



ALJAVA USA TRAVEL GUIDE

A modern guide for guests traveling from outside Massachusetts or outside the United States.

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Welcome to Worcester

Worcester is the heart of Central Massachusetts - close enough to Boston and Providence for easy day trips, but with its own food, arts, sports and neighborhood culture.

Use this guide to plan your arrival, hotel, meals and free time. The recommendations are built around Worcester and the surrounding Central Massachusetts area, with a few easy New England day trips.

ARRIVE

For international travelers, Boston Logan is the main major-airport option listed here. Worcester Regional is the closest airport if your itinerary connects there.

GET AROUND

A rental car is the easiest option for exploring Worcester and nearby towns. Rideshare can work well for downtown trips and dinners.

LOCAL CURRENCY

The United States uses U.S. dollars (USD). Major cards are widely accepted, and contactless payment is common.

DINING TIP

At sit-down restaurants, a tip of about 18-20% is a normal starting point for good service. Check whether gratuity has already been added for groups.

WEATHER

New England weather changes quickly by season. Bring layers and check the forecast shortly before you travel.

ENTRY DOCUMENTS

International guests should confirm current U.S. passport, visa/ESTA and entry requirements before departure.

QUICK NOTE

Travel times are approximate and can change significantly with traffic, weather or events. Confirm hours, pricing and availability before you go.

02 / ARRIVAL

Airports & Getting Here

Choose the airport that best matches your flight options. The times below are the approximate drive times in your Aljava planning sheet.

Worcester Regional Airport

12 minutes • Worcester, MA - Closest airport. Regional service; ideal when your flight schedule connects well.

Boston Logan International Airport

50 minutes • Boston, MA - Best major gateway for many out-of-state and international travelers. Allow extra time for traffic.

Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport

54 minutes • Providence, RI - A strong alternative to Boston, especially for domestic connections.

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport

1 hr 9 min • Manchester, NH - Useful alternative for New England travel and select domestic routes.

Bradley International Airport

1 hr 14 min • Windsor Locks, CT - Another regional option, particularly for travelers coming from the south or west.

BEST CHOICE FOR INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

Boston Logan International Airport is the most straightforward major-airport choice in this guide for many international itineraries. From Logan, Worcester is roughly a 50-minute drive under normal conditions. For the easiest arrival, consider arranging a rental car or a pre-planned ride before landing.

RENTAL CAR

Best if you plan to visit Worcester, Boston, shopping destinations and surrounding towns.

RIDESHARE

Useful for downtown Worcester, restaurants and short trips. Availability can vary late at night.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Possible for selected routes, but less convenient if you are staying outside downtown or visiting multiple towns.

DRIVING IN THE U.S.

Cars drive on the right side of the road. Distances and speed limits are shown in miles.

03 / STAY

Where to Stay

Most recommended hotels are within about 5-13 minutes of Worcester. Westborough options are farther out but can work well for extended stays or specific rate availability.

HOTEL	DRIVE	GOOD TO KNOW
AC Hotel Worcester	5 min	Parking \$20/day • On-site restaurant
Homewood Suites by Hilton Worcester	5 min	Complimentary breakfast & parking
Hampton Inn & Suites Worcester	7 min	Complimentary breakfast • Parking \$15/day
Hilton Garden Inn Worcester	8 min	Parking \$14.95/day • On-site restaurant
Courtyard by Marriott Worcester	8 min	On-site restaurant • Convenience store • Parking \$15/day
Comfort Inn Auburn - Worcester	12 min	Complimentary breakfast • Parking
Residence Inn by Marriott Worcester	12 min	Complimentary parking • Convenience store
Beechwood Hotel	12 min	Keurig coffee maker • Refrigerator
Fairfield Inn & Suites Worcester Auburn	12 min	On-site restaurant • Convenience store • Complimentary parking
Hampton Inn Auburn	13 min	Complimentary breakfast & parking
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Auburn	13 min	Complimentary breakfast & parking
The Inn Crowd Bed & Breakfast	20 min	Bed & breakfast
Extended Stay America Suites - Westborough	27 min	Kitchenette • Grab & Go breakfast
DoubleTree by Hilton Boston - Westborough	30 min	On-site restaurant • Complimentary parking

04 / EAT

Eat Your Way Through Worcester

Worcester has an unusually diverse food scene. The list below highlights practical choices for visitors, especially Brazilian, Puerto Rican, Venezuelan, Latin, American and Asian options.

