



# Sample Itinerary



## Sample MetroWest Boston 2-3 day itinerary:

### American Heritage Museum (Hudson, MA)

Recently named to National Geographic's "Top WWII Museums in the World"! Start your tour in the depths of a WWI trench listening to a nurse's first-hand account from the Front while bombs explode above you and the ground begins to shake. The Heritage's astounding collection of **historic aircraft, tanks, armored vehicles, classic automobiles** and **rare relics** from the Revolutionary War to today, includes **immersive exhibits, living history events** and over a dozen **one-of-a-kind artifacts**. Arrange a once-in-a-lifetime **ride in a World War II Sherman tank** or learn to drive a M24 Chaffee tank.



### Longfellow's Wayside Inn (Sudbury, MA)

After your museum experience, head to Wayside Inn for a delicious lunch. The inn began life in 1716, making it **the oldest inn in America**. Explore the early 1800's **Old Barn**, now a farm stand with displays of antique farming tools and other artifacts; the **Grist Mill**, a reproduction of the 1700's original built by Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motors, in 1929; the **Redstone Schoolhouse**, built in 1798 and featured in the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb"; as well as the **Martha-Mary Chapel, Longfellow Memorial Garden** and **Josephine's Pond**.

### Garden in the Woods (Framingham, MA)

Explore the beauty of New England wildflowers at Garden in the Woods. A place visitors often describe as magical, the Garden's 45 acres were sculpted by retreating glaciers into eskers and steep-sided valleys, with a brook, pond, and wetlands that showcase **native plants of the region**. Wander the paths, say hello to the turtles, fish, and frogs in the pond, and attend one of the special talks or events.



### Hopkinton Center for the Arts (Hopkinton, MA)

Visit one of the region's largest performing and visual arts centers. HCA includes a rotating **gallery of regional work, a wealth of art workshops and special events, engaging lectures and educational programs, and indoor and outdoor music, dance & theater performances.**



### Christa McAuliffe Center (Framingham, MA)

Step into a world of science and discovery at the Christa McAuliffe Center! With a cutting-edge planetarium and dynamic Challenger Learning Center Simulation Lab, open only to groups, visitors can take on mission challenges to launch a spacecraft and then work cooperatively to bring it home again. Stargazing events and science-themed lectures are also available.

### Take a Farm Tour

MetroWest offers over a dozen farms plus farmers markets and farm stands to explore. Take a tour of 300-year-old Nourse Farm and pick their berries or flowers. Pick apples, try a flight of hard cider, do the seasonal corn maze and listen to live music at Lookout Farm. Meet the rescued farm animals at Unity Farm Sanctuary. Attend a weekly summer or fall festival at historic Daniels Farmstead. And more!



### Southwick's Zoo (Mendon, MA)

New England's largest zoo is home to 950+ animals in naturalistic habitats. Feed giraffes, white rhinos, and sloths with their exclusive Animal Encounters program. Enjoy live shows, a carousel, maze, train ride, the Soaring Eagle Zipline, and Skyfari Sky Ride. The Zoo puts on seasonal special events, including the Great Jack o' Lantern Journey in October and Winter Wonderland in December—both with evening entertainment, light shows and displays, and more. The zoo's sit-down, upscale restaurant, Galliford's, can accommodate group dining.

### GlenPharmer Distillery (Franklin, MA)

This premier destination distillery and tasting room, housed in a historic mill building, offers behind-the-scenes tours and creative, chef-inspired cuisine. A guided tasting allows groups to try spirits that are familiar but with a uniquely New England flair, like Bog, their vodka infused with local cranberries, or Brookdale Gin, infused with 11 local botanicals.



### Plainridge Park Casino (Plainville, MA)

The state's only gaming casino with a live harness-racing track (Apr-Nov). Experience over 1,200 slots, electronic gaming tables, live late-night concerts and entertainment, and fine dining.

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### Warren Conference Center and Inn

On 100 wooded lakefront acres, this cozy alpine-style lodge is perfect for groups to indulge in outdoor activities...kayak on the lake or swim from the beach, hike in the woods, play horseshoes or bocce on the lawn, try your skill at their ropes course, or create friendly competition with a game of tennis, volleyball, softball or soccer. Or simply pull an Adirondack chair up to a fire pit and roast a few marshmallows.



### The VERVE Hotel Boston Natick, Tapestry Collection by Hilton

A truly unique property displaying American pop culture from the 1960's to the '90's. Request a scavenger hunt from the front desk, and explore this fun and funky hotel with 2 restaurants and plenty of amenities.

Come see what we have to offer in the heart of Massachusetts! For other hotels, attractions, links to venues, and more, please visit us online at [www.metrowestvisitors.org](http://www.metrowestvisitors.org). For help coordinating your tour, contact Executive Director Stacey David at [sdavid@metrowestvisitors.org](mailto:sdavid@metrowestvisitors.org)