10 State Capitals With Hidden Treasures

Explore lesser-known attractions in culture-rich cities across the country.

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Cross these under-the-radar attractions off your bucket list.

With unique cultural charms and illustrious pasts, state capitals have long lured curious visitors. While history buffs love exploring impressive monuments, storied landmarks and striking government buildings, art fanatics can spend hours touring first-rate museums and admiring groundbreaking architecture. If you’ve already visited popular attractions in America’s iconic state capitals, skip the tourist-heavy spots and make your way to these underrated gems, from a lesser-known city park to an underground tunnel decked with colorful street art. Keep reading to discover underappreciated spots across America worth checking out on your next trip.

Boston

The Black Heritage Trail is often overshadowed by the city’s more famous tourist attractions like the Freedom Trail. But along this fascinating trail, you can admire churches, homes, schools and the Underground Railroad of Boston’s African-American community. After you’ve built up an appetite, sample Boston’s legendary clam chowder and other crowd-pleasing dishes with a foodie tour led by a local operator such as Bites of Boston Food Tours. Perhaps the best way to experience Beantown’s unheralded attractions is with an Old Town Trolley tour. As for lodging, retreat to the InterContinental Boston, which features stunning waterfront views, or head to Hotel Commonwealth, which caters to sports fans with impressive Red Sox memorabilia.