The Boynton Restaurant American • \$20-30 • 117 Highland St	NU Kitchen Worcester Health-focused • \$10-20 • 335 Chandler St
Antonio’s Pizza by the Slice Pizza • \$10-20 • 268 Chandler St	Sazon Latino Restaurant Latin / Puerto Rican • \$10-20 • 130 Chandler St
Churrascaria Tropeiro’s Grill Brazilian • \$50-100 • 480 Shrewsbury St	Terra Brasilis Restaurant Brazilian • \$20-30 • 50 Boston Tpke, Shrewsbury
Pampas Churrascaria Brazilian • \$30-50 • 145 E Central St	Hacienda Don Juan Salvadoran / Mexican • \$10-20 • 875 B Main St
Tu Arepa Venezuelan • \$8-13 • 974 Main St	Vejigantes Restaurant Puerto Rican • \$30-40 • 55 Pearl St
110 Grill American • \$20-30 • 123 Front St	Jasmine Asian Restaurant Asian / Sushi / Hibachi • \$20-30 • Auburn
Yong Shing Restaurant Chinese • \$10-20 • 90 Auburn St, Auburn	Alma Gaucha Brazilian • \$50-100 • 526 Main St

WORCESTER PUBLIC MARKET

160 Green St. A food hall with multiple concepts in one stop, including Cuban, Venezuelan, ramen, poke, burgers, Mexican and other options.

MORE LOCAL FAVORITES

The Mercantile	Mare E Monti
Volturno Pizza Napoletana	Shawarma Palace
Miss Worcester Diner	The Sole Proprietor
Armsby Abbey	Baba Sushi Japanese / sushi • 309 Park Ave
Tavern in the Square American tavern • 193 Boston Tpke, Shrewsbury	

05 / COFFEE

Coffee, Pastries & Slow Mornings

These current Worcester café picks give visitors a mix of specialty coffee, bakeries, bookstores and neighborhood spots.

Acoustic Java Roastery & Tasting Room 3 Brussels St • Local roastery + café	New Tradition Co 5 Harris Ct • Creative downtown coffee stop
Root & Press 156 Shrewsbury St • Bookstore + café	BirchTree Bread Company 138 Green St • Artisan bakery + coffee
August Coffee 548 Main St • Downtown café + breakfast	Life Garden Cafe 1048 Main St • Brazilian-inspired café fare
Fuel America 100 Grove St • Coffee + breakfast/lunch	Bean Counter Bakery Cafe 113 Highland St • Coffee + pastries
Crust Artisan Bakeshop 118 Main St • Croissants + espresso	Cafe Reyes 421 Shrewsbury St • Cuban coffee + breakfast
Suzette Creperie & Cafe 126 Water St • Crepes + café	Mia Cane Juicery & Acai Bar 261 Park Ave • Coffee + açai
InHouse Coffee 225 Shrewsbury St • Coffee + pastries	Monsoon & the Spilled Milk Gang 160 Green St • Specialty coffee
Dunkin' - Main Street 421-427 Main St • Quick coffee + breakfast	Starbucks - E Central Street 11 E Central St • Drive-thru + café
Dunkin' - Shrewsbury Street 295 Shrewsbury St • Coffee, donuts + breakfast	Starbucks - Grafton Street 966 Grafton St • Drive-thru + indoor seating

06 / EXPLORE

Things to Do Near Worcester

If you have free time around Aljava, start local. Worcester has sports, arts, shopping and food within a short drive.

Polar Park Worcester • Worcester Red Sox + Canal District	The Hanover Theatre Downtown Worcester • Historic performing arts venue
Worcester Art Museum 55 Salisbury St • Major regional art museum	Worcester Public Market 160 Green St • Food + coffee + local vendors
Blackstone Valley Shoppes Millbury • Shopping destination	Auburn Mall Auburn • Indoor shopping
Apex Entertainment Marlborough • Bowling, arcade + games	

CLASSIC NEW ENGLAND DAY TRIPS

- Boston - ~50-60 min**

Fenway Park • Museum of Fine Arts • Faneuil Hall • Boston Common • Newbury Street
- Gillette Stadium / Foxborough - ~45-60 min**

Sports, concerts and events; combine with Wrentham Village Premium Outlets.
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Large outlet shopping destination.
- Providence, Rhode Island - ~55 min**

Food, historic neighborhoods and riverfront.
- New England Coast - 1-2+ hrs**

Beaches, seafood and classic New England scenery.

07 / QUICK REFERENCE

Travel Like a Local

A few small details can make the U.S. travel experience easier for guests coming from abroad.

MONEY

USD (\$). Credit/debit cards are widely accepted. Carry a small amount of cash for small purchases or backup.

TIPPING

Restaurants: around 18-20% for good service is common. Tip servers, bartenders, drivers and other service workers where appropriate.

TAX

Massachusetts has a 6.25% state sales tax on most taxable purchases. Menu prices generally do not include sales tax.

TIME ZONE

Worcester is in Eastern Time (ET).

ELECTRICITY

U.S. outlets use 120V power. International guests may need a plug adapter and/or voltage converter.

EMERGENCIES

For urgent police, fire or medical emergencies in the U.S., call 911.

LANGUAGE

English is the primary language, and Worcester has a diverse international community with many multilingual residents and businesses.

BEFORE YOU GO

Confirm passport/entry requirements, hotel booking, transportation, event details, travel insurance and your phone/data plan.

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Built around Worcester, Massachusetts - with practical options for guests traveling from across the United States and around the world.

Planning information should be confirmed directly with each business before travel, especially hours, pricing, reservations and availability.