

## Inside the USA's Iconic Sports Stadiums

Massachusetts – New York – New Jersey – Philadelphia – Maryland – Ohio – Illinois

**Explore some of the USA's best-known sports venues, and maybe catch a game or two. Even on days when games are not scheduled, several ballparks and stadiums offer exciting behind-the-scenes tours that include holding revered artifacts and stepping onto fields where sports heroes play. Whether traveling by train, car or air, explore these landmarks of American sports history.**

### Boston, Massachusetts

Sports fans won't want to miss visiting Fenway Park, the home since 1912 of Major League Baseball's nine-time World Series champions, the Boston Red Sox. During a one-hour walking tour, overlook left field from the famous 37-foot-tall Green Monster wall. Listen as experienced guides provide thrilling insights into the history of the stadium. Just 21 miles southwest of Boston in Foxborough is Gillette Stadium, home of the National Football League's New England Patriots. The stadium does not offer tours, but you can plan a trip in the fall to coincide with a home game to see the six-time Super Bowl champions play. If you are unable to get tickets to the game, try the next best thing and join the locals at The Greatest Bar in the heart of the city. The entertainment complex features local games on a myriad of TV screens throughout its four levels. *Accommodation: Boston, Massachusetts*



Prudential Building, Boston, Massachusetts

## Boston, Massachusetts, to New York, New York

Go to Yankee Stadium in the Bronx to learn about the New York Yankees' storied professional baseball franchise and its 27 World Series championships. Go on a behind-the-scenes tour to see baseball artifacts and learn about historic events in the stadium. Knowledgeable guides ensure everyone has an experience to remember. Tours last about an hour and may include the New York Yankees Museum, the dugout or Monument Park. If you are lucky enough to have game tickets, join the "Hands on History" experience in the museum 90 minutes before the game starts. Visitors can touch artifacts such as Babe Ruth's or Ichiro Suzuki's game-used bats, Mickey Mantle's jersey, baseballs, World Series rings and more from Yankees legends, past and present. If you are unable to get game tickets, but want to experience the atmosphere, visit Stan's Sports Bar near the stadium. In the heart of Manhattan, visit the Madison Square Garden sports and entertainment mecca. Get a true New York experience on the new Madison Square Garden All Access Tour. It's the home to some of the city's favorite professional teams - including basketball's New York Knicks and hockey's New York Rangers - in addition to hosting other sports such as track and field, boxing and equestrian events. *Accommodation: New York, New York*



## New York, New York

In addition to the Yankees, New York is home to another great baseball team, the New York Mets, which plays at Citi Field in the borough of Queens. Tours include the Mets Hall of Fame and Museum, the field and dugout. The museum features interactive exhibits, videos and artifacts. New York is also home to two professional American football teams, the New York Giants and the New York Jets, and both play in MetLife Stadium at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in nearby in East Rutherford, New Jersey. A guided tour allows visitors to walk on the field and to see other areas, including luxury suites and the press box. *Accommodation: New York, New York*

## New York, New York, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Philadelphia Phillies, two-time World Series champions, play games at Citizens Bank Park in the South Philadelphia Sports Complex. Guests visiting this spectacular ballpark, which opened in 2004, will enjoy an audiovisual presentation before touring the park with stops at the dugout, broadcast booth and Hall of Fame Club. On game day, taste one of Philadelphia's specialties, a cheesesteak sandwich, offered at one of the many food stands. Philadelphia is also home to football's 2018 Super Bowl champions, the Philadelphia Eagles. Tours of the team's Lincoln Financial Field include visits to the field, locker room, post-game interview room, press box, broadcast booth and a suite. If you can't get a ticket to a game, go the Wells Fargo Center to enjoy the Xfinity Live! experience at several dining and entertainment options. *Accommodation: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Oriole Park, Camden Yards, Baltimore, Maryland



## Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Baltimore, Maryland

At Camden Yards, explore Oriole Park, the home stadium of the Baltimore Orioles, three-time World Series champions. Although it opened in 1992 in the heart of a historic neighborhood, the modern stadium retains a traditional feel. It's two blocks from the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum, which tells the story of the legendary New York Yankees player. The site of his family's former home is now center field at Oriole Park. While touring Oriole Park, enjoy the ballpark's charm in luxury suites, the scoreboard control room and even the dugout. Baltimore's other professional team is the Baltimore Ravens, two-time football Super Bowl champions. The team plays at M&T Stadium, adjacent to Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Tours include the locker room and the field. A game-day institution in the heart of the action is Pickles Pub, which is across from Camden Yards. *Accommodation: Baltimore, Maryland*

## Baltimore, Maryland, to Washington, D.C.

The Washington Nationals began playing in their new stadium, Nationals Park, in 2008. Adjacent to the Navy Yard, it's the centerpiece of the Capitol Riverfront. Tours give visitors the opportunity to throw a pitch in the bullpen, experience a luxury suite and visit the dugout. The USA's capital city is also home to football's Washington Redskins, three-time Super Bowl champions. The team plays at FedEx Field in Maryland, about five miles east of Washington, D.C. Tours are offered at this ballpark and concert venue, but check availability while planning your trip. A great place to watch a televised game is Penn's Quarter Sports Bar, three blocks from Capital One Arena, where hockey's Washington Nationals and basketball's Washington Wizards play games. *Accommodation: Washington, D.C.*

## Washington, D.C., to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The Pittsburgh Pirates, five-time World Series champions, play baseball games at PNC Park, which opened in 2001 along the Allegheny River near the North Shore Riverfront Park. It's the Pirates' fifth home in their 115-year history. As well as spectacular views of the Pittsburgh skyline, a 90-minute stadium tour includes the dugout, batting cages, Pop's Plaza and Legacy Theater. Pittsburgh is also home to football's Steelers, one of the NFL's oldest franchises. The Steelers play at Heinz Field, adjacent to PNC Park. Stadium tours in the summer months include the FedEx Great Hall, which houses memorabilia and the Steelers Hall of Honor. See lockers and bleachers saved from the former Three Rivers Stadium, replicas of the Steelers' six Super Bowl trophies, the dugout and the field. *Accommodation: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*



Progressive Field, Cleveland, Ohio

## Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Cleveland, Ohio

Two-time World Series winners the Cleveland Indians play baseball at Progressive Field in the Gateway Sports and Entertainment Complex in downtown Cleveland. Behind-the-scenes tours in the summer, offered rain or shine, include the dugout, batting cages, FanCave, The Corner Bar and press box. Football's Cleveland Browns play home games at FirstEnergy Stadium on the banks of Lake Eerie. Tours are not currently offered, but plan your visit to coincide with a home game; arrive three hours early to enjoy family-friendly festivities in the Dawg Pound Drive area. *Accommodation: Cleveland, Ohio*

Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois



## Cleveland, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois

The historic Wrigley Field, home to baseball's Chicago Cubs since 1914, is a must-see attraction on the North Side of Chicago. Tour experiences include the Cubs' dugout and field; on days when games are not scheduled, pose for a photo in front of the ballpark's famous ivy wall. Across town, football's Chicago Bears play home games at Soldier Field on Lake Shore Drive next to Lake Michigan. VIP tours of the historic stadium include an on-field experience in addition to The Doughboy statue, locker rooms and colonnades from 1924.

*Accommodation: Chicago, Illinois*

## Chicago, Illinois

At the United Center, watch the Chicago Bulls play basketball. Outside, see a statue of Michael Jordan, the Hall of Fame player who helped the team earn six championships between 1991 and 1998. The Bulls share their home with the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team. In addition to the Cubs, the White Sox are based in Chicago and play baseball games at Guaranteed Rate Field on the city's South Side. Chicago is also famous for its sports bars. A great place to watch a televised game is at the Old Town Pour House with several TVs, over 90 beers on tap and a DJ playing videos and music. *Accommodation: Chicago, Illinois*