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CALENDAR

January 7–15

The **Museum of Fine Arts** presents the program "The Films of Alec Guinness," which features seven film classics starring the late, great thespian, including *The Lavendar Hill Mob*, *The Ladykillers*, *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Oliver Twist* and *The Bridge on the River Kwai* (pictured). *Refer to listing, page 19.*

January 10

An annual tradition combining baseball and rock 'n' roll, **Hot Stove Cool Music** returns to the Paradise Rock Club. This year's charity concert features baseball personalities such as Hall of Fame writer Peter Gammons and former Red Sox GM Theo Epstein, along with musicians Bill Janovitz, Kay Hanley, Tanya Donelly and more. *Refer to listing, page 14.*

January 12

Jared Sullinger (pictured) and the rest of the Rajon Rondo-less **Boston Celtics** take on the surprising New Orleans Pelicans at the TD Garden for a 7:30 p.m. matchup. The Pelicans are led by center Anthony Davis, who is putting up MVP-worthy numbers in only his second year in the NBA. *Refer to listing, page 15.*

January 14 & 15

Neil deGrasse Tyson—renowned astrophysicist, author, host of TV's new "Cosmos" and director of the American Museum of Natural History's Hayden Planetarium in New York—comes to the Wilbur Theatre, no doubt to enlighten audiences on the mysteries of the universe. *Visit thewilbur.com for tickets.*

January 17

Breakout British crooner **Sam Smith** comes to the Agganis Arena in support of his smash debut album *The Lonely Hour*, which has been nominated for six Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year as well as Record of the Year and Song of the Year for his hit "Stay With Me." *Refer to listing, page 14.*

NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON PHOTO: RODERICK MICKENS/©2013 AMNH

HUB

THE LOST WORLD

Explore the mysteries surrounding one of the Western hemisphere's most intriguing lost civilizations at the **Museum of Science** (*refer to listing, page 19*) exhibit **Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed**. One of the most sophisticated societies on the planet during its Classic Period (250–900 AD), the Mayan world boasted complex cities containing majestic pyramids, advanced astronomical calendars and one of the oldest written languages on record. Through more than 250 artifacts, interactive displays and even life-size replicas of fantastic temples, daily life in the bygone days of this awe-inspiring Central American empire that stretched across parts of modern-day Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras and El Salvador is uncovered. In conjunction with this show, the museum is also screening the IMAX film *Mystery of the Maya* at its Mugar Omni Theater.

WHAT BOSTON'S BUZZING ABOUT

1.5.15

SWEET DREAMS

Boston has a long history with chocolate, going all the way back to the Colonial days. For those in the here and now, however, one of the best ways to get their chocolate fix is by taking a tour. Luckily, the Hub is home to two operators who point chocoholics in the right direction. Old Town Trolley's three-hour **One & Only Boston Chocolate Tour** (617-269-7010, trolleytours.com/boston) chauffeurs visitors around several sweet sites, including Top of the Hub and The Langham Boston's Chocolate Bar, where they can sample all kinds of chocolate concoctions. Not to be outdone, **Boston Chocolate Tours** (617-971-8436, bostonchocolatetours.com) has two walking tours—one in the Back Bay that explores Newbury and Boylston streets, and one in the South End—that feature samples of chocolate treats, including cupcakes, from various shops along the route.

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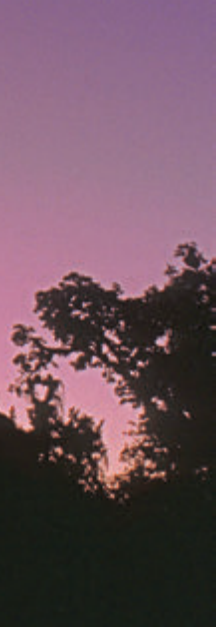

PICCOLI PIATTI

Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse (*refer to listing, page 52*) in the Back Bay has taken bar snacks to the next level with the recent unveiling of its spuntini menu. The spuntini (Italian for snacks) at Davio's include delectable favorites like fried calamari and mini bruschetta with prosciutto and burrata cheese, as well as such decidedly non-Italian dishes as soft pretzel sticks, Kobe beef sliders, truffle fries with gorgonzola sauce and grilled cheese bites. The regular bar menu, featuring Davio's classics like its famous Philly cheese steak spring rolls, is also available alongside the new offerings, Sunday–Tuesday until 11 p.m. and Wednesday–Saturday until midnight. So when next you belly up to the bar, do so in style by grabbing a slice of pizza and some pancetta popcorn in one of Boston's most elegant settings.

THE REAL BOSTON CELTICS

As the first event for Harvard Square's seventh annual Winter Carnival, **Boston's Celtic Music Fest** (passim.org/bcmfest) gets things off on the right foot with a lively lineup celebrating the area's Scottish, Irish and Cape Breton-influenced music and dance scene. Presented by legendary folk venue **Club Passim** (*refer to listing, page 27*) on January 9 & 10, the first night features a concert of traditional and contemporary Celtic music at Passim, which later hosts Boston Urban Ceilidh, a Celtic-themed dance party. The next day is highlighted by "Dayfest," consisting of not only family-friendly music and storytelling at Passim but also participatory events, including Scottish country dance lessons, at the First Parish Church (3 Church St., Cambridge) around the corner. The scene shifts back to Passim for the BCMFest Nightcap concert with the all-female Celtic band Long Time Courting and special guests.

CRYING UNCLE

After Christopher Durang's uproarious comedy ***Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike*** (*refer to listing, page 17*) made its Broadway debut in 2013, it took home the coveted Tony Award for Best Play. Now it makes its Hub premiere at the Boston University Theatre courtesy of the Huntington Theatre Company. Using the timeless works of Russian playwright Anton Chekhov as a jumping off point, the show depicts siblings Vanya and Sonia as their quiet life in the country is upended by the arrival of their movie star sister Masha with dim-witted boy toy Spike in tow. Combining Chekhovian themes of loss and disappointment with Disney, voodoo and The Beatles, Durang's latest masterpiece will leave audiences howling. —*Scott Roberto*

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Zoe's

Stephanie's on Newbury

Finale

NORTHERN COMFORT

Set your New Year's resolutions aside and dive into some of the Boston area's best comfort food BY SCOTT ROBERTO

BREAKFAST

Pancakes, waffles, omelets, French toast, home fries—not exactly health food, yet all of these are welcome parts of a hearty American breakfast. For all of that and more, head to either the original Beacon Hill or the newer South Boston location of **The Paramount** (44 Charles St., 617-720-1152; 667 East Broadway, 617-269-9999; paramountboston.com). Also drink in the kitschy decor at **The Friendly Toast** (1 Kendall Square, #b3101, Cambridge, 617-621-1200, thefriendlytoast.com) in Kendall Square. Declared one of the best breakfast places in America by *Esquire,* it boasts six kinds of fresh-baked bread to accompany your meal. And don't forget **Zoe's** (*refer to listing, page 29*) in Harvard Square, which offers breakfast all day.

LUNCH

When it comes to Italian food, two comfort food staples spring to mind—pizza and pasta. For the former, head to the original **Regina Pizza** (*refer to listing, page 58*) in the North End for outstanding brick oven pies. Just around the corner, homemade pasta is a specialty at **Cantina Italiana** (*refer to listing, page 58*), a North End mainstay since 1931. Just across the Rose Kennedy Greenway, Faneuil Hall Marketplace's **Quincy Market** (4 South Market St., 617-523-1300, faneuilhallmarketplace.com) is jam-packed with vendors offering everything from mac and cheese to clam chowder.

DINNER

Since 1994, sophisticated comfort food has been a specialty at **Stephanie's on Newbury** (*refer to listing, page 53*), including shepherd's pie, meatloaf and the gigantic Stephi burger. Classic pub food can be found at both the **Sunset Grill & Tap** (*refer to listing, page 51*) in Allston, where you can wash down your curly fries and chicken wings with a brew from a list of hundreds of beers, and **The Kinsale Irish Pub & Restaurant** (*refer to listing, page 56*) near City Hall, which boasts a diverse menu highlighted by Hibernian favorites like fish & chips and beef & Guinness stew.

