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# 36 HOURS IN SALEM MASSACHUSETTS

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Salems History is “alive” and well. Weather you're searching for a ghost or a good Bostonian meal . You have landed in the right place.



Salem Maritime national historic site -Photo credit-Julia Gagliano

The city of Massachusetts is known for many things, things like good seafood, friendly folks and of course some wicked history. In the little village of Salem, best known for its historical significance during the times of the Salem witch trials that took place in the years of 1692 to 1693. Where a group of young mischievous girls had told tales of spells and possession that lead to the demise of twenty people. Ever since then, the people of Salem Massachusetts have embraced their little villages roots and have

turned it into something everyone can be apart of . If you are one for some hocus pocus, fresh seafood, local brews and the most unique stores you will ever walk into look no further, you have just landed your broomstick in Salem Massachusetts .

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The Old Burying Point -Photo Credit-Julia Gagliano

## Friday

### **1.A stroll down Essex , 12 P.M**

Essex street, once you have reached there you have hit the epicenter of Salem leading to a bounty of stores, food and of course, the possibility of some witchcraft. Want your first encounter with witchcraft and all the supplies you might need for it? Head on into Crow Haven Corner, located on 125 Essex street . A store that is stocked to the brim with all kinds of potions, books , charms and things of magic that you need for a simple love spell or even a devious hex. As you take in the powerful smells of incense and dried flowers guide yourself into the street fair thats held on the weekends, where Dozens of vendors nestle themselves along Derby and Essex street to sell just about

everything from jewelry, face painting, vampire fangs and some tasty homemade chocolate fudge. You will not have to search far for a unique nic-nac or snack .

## **2. Rest in peace at Rockafellas , 4 P.M**

A eatery that is located along Essex Street ,Rockfellas is a bar and restaurant that is encased in the historic Daniel Low building that was built in 1826 and is now a eatery that is enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. Decorated in holiday haunt decor accompanied with some ghoulish live entertainment , this restaurant has some tasty eats and scrumptious drinks like Tito's Texas lemonade ( \$8) creamy chicken salisito a pasta dish tossed in a creamy basil pesto sauce with grilled chicken, garnished with pico de gallo (18\$) or perhaps a fig and prosciutto flatbread topped with goat cheese, tossed greens and a sherry vinaigrette drizzled on top. (\$13) Finish it off with a soft, melt in your mouth pumpkin cheesecake drizzled with caramel sauce, pecans and whip cream. (\$8)

## **3. Tales of the graveyard , 8 P.M**

During the month of October, the town of Salem offers many historical and haunted events .One of them being a candlelit graveyard tour where you get to hear all about the trials and the once celebrated and rather infamous characters of the village of Salem. Tickets for this candlelit tour range from eight to fifteen dollars a ticket. Feel free to take picture with your flash on, for you might capture an orb or two on your tour.



One of the locals houses decorated for the season of October. Photo Credit -Julia Gagliano

# Saturday

## **4.Mourning breakfast, 9 A.M**

Sit down to a hearty breakfast at Nathaniel's or Nat's named after Salems own writer Nathaniel Hawthorne who wrote legendary works "House Of The Seven Gables" and "The Scarlett Letter". Located right in the historic hotel on 18 Washington square W, its ambiance is that of old Puritan Salem where rich fabrics and lush centerpieces surround the space .Enjoy some hotcakes fresh off the griddle(\$8.95) or a vegetarian breakfast wrap with home fried potatoes (\$10.25) or if you care for a lighter fare grab a fresh fruit parfait layered with some crunchy granola. (\$7.75)

## **5.Nightmare Gallery Run, 12 P.M**

If you want to see infamous killers, monsters, or supernatural beings pay a visit to Count Orlok's Nightmare Gallery located on 285 Derby street to witness wax figures that are frightfully real to what we see in the movies! Michael Myers from the film *Halloween*, Dracula, Frankenstein, Chucky the doll, and Jack Torrence from Stephen Kings Novel turned movie directed by Stanley Kubrick in 1980 , *The Shining*. Figures are so realistic you are scared that they just might pop out at you and scream "Heres Johnny!" Admissions for this fun little viewing is eight dollars.

## **6.Soups Up, 1:30 P.M**

After braving the cold Bostonian morning , locals and visitors alike love to warm themselves up with a nice cup of hearty soup at The New England Soup Factory. A tiny hole in the wall deli-style cafe located on 140 Washington street .Huge carafes turn homemade soup along with fresh baked french bread made specially for dunking into a warm cup of soup.The New England soup Factory specializes in soups like Lobster bisque, Tomato, butternut squash, and of course Bostons specialty, New England clam chowder that locals and visitors constantly crave on cold autumn mornings. If you're not a soup person, the soup factory has great paninis and different types of traditional deli style wraps that are made fresh daily . Soups and sandwiches come in all different sizes so their prices vary from 6-12 dollars so its only a matter of how hungry you are.

But save room for dessert because they have the chewiest homemade chocolate chunk brownies you have ever tasted and for only \$1.80 !

### 7.Culinary Cauldron, 3:00 P.M

Cooking supplies? Well, Salem has that too and you will find it if you head on down to Pamplermousse , a unique store that houses all things you need for cooking and entertaining with just a dash of delightfully spooky touches like halloween themed wines and spirits, tasty treats that are decked out in their Halloween best and of course, kitchen utilities that were made for All Hallows Eve like plates, wine stoppers and glasses. But what would this store be without its amazing cheese counter! Some of the finest and freshest cheeses are found in Pamplermousse like stilton, brie, gouda and aged cheddar. Locals come in and out of this store for the perfect wine and cheese party supplies all the time, sometimes visitors like to throw their own little wine and cheese party in their hotel room and if you are one of those people Pamplermousse is the place for you.



