Boston 2026 World Expo

The Twelfth International Philatelic Exhibition of the United States

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Q&A for Boston 2026 Prospective Postal Administrations

1. Q: When is the show?

A: Saturday, May 23, 2026 to Saturday, May 30, 2026. Note that Memorial Day, a national holiday, will be on Monday, May 25, 2026.

2. Q: Where will the show be held?

A: At the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC), in Halls A and B. Together these halls total 32,700 m² (NY16 was 27,000 m²). The BCEC is located in the Seaport District in Boston.

3. Q: Where are the postal administration booths located on the show floor?

A: Boston 2026 will have regional pavilions on the show floor representing Europe, Asia/Pacific, Middle East/Africa, Americas and Polar areas. These regional pavilions will house relevant postal administration booths (engaged in the display/sale of their postal products), as well as regional philatelic societies, displays of regional postal history & stamps, and presentation areas suitable for first day of issue ceremonies and other talks (free to use by postal administrations).

4. Q: What related programs and events will be happening during the show?

A: Boston 2026 will be providing free passports for show visitors to affix purchased stamps and have them cancelled at postal administration booths. In addition, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) will be hosting a UN agency conference and series of workshops during the show. There will also be the previously mentioned presentation areas suitable for first day of issue ceremonies.

5. Q: What are the arrangements for moving material between the convention center loading docks and the postal administration booths?

A: The show decorator will provide personnel to move all material. This is included in the cost of the booth.

6. Q: What is the cost of postal administration booths?

A: A variety of booths and configurations will be available. Prices for most booths range from \$4,250 to \$6,000. Booth holders will be able to customize their booths at their own expense.

7. Q: Who is the show decorator?

A: Heritage Nationwide Exposition Services. Heritage is the usual decorator for the American Philatelic Society.

8. Q: How far away is the airport?

A: Fifteen minutes by Boston's Silver Line. The inbound trip from Boston Logan Airport is free.

9. Q: What hotel space has been arranged?

A: The organizers have hired the housing management company onPeak to negotiate hotel contracts and manage hotel reservations. They have contracted for space at 8 hotels. These include two large hotels, the Westin Seaport District (the HQ Show Hotel) and the Omni Boston Seaport, that are physically connected to the convention center. Other contracted hotels offer a variety of amenities including suites, in-room kitchens, and free breakfasts. All hotels are in the Seaport District and are within walking distance of the convention center.

10. Q: How do I reserve a postal administration booth?

A: Email Boston 2026 Executive Director Mark Butterline (<u>Mark.Butterline@Boston2026.org</u>) or Armagan Ozdinc (<u>Armagan.Ozdinc@Boston2026.org</u>). Reservations are encouraged now.