DESSERT

As long as we're indulging in comfort food, what provides more culinary satisfaction than an after-dinner treat? Dessert specialist **Finale** (*refer to listing, page 60*) has been satiating sweet tooths since 1998, offering upscale versions of classics like Boston cream pie, as well as its signature molten chocolate cake, at both the original Park Square location and another outpost in Harvard Square. Donuts hit the spot any time of day, especially at gourmet bake shop **Union Square Donuts** (20 Bow St., Somerville, 617-209-2257, unionsquaredonuts.com), which is famous for its maple bacon version of everyone's favorite pastry. Chocolate is a go-to mood-corrector for millions, and the factory store of **Taza Chocolate** (561 Windsor St., Somerville, 617-284-2232, tazachocolate.com) provides some of the best in the country.

ABOVE PHOTOS (L TO R): MEGHAN RANDALL, BOB PERACHIO, TIMOTHY RENZI

BOSTON CREAM PIE

Perhaps no dessert is so closely associated with a city than the beloved Boston cream pie. But its association with the Hub and the surrounding region goes deeper than just a name. And all this despite the fact that it has the most misleading name in the history of baked goods.

The origin of Boston cream pie officially goes back to 1856, when a French chef known as Monsieur Sanzian was credited with inventing it in the kitchen of the historic Parker House Hotel (the oldest continuously operated hotel in the U.S., now known as the Omni Parker House Hotel) in downtown Boston. Designed as two golden cakes layered with pastry cream, glazed with chocolate and dressed with slivered almonds, it was originally referred to as "Chocolate Cream Pie." When the "pie" was invented, chocolate was mainly consumed in America as a beverage or pudding, so the use of a chocolate coating was very innovative. This story, though, has its doubters, and there are even those brazen enough to claim that Beantown's quintessential confection was invented in New York. Apparently they're not satisfied with just the cheesecake.

As far as the "pie" part of the name, the exact reason for the misnomer is lost to history, though the likely culprit is that the dessert was allegedly based on Colonial-era pudding-cake pies, as well as the fact that, in 19th century New England, pie tins were more common than cake pans. Regardless of the naming snafu, the dessert became so popular that over the years baking giants like Betty Crocker and Duncan Hines got into the act with boxed mix versions. For enterprising home bakers out there, the "original" recipe is available on the Omni Parker House website (omnihotels.com/blog/boston-cream-pie-recipe-original).

The legendary cake has such a strong following in Massachusetts that in 1996 it was named the Commonwealth's official dessert, beating out such classic Bay State treats as the Toll House cookie, the Fig Newton and Indian pudding. Canton, Mass.-based super-chain Dunkin' Donuts has further popularized the chocolatey sweet with its custard-filled "Boston Kreme" donut, which was declared the official donut of Massachusetts in 2003. And what self-respecting dessert doesn't have its own national holiday? Boston cream pie does, on October 23. —*Scott Roberto*

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OUTDOOR WINTER FUN

Enjoy the great outdoors, snow or shine, all over the Boston area and beyond with skiing, sledding, snowshoeing and more BY SCOTT ROBERTO

Boston Common

When the conditions are right, Boston Common is a great spot to take the family sledding. One of the best spots from which to engage in wintry gliding is near the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on top of Flagstaff Hill, the park's highest point. The Common is also a great spot for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or simply building a snowman.

Flagstaff Hill lies just to the southwest of the Boston Common Frog Pond

Frog Pond Ice Skating Rink

Since 1998, this venue in the heart of Boston has hosted thousands of eager skaters, offering skate rentals, sharpening services and the Frog Pond Café, serving hot cocoa as well as snacks from soup to grilled cheese and mac & cheese to Belgian waffles.

Boston Common, 617-635-2120, bostonfrogpond.com

RunBoston Tours

Book a personalized tour with an expert guide to explore everything from the Boston Marathon finish line to the Freedom Trail to the Charles River Esplanade, and burn off those holiday pounds in the process. Prices range from $50–70, depending on distance, and include digital photography.

617-575-9077, runboston.org

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Sculpture Park Snowshoe Tour

The deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, 20 miles west of the city, hosts snowshoe treks across its extensive grounds every other Saturday at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Upcoming tours take place January 10 and 24.
51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355, decordova.org

Arnold Arboretum

On January 11, enjoy a free, guided Winter Wonderland Bird Walk from 9–11 a.m. or a Winter Wellness Walk from 1–1:45 p.m. If you miss either event, though, private tours are also available. When the snow flies, sledding on one of several hills is a popular activity at this picturesque, Harvard University-operated botanical garden in Jamaica Plain.
125 Arborway, 617-524-1718, arboretum.harvard.edu

Community Ice Skating @ Kendall Square

Kendall Square, Cambridge's high-tech playground and home to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, boasts daily skating, as well as skate rentals and weekly lessons, on this urban ice sheet.
300 Athenaeum St., Cambridge, 617-492-0941, skatekendall.com

The Rink at The Charles Hotel

Located in the heart of Harvard Square, this 2,900 square foot ice rink is fun for the whole family. Tired from skating? Take a break with hot chocolate, hot apple cider and more at the snack bar.
One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-234-8008, charleshotel.com

Outdoor Skating under the Rotunda

Located under the domed archway at the Boston Harbor Hotel, this relative newcomer to Boston's outdoor skating scene is perched right on the waterfront and features a fine view of Boston Harbor.
70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000, winteronthewharf.com

Wachusett Mountain

The tallest peak in Massachusetts east of the Berkshires, Wachusett Mountain is home to its namesake ski area and is easily accessible from Boston. The "Ski Train" from North Station heads out Saturday and Sunday mornings to Fitchburg, where a shuttle departs directly to the slopes. Once there, schuss down 22 trails across 110 acres. You can even partake in night skiing on weekends and holidays.
499 Mountain Road, Princeton, 800-SKI-1234, wachusett.com

Weston Ski Track

Whether a beginner or veteran cross-country skier, this winter playground 20 miles west of the Hub features 15 kilometers of groomed trails to explore. During less-wintry periods, snowmaking gives mother nature a boost on a 2.5 kilometer area that is lit for night skiing. Lessons, rentals and even snowshoeing are also available.
190 Park Road, Weston, 781-891-6575, skiboston.com

MOTOWN THE MUSICAL

The true story of Motown Records founder Berry Gordy has been transformed into a smash-hit musical tracing his journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more.

Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-259-3400. Beginning Jan 27. $40–190.

Classical Music

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617–266–2378, bso.org. Renowned throughout the world for its distinctive sound, impressive range and overall virtuosity, the Boston Symphony Orchestra celebrates its 133rd year and the debut of new Music Director Andris Nelsons. **Jan 8–10** *at 8 p.m.*—Andris Nelsons conducts Brahms, Haydn and Strauss featuring cellist Gautier Capuçon, *$36–145;* **Jan 15 & 17** *at 8 p.m.*, **Jan 16** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Andris Nelsons conducts Mozart and Bruckner featuring pianist Lars Vogt, *$33–145;* **Jan 22 & 24** *at 8 p.m.*, **Jan 23** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Tugan Sokhiev conducts Berlioz, Saint-Saëns and Rimsky-Korsakov featuring cellist Johannes Moser, *$30–119;* **Jan 29 & 31** *at 8 p.m.*, **Jan 30** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Asher Fisch conducts Dorman, Prokofiev and Schumann featuring violinist Julian Rachlin, *$30–119.*

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY

Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617–266–2378, handelandhaydn.org. A principal leader of Boston's arts community since 1815, the Handel and Haydn Society is celebrating 200 years of performing baroque and classical music at the highest level of artistic excellence. **Jan 23** *at 7.30 p.m.*, **Jan 25** *at 3 p.m.*—Artistic Director Harry Christophers conducts Haydn with Aisslinn Nosky.

Comedy

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY DEN BELOW HOWL AT THE MOON

184 High St., 800-401-2221, dickdoherty.com. Shows Thu–Sat. $15 & 20. National headliners with a Boston connection and local comedians are joined by Boston's next superstars.

IMPROV ASYLUM

216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887, improvasylum.com. $5–25, dinner packages available. Some of Boston's top improvisational comics perform uproarious and creative shows at this theater in Boston's North End.

