

Vote For New Bedford as This Year's Most Distinctive Destination

You can vote for New Bedford as the Most Distinctive Destination in the United States by clicking [here](#). You must first register and create a user name and password. After registering...VOTE!!!! You can vote once per day for 30 days, which means each of us can contribute 30 votes. This will go a long way towards increasing tourism, adding jobs, and stimulating the local economy!

The city of New Bedford has been chosen as one of the 12 Most Distinctive Destinations in the United States. This list of our country's most distinctive destinations is compiled annually by the National Trust of Historic Preservation. From their website:

"Since 2000, the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Dozen Distinctive Destination program has recognized cities and towns that offer an authentic visitor experience by combining dynamic downtowns, cultural diversity, attractive architecture, cultural landscapes and a strong commitment to historic preservation, sustainability and revitalization. In each community, residents have joined together and taken action to protect their town's character."



Matt Morrissey speaks as

New Bedford is announced as one of the United States 12 Distinctive Destinations.

The announcement was made this morning at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Lead speaker Lisa Bergson, executive director of WHALE, was joined in making this announcement by New Bedford Mayor Scott Lang, executive director of the New Bedford Economic Development Counsel Matthew Morrissey, and Rebecca Williams of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Also on hand were preservation planner Anne Louro, New Bedford Counselors Tony Cabral and Linda Morad, and Jennifer Nersesian from the National Park Service, who is the superintendent of New Bedford Whaling National Park.

New Bedford has come a long way over the last few decades, but is still an under-appreciated city. Along with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, there are many people in New Bedford who want to help it become recognized as the great city we all know it is.

Other Massachusetts communities that have received this award include Lowell (2000), Northampton (2001), Salem (2005), Chatham (2007), and Provincetown (2010). In Rhode Island, Westerly (2002), Newport (2004), Providence (2007), and Bristol (2009) have previously been nominated as well.



Downtown New Bedford

Below are the 12 cities across the United States that made

this year's list. You can click on each city's name to find out more about it.

New Bedford, Mass.

Alexandria, Va.

Chapel Hill, N.C.

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dandridge, Tenn.

Eureka, Calif.

Muskogee, Okla.

Paducah, Ky.

San Angelo, Texas

Saint Paul, Minn.

Sheridan, Wyo.

Sonoma, Calif.

New Bedford has fought hard over the past few years to improve its somewhat uneven reputation. Just making this list is a testament to how far this city has come, and if we all do our part and vote just one time a day, we can make New Bedford #1! This is our chance to help raise New Bedford up, and in doing so, gain the respect and admiration that this city, and its citizens, deserve.

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To view the National Historic Trust press release on New Bedford being chosen as one of the Top 12 Distinctive Destinations, [click here](#).

Some more information from the National Trust for Historic Preservation website:

“The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to saving historic places and revitalizing America’s communities. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Trust was founded in 1949 and provides leadership, education, advocacy, and resources to protect the irreplaceable places that tell America’s story.”

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