The Protest to Freedom Tour

an African American Heritage walking or riding tour of Boston, MA

Travel through historic neighborhoods and explore memorable events that have shaped Boston into the cultural epicenter it is today. Experience the architecture and design of buildings constructed hundreds of years ago, and visit the homes of Black leaders, influencers, and trailblazers. Immerse yourself in the lives of Black Bostonians as they live, thrive, and transform their communities.

This tour includes:

- Beacon Hill
- The South End
- Lower Roxbury
- Nubian Square

The Walking Tour version stops at The Embrace on Boston Common.

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Tour Points of Interest

1. **The Robert Gould Shaw 54th Regiment Negro Troops Memorial** (Beacon Hill) – One the most photographed attractions in Boston, this recently restored monument and memorial honors the first Black fighting regiment of the American Civil War.

2. **Abiel Smith School** (Beacon Hill) – First segregated public school building in the United States designed for the education of African American children.

3. **African Meeting House** (Beacon Hill) – Oldest Black Church building in America built by and for Black worshippers.

4. **The National Museum of African American History and Culture** (Beacon Hill) – A New England institution and National Parks site, MAAH, as it is affectionately known as, is devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. The exhibits showcasing the rich history of Black Boston from the 1600s to present. The museum offers year-round exhibits and lectures about African American issues.

5. **Boston Massacre Marker / Crispus Attucks** – a Crispus Attucks memorial honoring the victims of the historic event that occurred on March 5, 1770, in front of the old State House during the American Revolution.

6. **Bill Russell Park at City Hall Plaza** – Celebrates the legendary, championship team Celtics basketball player, philanthropist, civil rights leader and humanitarian.

7. **The Embrace** – Boston’s newest $10M public art piece is a sculpture and memorial honoring the work and mission of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Coretta Scott King. It is located on the Boston Common Park.

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8. **Mel King’s Sites** (South End) Mel King’s contributions to Boston are endless. We show you his community resources: the South End Technology Center and home of the Affordable Housing Teaching Institute he founded. You’ll see the revolutionary TENT CITY Apartment complex beside the Copley Place premier shopping plaza. Professor King was the first Black mayoral candidate to enter a preliminary run.

9. **A. Philip Randolph State at Boston’s Back Bay** (South End/Back Bay)- Inside the Back Bay MBTA terminal is a statue honoring the civil rights revolutionary, Pullman Porter’s organizer, and esteemed manager of the March on Washington, fea. Dr. King’s I Have a Dream speech.

10. **Harriet Tubman Step on Board Monument Park** - (South End) See Harriet soar within a park offering a beautifully landscape sitting area, a public art installation crafted by an esteemed African American sculptor. See the expressive Step on Board Monument and place-marker for the Underground Railroad route to Canada.

11. **The Malcolm X Boston Home** (Roxbury)– Malcolm lived with his sister in Roxbury when he came to Boston. He began working downtown at the Tremont Hotel.

12. **Nubian Square** – (Roxbury) The absolute geographical center of Greater Boston and a destination for African American culture, Black food, art, music and business.

The riding tour version covers all stops. The walking tour stops at **The Embrace**. The riding tour begins with remains of the 1700th neighborhood where the Early African lived and ends in year 2023 Roxbury.

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