LAUGH BOSTON

Westin Seaport Waterfront Hotel, 425 Summer St., 617-725-2844, laughboston.

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com. Boston's newest comedy club features premier stand-up comedy, including a weekly show called Legends of Boston Comedy, as well as national acts.

NICK'S COMEDY STOP
100 Warrenton St., 617-438-1068, nickscomedystop.com. $20. Nick's is the city's longest-running comedy club.

WILBUR THEATRE
246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700, thewilbur theatre.com. This venue hosts comedic headliners as well as national musical talent. **Jan 7** *at 9:45 p.m.*—Patton Oswalt, *$29 & 35;* **Jan 9** *at 7:30 p.m.*—R-Rated Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr., *$25;* **Jan 10** *at 9:45 p.m.*—Bill Bellamy, *$22.50 & 32;* **Jan 17** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—Sebastian Maniscalco, *$32;* **Jan 21 & 22** *at 8 p.m.,* **Jan 23** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Gabriel Iglesias, *$45 & 65;* **Jan 30** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Paula Poundstone, *$25 & 35;* **Jan 30** *at 10 p.m.*—Pauly Shore, *$25;* **Jan 31** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—Demetri Martin, *$37.*

INSIDE TIP: Built in 1914, the Wilbur Theatre was designed by architect Clarence H. Blackall.

Dance

DANCING WITH THE STARS LIVE!
Wilbur Theatre, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700, thewilburtheatre.com. **Jan 16** *at 5 and 8 p.m. $67 & 87.* The all-new tour features a cast of the television show's most popular competitors, treating audiences to exciting and romantic performances. "Dancing with the Stars" dancers have choreographed brand-new numbers and re-create some of the show's most memorable moments.

Film

BRIGHT FAMILY SCREENING ROOM
Paramount Center, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8400. $10. Visit artsemerson .org for full schedule. Emerson College's state-of-the-art screening room features a variety of classic films.

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE
290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500, coolidge.org. Call for showtimes and full schedule. $10.25; students, seniors, children (under 12) & matinees (before 5 p.m.) $8.25. This beloved theater shows art

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house, independent, classic and international films, including midnight movies.

MUGAR OMNI THEATER
Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM, mos.org. $10; seniors $9; children (3-11) $8. Discounted admission after 6 p.m. This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. **Now showing:** *Pandas: The Journey Home; Mystery of the Maya; Galapagos.*

SIMONS IMAX THEATRE
New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 866-815-4629, neaq.org. Open daily at 9:30 a.m. $9.95; seniors & children (3-11) $7.95. Visit the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3-D viewing capability. **Now showing:** *Island of Lemurs: Madagascar 3-D; Journey to the South Pacific 3-D; Great White Shark 3-D.*

Live Music

AGGANIS ARENA
Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 800-745-3000, agganisarena.com. This venue on the BU campus is a state-of-the-art entertainment center. **Jan 17** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Sam Smith, *$45-75.*

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER
136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261, berkleebpc.com. The primary concert hall for Berklee College's performances also hosts visiting artists and community organizations. **Jan 24** *at 8 p.m.*—The Bad Plus, *$28-42.*

HOUSE OF BLUES
15 Lansdowne St., 888-693-BLUE, hob.com/boston. This club, concert hall and restaurant across from Fenway Park welcomes top rock, blues and pop acts. **Jan 10** *at 6 p.m.*—The Devil Makes Three, *$22.50;* **Jan 12** *at 7 p.m.*—A$AP Ferg and YG, *$29.50 & 39.50;* **Jan 17** *at 6 p.m.*—G-Eazy, *$27 & 37;* **Jan 18** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Seether and Papa Roach, *$37 & 47;* **Jan 21** *at 8 p.m.*—Extreme, *$29.50 & 45;* **Jan 22** *at 7 p.m.*—Datsik, *$25 & 35;* **Jan 24** *at 6 p.m.*—The Tragically Hip, *$45-75;* **Jan 25** *at 5:30 p.m.*—August Burns Red, *$22.50;* **Jan 26** *at 7 p.m.*—London Grammar, *$20;* **Jan 27** *at 7 p.m.*—Ben Howard, *$28 & 45;* **Jan 28** *at 7 p.m.*—Marilyn Manson, *$50.50 & 62.50;* **Jan 29** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake, *$22 & 30;* **Jan 30** *at 7 p.m.*—Lotus, *$25 & 35;* **Jan 31** *at 6 p.m.*—Dr. Dog, *$25 & 35.*

ORPHEUM THEATRE
1 Hamilton Place, 617-482-0106, orpheumtheatreboston.com. The Orpheum opened in 1852 and was the site of the first Boston Symphony Orchestra performances and lectures by Booker T. Washington and Ralph Waldo Emerson. **Jan 31** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Billy Idol, *$43.50.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB
967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800, thedise.com. An intimate setting with big sound, the Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. **Jan 10** *at 7 p.m.*—Hot Stove Cool Music, *$40;* **Jan 11** *at 7 p.m.*—Wale, *$25;* **Jan 23** *at 8 p.m.*—Kap Slap, *$15;* **Jan 24** *at 8 p.m.*—John Brown's Body, *$20;* **Jan 29** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Lucy Hale, *$20;* **Jan 30** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Motion City Soundtrack, *$25;* **Jan 31** *at 8 p.m.*—Cherub, *$18.*

ROYALE
279 Tremont St., 617-338-7699, 800-745-3000, royaleboston.com. This Theatre District club boasts red-hot dance nights and live shows by top indie rock acts. **Jan 6 & 7** *at 7 p.m.*—Future Islands, *$18;* **Jan 11** *at 7 p.m.*—Mayhem and Watain, *$25;* **Jan 20** *at 7 p.m.*—Reverend Horton Heat, *$20.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB
DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111, scullersjazz.com. This Boston club is known for featuring the biggest names in Latin and contemporary jazz, blues, soul, R&B, cabaret and world music. **Jan 8** *at 8 p.m.*—Kellylee Evans, *$25;* **Jan 9 & 10** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Linda Eder, *$48;* **Jan 15** *at 8 p.m.*—The Love Dogs, *$25;* **Jan 16** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Phil Woods and the Greg Abate Quartet, *$30;* **Jan 17** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Sammy Figueroa and his Latin Jazz Explosion, *$30;* **Jan 23**

TOP OF THE HUB

Enjoy food, drinks and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook.
Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775, topofthehub.net. Sun & Mon from 8 p.m.-midnight, Tue-Thu from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Fri & Sat from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

at 8 and 10 p.m.—Bill Frisell, *$40;* **Jan 24** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Grace Kelly, *$30;* **Jan 30 & 31** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Roy Hargrove, *$35.*

TD GARDEN
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-2327, tdgarden.com. Home to the Boston Celtics and Bruins, this arena also hosts some of the biggest acts in music. **Jan 22** *at 7:30 p.m.,* **Jan 23 & 24** *at 7 and 10:30 p.m.,* **Jan 25** *at 7 p.m.*—Garth Brooks, *$60.50.*

WANG THEATRE
Citi Performing Arts Center, 270 Tremont St., 617-482-9393, citicenter.org. Citi Performing Arts Center is one of the nation's premier nonprofit performing arts institutions. **Jan 21** *at 8 p.m.*—Joe Bonamassa, *$82.75–128.75.*

Special Events

IRA GLASS, MONICA BILL BARNES AND ANNA BASS: THREE ACTS, TWO DANCERS, ONE RADIO HOST
Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738, citicenter.org. **Jan 24** *at 8 p.m.,* **Jan 25** *at 3 p.m. $25–75.* "This American Life" host Ira Glass collaborates with Monica Bill Barnes & Company for this show that combines dance and radio. The result is a funny, lively and very talky evening of dance and stories.