Sea-Level oyster bars fan favorite Burger topped with fried clams-Photo credit-Julia Gagliano

### **8.Scream for Sea-level, 8:00 P.M**

This Local favorite is a Bar, Oyster bar and surf and turf dining experience that is located right on the Salem wharf with a decor to match . Its advised to dress warm because it can get quite chilly in there especially at night .From seafood pizza to steak tips, some of the tastiest seafood concoctions are made here daily that have just been caught fresh from Salem waters this morning. Enjoy Lobster tails with some mixed drinks as you take in Salems Maritime wharf . If you enjoy surf and turf, the Sea Level Burger is for you, a chuck rib burger topped with Cole slaw, crispy clams and a special sauce on a hot brioche bun served with seasoned fries and even more Cole slaw ! Locals rave about this special little burger daily and its definitely worth your \$17. If you really want to engulf yourself in Salems fresh seafood try the Line at the raw bar that which is half a lobster, eight oysters, littlenecks and six shrimp cocktail for \$55. It goes without saying that you can sink your teeth into some good Sea Level eats.

### **9.House Of The Seven Gables, 10:00 P.M**

Its true that things really do go bump in the night when you enter this haunted ruin. The house of the seven gables was made immortal by Nathaniel Hawthorne when he had wrote about the house and now, this old mansion has been turned into an interactive exhibit in which you are taken through the home with the “ghosts” of the mansion to hear their side of the story when it came to the murderous and bloody tales of the family who had lived there.This had all come from the mind of the author when he visited his cousin, Susanna who had lived in the house and told Nathaniel tales of the people who lived there. Secret passage ways, murder and the supernatural are discussed throughout the tour and certainly gets you into the spirit to see spirits.The House of the Seven Gables is located on 115 Derby Street Tickets to see the show are \$15.

### **10Midnight Dish, 12 P.M**

Midnight Snack? May I suggest a place where they serve one of the best iced vanilla chai tea lattes and Death by chocolate cake ever? This place is called Jaho Coffee and Tea and its located on 197 Derby street which makes it mighty easy to grab a great piece of cake and coffee after your tour of The Gables. This cafe is surrounded by old band posters and some good sweets like gelato, pastries as well as some on the go food like handheld sandwiches and bagels . But this place is known for its baked goods and beverages especially its seasonal ones, which means that pumpkin lattes are

everywhere! Take a seat in a lounge chair and unwind after a long day of sightseeing with a cup of coffee in hand and jazz music in the air and look around at the daily life of the people of Salem. Where you see people go on dates, conduct interviews for a job or just sit on their laptops and type away at Jaho Coffee and Tea late at night.

## Sunday

### 11. Dreadfully Vintage, 11 A.M

Modern Millie's is a storefront that is frozen in time with apparel dating back to the 1920s! Every stitch of the store has wall to wall authentic clothing practically ripped out of someones dusty old attic. Pillbox hats, Heels, dresses , skirt suits and groovy outfits are available for anyone and everyone to purchase and for quite a bargain too. The thing that makes Modern Millie so unique is that not one article of clothing is the same! All different styles and all different sizes like it was made specially for you (only it was someone else's at a time) they even have famous designers of days gone by and vintage items of well known designers like Versace or Chanel. What will you find at Modern Millie's ?



Salem Beer works grub-Photo Credit - Julia Gagliano

### **12.Salem Beer ? Oh dear, 3:00 P.M**

Located on 278 Derby street , Salem Beer Works is a trendy gastropub that serves some devilishly good wings and devilishly good brew and we were lucky enough to go on a Sunday so you know what that means...Its Sunday football and wing time at the works and its pretty amazing. The energy in the room is so high from all of the commotion with the Sunday game on and even more commotion to grab a plate of Buffalo wings (\$9) with some sour cream and chive fries (\$6) .Which begs the question of what else would you have with a meal such as this but some seasonal pumpkin ale brewed in Salem Beer works just this morning? And thats not all you can get at this gastropub, the works has an extensive menu to fit all of your pub-grub needs .Salem Beer Works has been a place to watch the game and grab some food for the locals and visitors are lucky enough to join in on the fun , especially if they come on a Sunday. With friendly folks serving you as you watch the game and join in on some local comradery and you truly feel like you are one with the Salem people.

### **13. A Horrible scare, 9:00 P.M**

To cap off your trip at Salem Massachusetts may I suggest a horrible scare ? You can get that when you enter the Salem Witch Village on 282 Derby Street . Encounter masked strangers popping out at you waiting to give you a fright and try to run as fast as you can away from the man with the chainsaw as you dodge through a maze of spooks and others who come through the maze that are waiting just for you. In the end, you will not regret it if you go with the right people.The Salem Witch village haunted house is frightfully fun and admissions is (8\$) per warm body.



A statue outside of the Witch Village -Photo credit -Julia Gagliano

# Lodging

Salems own Hawthorne hotel is one of class and is rich in history. Complete with 93 rooms and two fine dining establishments. This boutique style hotel has been voted best US city center historic hotels in twenty-five by Historic Hotels of America. Its located in the heart of Salem so transportation will not be necessary, everything you would want to experience during your trip here is within walking distance. Rates run for \$89 a night.

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