



# Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum

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**Historical Background** – The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum portrays the historic event that took place on December 16<sup>th</sup> of 1773 that we know as *The Boston Tea Party*. During this major political event, Boston residents disguised as American Indians destroyed a large tea shipment delivered by the East India Company in protest against the Tea Act of May 10, 1773. Infuriated Bostonians declared “No taxation without representation,” the major cause for the American War of Independence from 1775 to 1783.



**Museum Experience** – The Boston Tea Party Museum allows its visitors to relive and experience this unique historical event that marked the beginning of our independence day. Visitors are given the opportunity to learn about the details of the Boston Tea Party event. Activities include the re-enactment of the Tea containers thrown into the water from authentic, reconstructed ships. The Tea Party Museum shares close proximity with the Boston Children’s Museum on Congress Street.



**Activities** – High definition 3D holographic figures of colonial times as well as video provide a clear representation of the streets of Boston during 1773. Well-choreographed performances take audiences back to “the meeting house” on December 16, 1773 where the patriots gathered before the dumping of tea began. Exhibits inside the museum include a 1773 Tea Chest, the Robinson Half Chest and the Minuteman Theatre, which screens documentaries of the Tea Party event. At Abigail’s Tea Room & Terrace, visitors can take a break from the tour and enjoy some tea with small tasty treats.