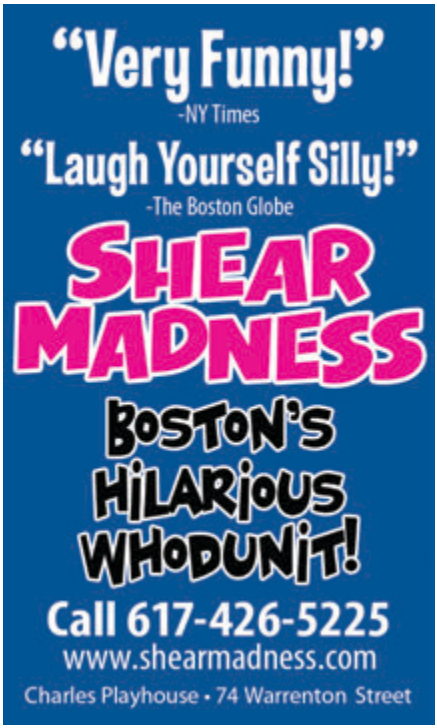
WWE SMACKDOWN
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-2327, tdgarden.com. **Jan 27** *at 7 p.m. $23.50–113.50.* See your favorite WWE superstars, including John Cena, Randy Orton, Kane, Big Show and Bray Wyatt, in this live pro wrestling extravaganza.

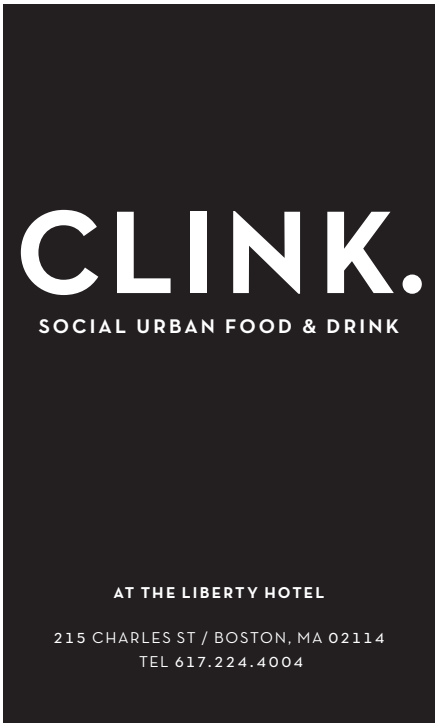
Sports

BOSTON BRUINS/NHL
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-1050, bruins.nhl.com.

Jan 8 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. New Jersey Devils
Jan 13 *at 1 p.m.*	vs. Tampa Bay Lightning
Jan 15 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. New York Rangers
Jan 17 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Columbus Blue Jackets
Jan 31 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Los Angeles Kings

BOSTON CELTICS/NBA
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-523-3030, nba.com/celtics.





Jan 5 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Charlotte Hornets
Jan 12 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. New Orleans Pelicans
Jan 14 *at 8 p.m.* vs. Atlanta Hawks
Jan 16 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Chicago Bulls
Jan 30 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Houston Rockets
Feb 1 *at 1 p.m.* vs. Miami Heat

Theater

BLUE MAN GROUP
Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 800-BLUE-MAN, blueman.com. **Ongoing**. *$55 & 105.* This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit serves up outrageous and inventive theater where three muted, blue-painted performers spoof both contemporary art and modern technology. Wry commentary and bemusing antics are matched only by the ingenious ways in which music and sound are created. The show has recently been updated with new performance pieces and music.

BREATH & IMAGINATION
Paramount Theatre, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8400, artsemerson.org. **Beginning Jan 27**. *$25-79.* Author, poet and classically trained singer Daniel Beaty brings the life and career of renowned African-American vocalist Roland Hayes to the stage. Through narrative, movement and song, Beaty shares Hayes' journey from singing spirituals in a church in rural Georgia to performing before the crowned heads of Europe and becoming the first African-American soloist to perform with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

RED HOT PATRIOT:
THE KICK-ASS WIT OF MOLLY IVINS
Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-585-5678, lyricstage.com. **Through Jan 31**. *$24-56.* A dyed-in-the-wool liberal from deep in the heart of Texas, Molly Ivins used her rapier wit to become one of America's top political columnists, satirists and rabble-rousers. Through personal anecdotes laced with Molly's humor and wisdom, this show celebrates her courage and tenacity—even when a complacent America wasn't listening.

THE SECOND GIRL
Huntington Theatre Company, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-266-0800, huntingtontheatre.org.

Beginning Jan 16. *$15–83.* With Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey into Night* as a backdrop, this story—set in the downstairs world of the Tyrone family kitchen in August 1912—spotlights two Irish immigrant servant girls and the chauffeur as they search for love, success and a sense of belonging in this world premiere by Ronan Noone and directed by Campbell Scott.

VANYA AND SONIA AND MASHA AND SPIKE

Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800, huntingtontheatre.org. **Through Feb 1**. *$15–83.* In this wickedly wonderful Chekhovian mashup from master of comedy Christopher Durang (*Betty's Summer Vacation*), Vanya and Sonia's quiet, bucolic life is hilariously upended when their glamorous movie star sister arrives for the weekend with her brawny boy toy in tow.

Tickets

BOSTIX

Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square. Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Information and tickets, including half-price seats on day of event, for the best performing arts around Boston. Log on to bostix.org to purchase discounted tickets and receive special e-mail updates. All ticket offers subject to availability.

SHEAR MADNESS

It's just another day at the Shear Madness salon, when suddenly the lady upstairs gets knocked off. Whodunnit? Join the fun as the audience matches wits with the suspects to catch the killer at this wildly popular comedy. *Shear Madness* has audiences laughing around the world. Boston is the original. Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225, shearmadness.com. Ongoing.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including works by Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special exhibit: through Jan 19—**Donatello, Michelangelo, Cellini: Sculptors' Drawings from Renaissance Italy**.

280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. Wed–Mon 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $15; seniors $12; college students $5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are also admitted free.

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BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Museum Wharf, 308 Congress St., 617-426-6500, bostonkids.org. Sat–Thu 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $14; children (under 1) free; Sat–Thu 4–5 p.m. $7; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) $1. This museum for kids of all ages features interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture firsthand.

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART

100 Northern Ave., 617-478-3100, icaboston.org. Sat, Sun, Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $15; seniors $13; students $10; children (under 17) free. Free to all Thu 5–9 p.m. This state-of-the-art structure on the South Boston waterfront presents installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs, as well as live dance and music. **Special exhibit:** Adriana Varejão.

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Columbia Point off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960, jfklibrary.org. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Main exhibit halls closed for upgrades **through mid-Mar**. *Admission: $14; seniors & students $12; children (13–17) $10; children (12 and under) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays the life, leadership and legacy of John F. Kennedy and members of his illustrious family in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. **Special exhibits:** Superman's Mission for President Kennedy; To the Brink: JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis; In Her Voice: Jacqueline Kennedy, The White House Years; Freedom 7 Space Capsule; Presidential Getaway: JFK on Cape Cod.

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY

200 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-7000, marybakereddylibrary.org. Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors, students & youth (6–17) $4; children (under 6) free. Explore the life and achievements of Mary Baker Eddy, a New England woman who defied conventional 19th-century thinking to become an influential religious leader, publisher, teacher and businesswoman. The museum also houses the famous Mapparium—a three-story stained-glass globe, opened in 1935, which allows

ABOVE: MICHELANGELO, *PIETÀ* (DETAIL), ABOUT 1538–1544

visitors to stand in the center, giving them a unique look at how ideas can inspire individuals and change the world.

THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

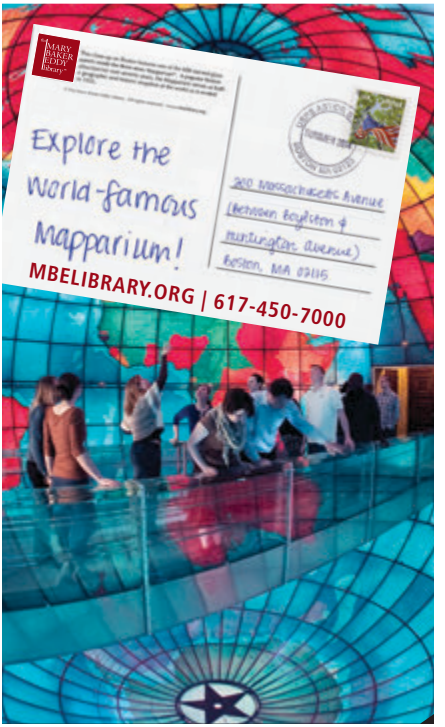
African Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-2991, afroammuseum.org. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $5; seniors & children (13–17) $3; children (12 & under) free. Explore the history of Boston's 19th-century African-American community at the African Meeting House, the oldest African-American church still standing in the United States. In addition, there are tour maps available for the Black Heritage Trail.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300, mfa.org. Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 9:45 p.m. Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): $25; seniors & students $23; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $10 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times; children (6 and under) free. The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, as well as the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world and a four-floor Art of the Americas wing. **Special exhibits:** Gold and the Gods: Jewels of Ancient Nubia; Over There! Posters from World War I; Landscape, Abstracted; Shinique Smith: Bright Matter; Karsh Goes Hollywood; Conversation Piece; National Pride (and Prejudice); Planes, Trains and Automobiles: Selections from the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Collection; Court Ladies or Pin-Up Girls?: Chinese Paintings from the MFA, Boston; **beginning Jan 17**—Gordon Parks: Back to Fort Scott; Nature, Sculpture, Abstraction, and Clay: 100 Years of American Ceramics; **through Jan 19**—Goya: Order and Disorder.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Science Park, 617-723-2500, mos.org. Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $23; seniors $21; children (3–11) $20; children (under 3) free. Planetarium and Omni theater tickets: $10; seniors $9; children (3–11) $8. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available. This popular museum for all ages boasts interactive science exhibits, as well as laser and astronomy shows



in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. **Special exhibits:** Water Stories: Conversations in Paint and Sound; Animals Without Passports; Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed; The Photography of Modernist Cuisine.

Beyond Boston

CONCORD MUSEUM
200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763, concordmuseum.org. Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun 1–4 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors & students $8; children (6–17) $5; children (under 6) free. Ample free parking on Cambridge Turnpike. Relive Concord's history, from Native American habitation and European settlement to the days of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts and Hawthorne. **Special exhibit:** Behind Closed Doors: Asleep in New England.

DECORDOVA SCULPTURE PARK AND MUSEUM
51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355, decordova.org. Wed–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 5 pm. Admission: $14; seniors $12; students $10; children (12 and under) free. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, admission charged during museum operating hours only. Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. **Special exhibits:** Platform 15: Oscar Tuazon, *Partners*; Walden, revisited; The Social Medium.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM
East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876, pem.org. Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $18; seniors $15; students $10; children (16 and under) free. The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a collection showcasing African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art, a maritime collection and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. **Special exhibits:** Branching Out: Trees as Art; Candice Breitz: The Woods; Someone Else's Country, Photographs by Jo Ractliffe; In Plain Sight: Discovering the Furniture of Nathaniel Gould.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM
19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692, salemwitchmuseum.com. Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9.50; seniors $8; children (6–14) $6.50. Life-size stage settings and historically accurate narration recreate the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials and executions of 1692. Translations available in Japanese, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Galleries

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY
486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781, bostonsculptors.com. Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m. A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. **Special exhibits: through Jan 11**—Sketchy Sculptors; BSG Group Show; **beginning Jan 21**—Murray Dewart and Chris Abrams.

BROMFIELD ART GALLERY
450 Harrison Ave., 617-451-3605, bromfieldgallery.com. Wed–Sun noon–5 p.m. Boston's oldest artist-run gallery features shows by members of the cooperative, while exhibitions by visiting artists are selected by current members. **Special exhibit:** SOLO 2015 Winners: Lyell Castonguay and Wendy Wolf.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY
The acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage works from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters. 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076, internationalposter.com. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY
211 Newbury St., 617-927-4400, lattitudegallery.com. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Contemporary sculpture, crafts and art for the home, garden and commercial environments. **Special exhibit: through Jan 14**—All Fired Up.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS
175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810, societyofcrafts.org. Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. Jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting-edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. **Special exhibit: through Jan 10**—Our Cups Runneth Over: Sculptural & Functional Cups; **beginning Jan 30**—Collisions & Collaborations.

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Boots & Shoes

HELEN'S LEATHER

110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. Mon–Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. For 40 years, Helen's Leather has supplied New Englanders with quality Western boots by makers like Luccchese, Tony Lama, Justin, Nocona and Frye. In addition, Helen's sells Western belts, buckles, shirts and Stetson hats, as well as leather jackets and bags.

Clothing

THE BLUE JEANS BAR

85 Newbury St., 857-350-4683. Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Modeled after a neighborhood pub, this denim specialty store boasts the best selection of jeans for both men and women, offering expert advice on finding the perfect pair of jeans from its "jeantenders."

CHANEL

6 Newbury St., 617-859-0055. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Modeled after Coco Chanel's Paris apartment, the 10,000-square-foot, two-story Chanel boutique features the House's iconic handbags, jewelry and accessories. Upstairs, you'll find ready-to-wear and shoes along with luxe fitting rooms and a suite.

LOUIS

60 Northern Ave., 617-262-6100. Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 7 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m. This Boston institution brings high fashion to the Seaport District, offering upscale men's and women's clothing, bed and bath items and fine home accessories.

Newbury Street

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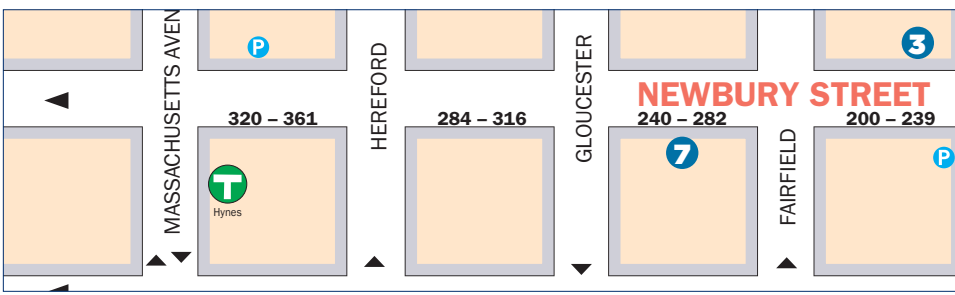

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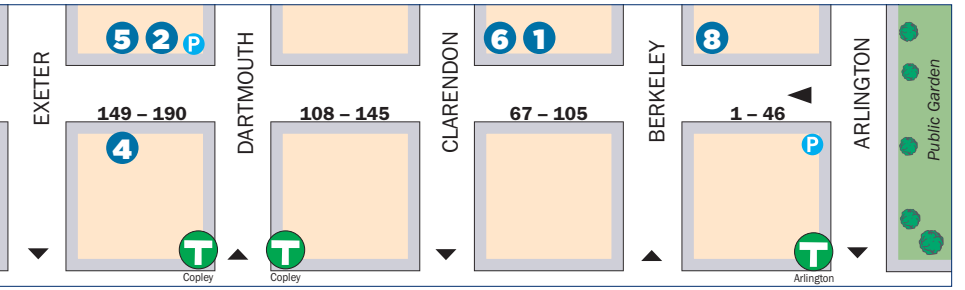

MACY'S
450 Washington St., 617-357-3000. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Discover the season's hottest trends, newest styles and best prices. Choose from renowned designers such as Coach, Polo, DKNY, Hugo Boss, the Martha Stewart Collection and more.

MARSHALLS
500 Boylston St., 617-262-6066: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m. With its mantra "Brand-name clothing for less," this discount retailer is a bargain hunter's dream. From Ralph Lauren to Calvin Klein, Marshalls features designer duds for men, women and children.

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SERENELLA
134 Newbury St., 617-262-5568. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. A sharp, sophisticated and selective array of fashion's current trends and influences from designers like Balmain, Emilio Pucci, Rochas and Vionnet can be found here.

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170 Newbury St., 617-266-7888; 63A Charles St., 617-248-3866. Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m. This upscale boutique offers timeless fashion for the sophisticated woman, from international cutting edge designers to classic pieces with a twist.

VINCE
71 Newbury St., 617-279-0659. Mon–Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Modern, timeless and sophisticated clothing for men and women is what shoppers can find at the latest outpost of this L.A.-based high-fashion brand.

