

New Bedford, Massachusetts, USA

The Whaling City that made America rich — 19th-century cobblestones, a world-class museum, the nation's top fishing port, and scallops so fresh they barely need seasoning.

 Pier (Pier 3 in 2026)  Typical call: 6-8 hrs  US Dollars  English / Portuguese

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier 3 (temporary 2026 season while State Pier is rebuilt)

Best For: American history, Moby-Dick fans, seafood, Portuguese culture

Walk to center: ~0.3 mi / 5-10 min to Whaling National Historical Park

Don't Miss: New Bedford Whaling Museum — one of the finest maritime museums anywhere

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  \$7–\$12 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **New Bedford Whaling Museum** — World-class museum with five whale skeletons (including a blue whale), the half-scale Lagoda ship model you can board...
- **Whaling National Historical Park & Seamen's Bethel** — Free ranger-led walking tours of the park cover the architecture, cobblestone streets, and commerce that made New...
- **Frederick Douglass & the Underground Railroad** — New Bedford was known as the 'Fugitive's Gibraltar.' Frederick Douglass fled here in 1838 and found his first paid work...
- **Portuguese Food & Scallop Trail** — New Bedford is the US scallop capital and home to a large Azorean-American community.
- **Fort Taber / Fort Rodman Park & Beaches** — The southern tip of the city offers panoramic views of Buzzards Bay, Civil War-era fortifications, the dramatic...

BEST WALKS

- **Whaling Heritage Walk** ~1 mile loop | 45-60 min | Easy (but cobblestones) — From the pier, cross Whale's Tooth Bridge into the Whaling National Historical Park.
- **Downtown & Rotch-Jones-Duff House** ~0.8 mile | 30-45 min | Easy — From the museum, walk a few blocks to the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum — an 1834 Greek Revival mansion with formal gardens...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:03AM–7:24PM · Jun 5:09AM–8:19PM · Aug 5:52AM–7:42PM · Sep 6:24AM–6:52PM · Oct 6:56AM–6:01PM	
Apr	54°	41°	12d		
Jun	72°	60°	11d		
Aug	78°	67°	10d		
Sep	72°	61°	10d		
Oct	63°	52°	11d		

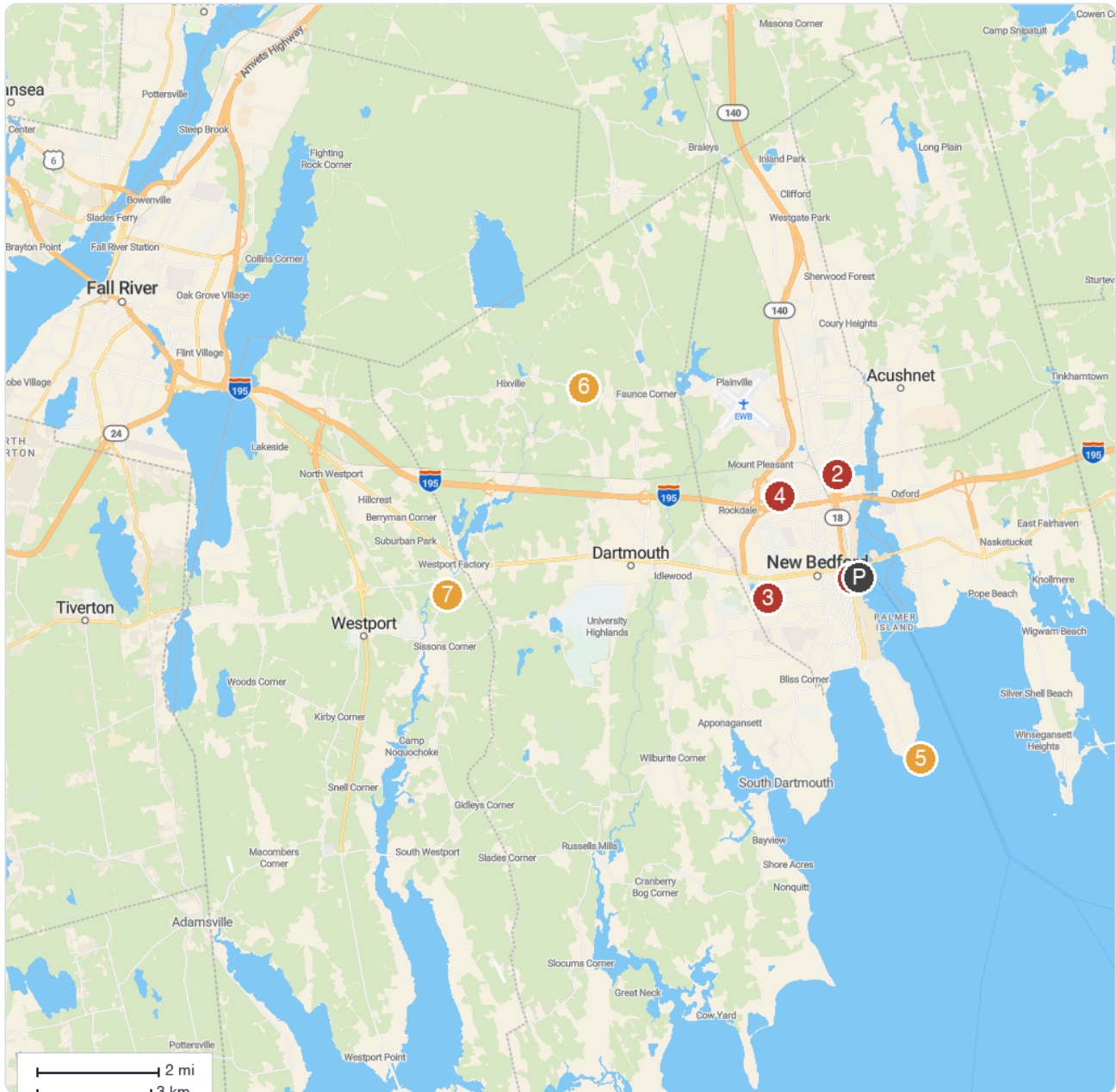
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cobblestone warning: The 13-block historic district has uneven 19th-century cobblestones. Heels and flimsy sandals are a bad idea — wear sturdy walking shoes

New Bedford, Massachusetts, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 New Bedford Whaling Museum | Explore New Bedford's rich whaling history and culture. | 2 St Anthony of Padua Parish | Visit a beautiful, historic Catholic church. |
| 3 Buttonwood Park | Large urban park with a zoo and playgrounds. | 4 Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens | Beautiful public gardens showcasing diverse plant collections. |
| 5 Fort Rodman | Explore a historic coastal defense fort with ocean views. | 6 Dartmouth Regional Park & Trails | Enjoy walking and hiking trails in a natural setting. |
| 7 Forge Pond Conservation Area | Peaceful natural area for walking and wildlife viewing. | P Cruise port / terminal | |