



America's Most Walkable Downtowns

A BUCKET LIST

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Walkable downtowns let you experience a city at street level - wandering historic streets, discovering hidden cafés, browsing local shops, and stumbling across parks, museums, and landmarks without needing a car. Challenge yourself to visit these pedestrian-friendly destinations and check them off your list!

Savannah, Georgia

Known For: Cobblestone streets, historic squares, Spanish moss

- o Wander through 22 beautiful public squares.
- o Walk along River Street beside the Savannah River.
- o Visit historic homes and churches.
- o Grab pralines from a local candy shop.
- o Spot horse-drawn carriages.
- o Photograph the famous oak trees draped in moss.

Don't Miss: Sunset on River Street.

Charleston, South Carolina

Known For: Rainbow Row, southern charm, waterfront

- o Walk the Battery promenade.
- o Admire colorful historic houses.
- o Browse King Street boutiques.
- o Relax in Waterfront Park.
- o Try classic shrimp and grits.
- o Find hidden courtyards and gardens.

Don't Miss: The Pineapple Fountain.

Boston, Massachusetts

Known For: American history and brick sidewalks

- o Follow the Freedom Trail.
- o Visit historic cemeteries and churches.
- o Explore Quincy Market.
- o Walk through Boston Common.
- o Watch street performers.
- o Eat a bowl of clam chowder.

Don't Miss: Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

Burlington, Vermont

Known For: Church Street Marketplace

- o Explore the pedestrian-only shopping street.
- o Watch local musicians perform.
- o Sample maple treats.
- o Walk to the Lake Champlain waterfront.
- o Browse independent bookstores.
- o Enjoy mountain views.

Don't Miss: Sunset over Lake Champlain.

Asheville, North Carolina

Known For: Art, music, mountain atmosphere

- o Discover colorful murals.
- o Visit local art galleries.
- o Listen to live bluegrass music.
- o Browse unique craft shops.
- o Try locally roasted coffee.
- o Spot historic Art Deco buildings.

Don't Miss: Evening street musicians.

Alexandria, Virginia

Known For: Colonial architecture and waterfront

- o Walk King Street.
- o Ride the free trolley.
- o Visit boutique shops.
- o Explore the marina.
- o Enjoy waterfront dining.
- o Learn local Revolutionary history.

Don't Miss: Torpedo Factory Art Center.

San Antonio, Texas

Known For: The River Walk

- o Walk beside the San Antonio River.
- o Visit the Alamo.
- o Eat Tex-Mex cuisine.
- o Browse riverside shops.
- o Take a river boat tour.
- o Explore nearby historic plazas.

Don't Miss: The River Walk at night.

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Madison, Wisconsin

Known For: Capitol Square and lakes

- o Walk around the State Capitol.
- o Visit the farmers market (seasonal).
- o Explore State Street.
- o Walk between two lakes.
- o Browse local bookstores.
- o Stop for Wisconsin cheese curds.

Don't Miss: Capitol building views.

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Known For: Adobe architecture and art

- o Visit the historic Plaza.
- o Browse Native American jewelry.
- o Explore art galleries.
- o Admire adobe buildings.
- o Taste New Mexican cuisine.
- o Shop local artisan markets.

Don't Miss: Canyon Road galleries.

Portland, Maine

Known For: Harbor views and seafood

- o Walk the Old Port district.
- o Explore cobblestone streets.
- o Visit working fishing docks.
- o Eat a lobster roll.
- o Browse local boutiques.
- o Watch boats in the harbor.

Don't Miss: Portland Head Light (short drive outside downtown).

Bonus Walking Challenge

Can you...

- o Walk 10,000+ steps in one downtown?
- o Visit during a local festival?
- o Find a hidden alley or courtyard?
- o Eat at a locally owned café?
- o Watch a street performer?
- o Buy something from a local small business?
- o Visit a museum on foot?
- o Take a sunset photo?
- o Walk across a historic bridge?
- o Return to your favorite downtown for a second visit?

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