Gifts & Souvenirs

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332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; 36 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; North Market Building, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9992. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain, which carries import, indie and major label releases, as well as T-shirts, comics and other pop culture kitsch items.

TEDDY BALLGAME'S
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Gourmet Food & Beverage

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Malls/Shopping Centers

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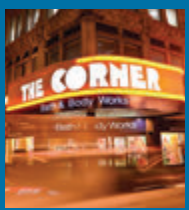

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200 Newbury St., 617-267-3400. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. This recently renovated temple to the Nike franchise proffers all things Nike, including footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories.

SOUTH END ATHLETIC COMPANY
652 Tremont St., 617-391-0897. Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri 'til 7 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun 'til 5 p.m. With locations in the South End and in Newton on the Boston Marathon route (Heartbreak Hill Running Company), this runner's paradise carries footwear, apparel and accessories for the serious athlete. They even offer expert video gait-analysis to ensure the proper fit.

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FATHER COMES HOME FROM THE WARS

Set during the Civil War, this explosively powerful new drama by Pulitzer Prize-winner Suzan-Lori Parks follows a slave, Hero, from West Texas to the Confederate battlefield. Inspired in part by the stories and scope of Greek tragedy, this trilogy examines the mess of war and the cost of freedom. *American Repertory Theater, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. Beginning Jan 23. $25–55.*

Sights of Interest

CAMBRIDGE COMMON/ OLD BURYING GROUND
Massachusetts Avenue and Garden Street. A grazing pasture and cemetery for Puritan Newtowne, as well as a favorite meeting spot for public figures and a tent site for the Continental Army. Early college presidents and town residents were buried in "God's Acre" across from the Common.

CHRIST CHURCH
Zero Garden St., 617-876-0200, cccambridge.org. Offices open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Call for services. This 1761 Tory house of worship was utilized as a Colonial barracks during the American Revolution.

HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE YARDS
Located within Harvard Campus. The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

HARVARD SQUARE/OLD CAMBRIDGE
The center of Cambridge activity since the 17th century, the square is home to Harvard University, historic buildings, cafes, restaurants and shops.

TORY ROW (BRATTLE STREET)
One of the nation's most beautiful residential streets, Tory Row is the site of Loyalist mansions and their elegant neighbors from nearly every period of early American architecture.

Entertainment

THE BRATTLE THEATRE
40 Brattle St., Harvard Square, 617-876-6837, brattlefilm.org. $10; students & matinees $8; seniors & children (under 12) $7. Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day.

CLUB PASSIM
47 Palmer St., Harvard Square, 617-492-7679, passim.org. This legendary folk music venue nurtured the early careers of icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. **Jan 7** *at 8 p.m.*—Jay Psaros, Sam Chase and Chuck McDermott, *$15;* **Jan 10** *at 8 p.m.*—Don White, *$22;* **Jan 17** *at 1 p.m.*—Shun Ng, Dan LaVoie and Trevor Gordon Hall , *$15;* **Jan 23 & 24** *at 8 p.m.*—Kris Delmhorst, *$22;* **Jan**

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31 *at 8 p.m.*—Les Sampou, *$25;* **Feb 4** *at 8 p.m.*—Ryan Montbleau, *$32.*

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG
1238 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, 617-661-6507, thecomedystudio.com. Shows begin at 8 p.m. $10 & 12. Located on the third floor of the Hong Kong restaurant, The Comedy Studio hosts cutting-edge headliners and up-and-coming comedians.

IMPROVBOSTON
40 Prospect St., Central Square, 617-576-1253, improvboston.com. Performances: Wed–Sun. $5–18. Enjoy improv sketch comedy, stand-up shows, original music and audience participation for all ages.

THE MIDDLE EAST
472 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square, 617-864-EAST, mideastoffers.com. Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative and indie rock bands. **Jan 16** *at 8 p.m.*—Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven, *$22;* **Jan 22** *at 8 p.m.*—Jadakiss, *$30.*

INSIDE TIP: The Middle East features two restaurants.

REGATTABAR
Third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., 617-661-5000, regattabarjazz.com. Regattabar is the leading jazz club in New England, showcasing performers rarely seen in the Hub. **Jan 16** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Joe Louis Walker, *$20;* **Jan 17** *at 8 p.m.*—The Steven Feifke Septet, *$20;* **Jan 22** *at 8 p.m.*—Laszlo Gardony Quartet, *$18;* **Jan 24** *at 8 p.m.*—Alexei Tsiganov Group, *$16;* **Jan 28** *at 8 p.m.*—Professor Louie & The Crowmatix, *$20;* **Jan 29** *at 8 p.m.*—Musaner with Alex Vavilov, *$25;* **Jan 30** *at 8 p.m.*—Bruce Katz Band, *$20;* **Jan 31** *at 8 p.m.*—Atlas Soul, *$18.*

THE SINCLAIR
52 Church St., 617-547-5200, sinclaircambridge.com. This live music venue and gastropub is located in the heart of Harvard Square.

T.T. THE BEAR'S PLACE
10 Brookline St., Central Square. 617-492-BEAR, ttthebears.com. Cover: $8–15. The nightclub features national and local bands seven nights a week.

Theater

THE DONKEY SHOW
American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-495-2668, cluboberon.com. **Ongoing**. *Performances: Sat at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. $25–45.* Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirrorballs, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustlers tells the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through great '70s club anthems.

Museums & Galleries

HARVARD ART MUSEUMS
32 Quincy St., 617-495-9400. Harvard Square, harvardartmuseums.org. Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $15; seniors $13; students $10; children (18 and under) free. The Harvard Art Museums—the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger and Sackler—and its voluminous collections are now housed in a larger, newly renovated, Renzo Piano-designed facility. **Special exhibits:** Mark Rothko's Harvard Murals; World's Fairs; Japanese Genre Painting; Rebecca Horn: Work in Progress.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045, hmnh.harvard.edu. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors & students $10; children (3–18) $8. As Harvard's most visited attraction, the museum features exhibits ranging from mammals, fish and dinosaurs to minerals, gems and meteorites. **Special exhibits:** Final Flight: The Extinction of the Passenger Pigeon; Mollusks: Shelled Masters of the Marine Realm; Thoreau's Maine Woods: A Journey in Photographs with Scot Miller.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER
20 Ames St., 617-253-4680, listart.mit.edu. Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu noon–8 p.m. Free admission. One of the area's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center presents works from the world's leading contemporary artists through their changing exhibitions. **Special exhibit:** List Projects: Redmond Entwistle.

THE MIT MUSEUM
265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-5927, web.mit.edu/museum. Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $8.50; children, seniors & students $4; children (under 5) free. Exhibits welcome visitors into the world of MIT to discover the potential of science and

technology. **Special exhibits: through Jan 19**—5,000 Moving Parts; **beginning Jan 22**—Photographing Places: The photographers of *Places* magazine, 1987–2009.

Dining

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***THE ASGARD IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT**
350 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square, 617-577-9100, classicirish.com. Communal tables and a variety of cool, comfortable places to sit—along with an extensive menu, a large craft beer selection, outdoor patio, live music, trivia nights, DJs and no cover charge—make the Asgard a perfect spot for a pint and a meal. Sat & SB. L, D, C. $

HENRIETTA'S TABLE
The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Harvard Square, 617-661-5005, henriettastable.com. Locally grown and organic produce is used to create a lively, textured menu of reinterpreted New England classics. Private dining room available. B, L, D, Sat & SB. $$$

RIALTO
Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Harvard Square, 617-661-5050, rialto-restaurant.com. James Beard Award-winning chef Jody Adams explores the flavors of Italy, France and Spain at this highly acclaimed Harvard Square restaurant. Stop by on Monday nights for dollar oysters. D. $$$$

RUSSELL HOUSE TAVERN
14 JFK St., Harvard Square, 617-500-3055, russellhousecambridge.com. Executive Chef Thomas Borgia's menu is seasonally inspired, interpreting American classics with a modern flair. The bar serves all-American wines, local crafts beers and hand-crafted cocktails. L, D, SB, LS, C. $$$

ZOE'S
1105 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, 617-495-0055, zoescambridge.com. This '50s style diner offers a menu of delicious homemade Greek and American food. Serving breakfast all day, Zoe's is a popular destination for the weekend brunch crowd. B, L, D, SB. $

Shopping

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA
100 CambridgeSide Place, Lechmere Square, 617-621-8666, cambridgesidegalleria.com. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m. This three-level mall features department stores such as Macy's, as well as more than 100 other stores and specialty shops, including Gap, J. Crew, Aldo and more.

