT YOUR GROUP

With younger children, choose gentler experiences and frequent breaks. For rain, prioritize an open museum and an indoor meal. In October, book just two or three main experiences per day and allow generous gaps for queues and walking.

**Before booking:** Check attraction opening days, age guidance, accessibility and cancellation policies. Reorder this itinerary around the reservations you actually secure.

FALL 2026

# October has its own kind of energy.

Salem marks its 400th anniversary in 2026. Here are a few announced fall highlights.

**SEP 19-20**      **Food Truck & Craft Beverage Festival**  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Salem Common

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**OCT 1**      **Haunted Happenings Grand Parade**  
6:30 p.m. | Downtown route to Salem Common

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**OCT 10**      **Howl-o-ween Pet Parade**  
10:30 a.m. | Check organizer for location & registration

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**OCT 17**      **Witch Hats on the Wharf**  
11 a.m. | Waterfront community gathering

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**OCT 31**      **Halloween Night Finale: Drone Show**  
10 p.m. | Over the North River

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**October strategy:** Consider a weekday or earlier in the month. Reserve your must-do activities, allow extra travel time and save your return plan. Check current road closures and any announced shuttle service; last year's arrangements may not apply.

[2026 announcement & organizer links](#)

[Live calendar & October travel updates](#)

Announced as of August 30, 2026. Times, locations and weather-dependent events may change. Recheck before traveling.

YOUR SALEM NIGHT OUT

A little mystery.  
A lot to talk about.

THE SALEM HAUNTED MAGIC SHOW PRESENTS

HYSTERIA:  
THE GHOST PSYCHIC!

A live performance of magic, mind-reading and eerie storytelling. Build a Salem evening around an experience you can share long after the curtain closes.

WHEN September 4 - November 6, 2026 | Select dates

WHERE Emerson Hall Theater, 50 Washington Street

LENGTH Approximately 75 minutes

AGES Recommended for ages 10 and up

ADMISSION General admission starts at \$20

**Plan ahead:** Check available performances and current checkout prices. Ground-level elevator access is available; contact the show with specific access or sensory questions. Effects may include flashing lights and loud sounds.

CHOOSE YOUR DATE & BOOK TICKETS

[thesalemmagicshow.com](https://thesalemmagicshow.com)

**SAVE THIS PAGE**

# Your out-the-door checklist.

Download this guide and your tickets before you travel.

- ☐ Confirm attraction times, ticket dates and your return transport.
- ☐ Save your lodging address, parking location and meeting point.
- ☐ Pack comfortable shoes, weather layers and rain protection.
- ☐ Bring a charged phone, power bank, water and needed essentials.
- ☐ Check step-free routes, accessible restrooms and sensory needs.
- ☐ Leave time for meals, queues and a change of plans.

## **BE A GOOD GUEST**

Salem is a lived-in city and a place of remembrance. Keep entrances clear, respect private property and follow cemetery rules. Treat the witch trials memorial with care and respect living religious traditions.

## Useful links to keep close

[Official visitor guide & map](#)

[Events & seasonal travel updates](#)

[Parking locations & map](#)

[Transit schedules & service alerts](#)

[Accessibility & restroom resources](#)

[Magic show tickets](#)

## **ABOUT THIS GUIDE**

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