THE GARMENT DISTRICT
200 Broadway, 617-876-5230, garmentdistrict.com. Sun–Fri 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m. A vintage lover's paradise, this two-level thrift warehouse sells everything from time-honored Levi's to '70s go-go boots. Also sift through heaping piles of By-the-Pound clothing, available for $1.50 per pound.

THE HARVARD COOP
1400 Massachusetts Ave., 617-499-2000, store.thecoop.com. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m. America's largest college bookstore, located in Harvard Square, offers a wide selection of official Harvard clothing, gifts and souvenirs, and four floors of books for all ages.

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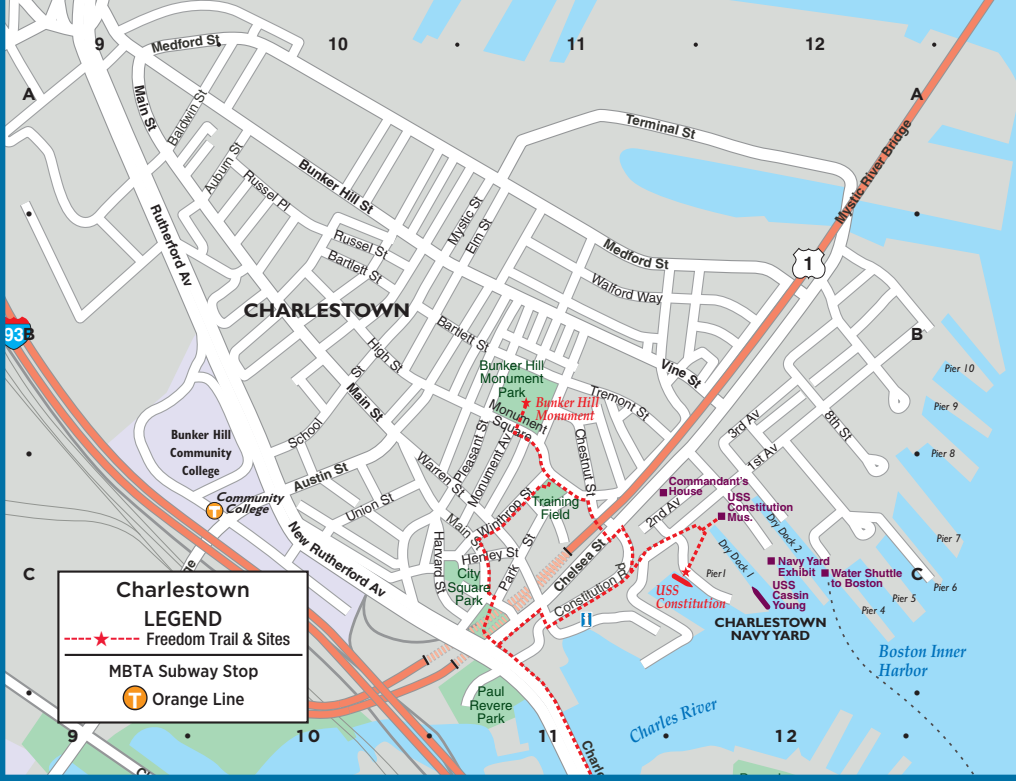
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Charles Playhouse H10
Charlestown Navy Yard (Charlestown map) C12
Cheers Bar G9
Children's Museum G12
Christian Science Plaza I7
Christopher Columbus Park F12
Citgo Sign H5
Citi Performing Arts Center H10
Colonial Theatre G10
Conference Center at Harvard Medical J2
Copley Place H8
Copley Square H8
Copp's Hill Burying Ground D12
Custom House Tower F12
Cutler Majestic Theatre G10
Downtown Crossing G11
Emerald Necklace J1–J11
Emerson College G10
Emmanuel College J4
Exchange Conference Ctr. G14
Faneuil Hall F11
Fenway Park H5
Freedom Trail ----- F10
Government Center F11
Granary Burial Ground F11
Harvard Stadium D1
Hatch Memorial Shell F9
Haymarket (Open-air market) E11
Horticultural Hall I7
Huntington Theatre Co./BU Theatre J7
Hynes Convention Center H7

Information Centers:

Boston Common F10
Prudential Center H8
National Park Service F11
Logan Airport (Terminals A & E) E16, F16

Institute of Contemporary Art G13
International Place F12
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum J5
JFK Federal Building E11
John Hancock Tower H9
Jordan Hall I7
Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center J8
Joseph Moakley Courthouse G13
Kenmore Square H5
Kings Chapel & Burial Ground F11
Lansdowne Street H5
Louisburg Square F9
Mary Baker Eddy Library I7
Mass. College of Art J5
Museum of African-American History F10
Museum of Fine Arts J6
Museum of Science D9
New England Aquarium F12
New England Conservatory of Music I7
New Old South Church H8
North Station D10
Northeastern University J6
Old City Hall F11
Old Corner Bookstore F11
Old North Church D12
Old South Meeting House F11
Old State House F11
The Opera House G10
Park Street Church F11
Park Street Station F11
Paul Revere House E12
Paul Revere Mall E12
Post Office Square F12
Prudential Center H8
The Public Garden (Swan Boats) G9
Quincy Market F12
Robert Gould Shaw Memorial F10
Rose Kennedy Greenway E11–E12
Rowes Wharf F12
Shubert Theatre H10
Sightseeing boats F12
Simmons College J5
South Station Information Center G12
State House F10
Suffolk University F10
Symphony Hall I7
Tip O'Neill Building D11
Transportation Building G10
Trinity Church H9
USS Constitution (Charlestown map) C12
USS Constitution Museum (Charlestown map) C12
Water Transportation Terminal G12
Wheelock College I4
Wilbur Theatre G10
World Trade Center G14

CAMBRIDGE MAP

Cambridge City Hall D5
CambridgeSide Galleria D8
Harvard Art Museum-Sackler B3
Harvard Museum of Natural History B3
Harvard Square C2
Harvard University B2
MIT F6

HEALTHCARE

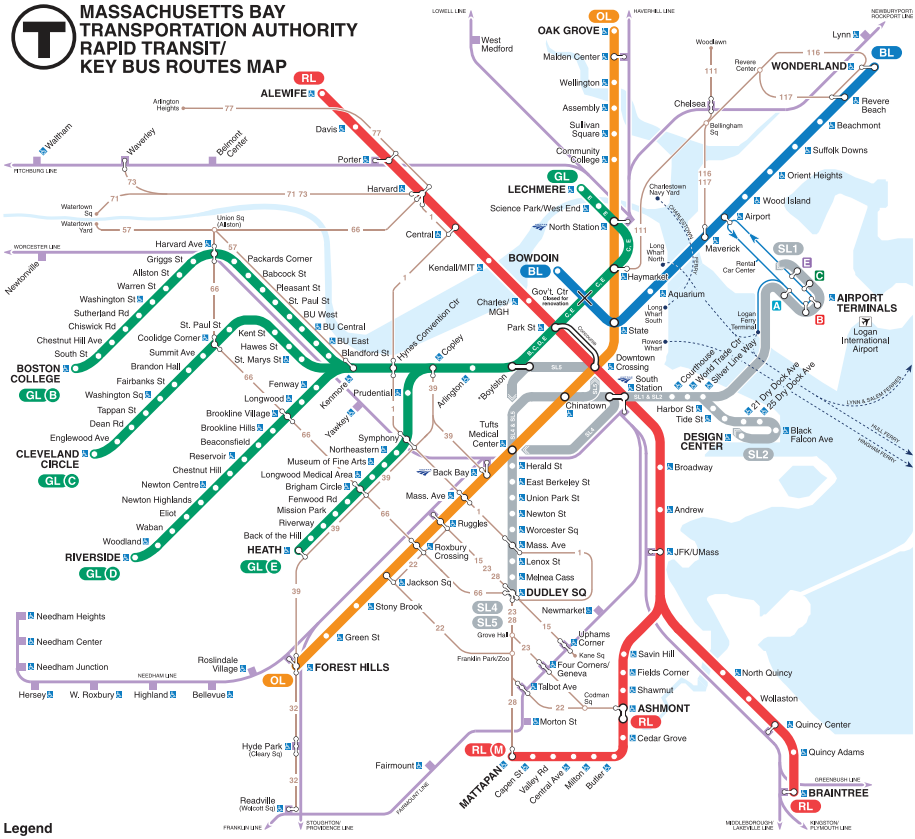
Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Ctr. J4
Boston Medical Center J9
Brigham & Women's Hosp. J5
Children's Hospital J4
Dana Farber Cancer Institute J4
Harvard School of Public Health J5
Joslin Diabetes Center I4
Longwood Medical area J4
Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary E9
Mass. General Hospital E9
Tufts Medical Ctr. H10
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hosp. D10

BOSTON LODGING

Ames Hotel F11
Best Western Boston I4
Best Western Roundhouse Suites J9
Boston Harbor Hotel F12
Boston Marriott/Copley Place H8
Boston Marriott/Long Wharf F12
Boston Park Plaza G9
The Boxer Boston D10
Charlesmark Hotel H8
Club Quarters F11
The Colonnade H8
Copley Square Hotel H8
Courtyard Boston Downtown H10
Doubletree Club Hotel Boston Downtown G11
Doubletree Guest Suites E2
Eliot Suite Hotel H6
The Fairmont Battery Wharf D12
The Fairmont Copley Plaza H8
XV Beacon F10
Four Seasons Hotel G10
Hampton Inn, Crosstown Center J9
The Harborside Inn F12
Hilton Boston Back Bay H7
Hilton Boston/Financial District F12
Holiday Inn Express & Suites E11
Holiday Inn/Brookline I2
Holiday Inn/Somerville B7
Hotel Buckminster H5
Hotel Commonwealth H5
Hyatt Regency Boston, Financial District G11
InterContinental Boston Hotel G12
John Hancock Conference Center H9
Langham Hotel, Boston F12
Liberty Hotel E10
Lenox Hotel H8
Loews Boston Hotel H9
Mandarin Oriental Boston H7
Marriott's Custom House F12
The Midtown Hotel I7
Millennium Bostonian Hotel E11
Milner Hotel H10
NINE ZERO Hotel F11
Omni Parker House F11
Onyx Hotel E11
Revere Hotel H10
Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel G12
Residence Inn by Marriott on Tudor Wharf C11
Ritz Carlton Boston Common G10
Seaport Hotel G14
Sheraton Boston H7
Taj Boston G9
The Verb Hotel I6
W Hotel Boston G10
Westin Hotel/Copley Place H8
Westin Waterfront Hotel I13
Wyndham Boston Beacon Hill E10

CAMBRIDGE LODGING

Charles Hotel B1
Hampton Inn/Cambridge C8
Harvard Square Hotel C2
Hotel Marlowe C8
Hyatt Regency/Cambridge G4
Marriott/Cambridge Center E7
Radisson Hotel/Cambridge F3
Residence Inn by Marriott/Cambridge E7
Royal Sonesta D9
Sheraton Commander B2



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The Back Bay skyline at night

BACK BAY

This famous neighborhood is truly the hub of the Hub

Exquisite architecture and world-class retailers are plentiful in Boston's most well-known neighborhood. The Victorian brick and brownstone residences that line the streets are not only beautiful, they're widely regarded as the best-preserved examples of 19th-century urban design in the United States. **Newbury** and **Boylston streets**, where luxury shops vie for space amidst outstanding restaurants, welcome visitors and residents alike. Back Bay is also home to the iconic **Prudential Tower**, **Trinity Church**, **Boston Public Library**, the **John Hancock Tower** and two sprawling shopping malls connected by a climate-controlled bridge. You'll also find standout salons, spas, antique shops and galleries throughout. Nightlife thrives in Back Bay as well, where chic hotel bars, world-class restaurants and swanky lounges abound.

DON'T MISS

- **Jasper White's Summer Shack** summershackrestaurant.com
- **Top of the Hub** topofthehub.net
- **Kings** kingsbowlamerica.com

ON THE T

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BACK BAY ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES

Five notable landmarks representing the best in Boston architecture

TRINITY CHURCH (206 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-0944, trinitychurchboston.org, pictured): Often hailed as the most significant building in the city, this 1877 house of worship was designed by famed architect H.H. Richardson in a style that would come to be known as "Richardsonian Romanesque." Richardson created outstanding buildings around the U.S., but this is considered his masterpiece.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY (700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400, bpl.org): Two notable designers contributed to this historic edifice: Charles Follen McKim crafted the older, classical original in 1895, while modern architect Philip Johnson was responsible for the addition that debuted in 1972.

JOHN HANCOCK TOWER (200 Clarendon St.): Situated in Copley Square along with the previous two entries, this mirrored skyscraper—the tallest in New England—was designed by I.M. Pei & Partners, the creators of the glass pyramids at the Louvre. Despite early controversy and design flaws, the building has become a beloved part of the Back Bay skyline.

NEW OLD SOUTH CHURCH (645 Boylston St., 617-536-1970, oldsouth.org): This National Historic Landmark, built in the ornate Venetian Gothic style by Charles Amos Cummings and Willard T. Sears for one of the oldest religious congregations in the country, is punctuated by a 246-foot tower and a striking copper cupola over the main sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PLAZA (Huntington Avenue, between Belvidere Street and Massachusetts Avenue, christianscience.com): Another project by I.M. Pei & Partners completed in the early 1970s, this open area, boasting a huge reflecting pool and spray fountain, unifies the many buildings on the church's campus, including the Romanesque Original Mother Church of 1894, its 1906 extension capped by a massive Byzantine-style dome and the 1934 Christian Science Publishing House, home to the Mary Baker Eddy Library and its stained-glass Mapparium. *—Scott Roberto*

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NORTH END

Fabulous cuisine, shopping and history are abundant in Boston's Little Italy

Italian culture reigns in the North End, Boston's oldest and busiest neighborhood. The sweet scent of fresh cannoli rises from countless Italian bakeries that populate this district's narrow cobblestone streets, while the veritable buffet of dining choices will have you wishing there were more than three meals to enjoy in a day. Recently, clothing and home decor boutiques have been setting up shop here, making the North End an even more diverse and desirable destination. Don't even try to find a parking space—it's best to hop on the T or walk. If you happen to be strolling **The Freedom Trail**, you'll discover three of the North End's most important historical sites: The **Paul Revere House**, **Copp's Hill Burying Ground** and the **Old North Church**. Summertime brings people into the streets to celebrate various Italian feasts with music, socializing and, of course, sensational food.

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- **Cantina Italiana** cantinaitaliana.com
- **Lucca** luccaboston.com
- **Massimino's** massiminosboston.com
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NORTH END HISTORIC SITES

Five must-see spots on and off the Freedom Trail

PAUL REVERE HOUSE (19 North Square, 617-523-2338, paulreverehouse.org, pictured): The oldest standing residence in Boston, this historic home was built around 1680 and was home to its namesake and his family from 1770–1800. This well-preserved Colonial-era edifice is a stop on the Freedom Trail.

OLD NORTH CHURCH (193 Salem St., 617-523-6676, oldnorth.org): Remember "one if by land, two if by sea" from your U.S. History class? This is the spot from where the signal was sent that alerted revolution-minded colonists of British troop movements in 1775. Officially known as Christ Church and still an active house of worship, this famed lantern-hanging site was built in 1723 and is a favorite fixture on the Freedom Trail.

COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND (Hull Street): Founded in 1659, this is the city's second oldest cemetery, after fellow Freedom Trail site King's Chapel Burying Ground (1630). Interred here are the Mather family of Puritan preachers, Edmund Hartt (builder of the *USS Constitution*) and Robert Newman, the man who hung the signal lanterns in the steeple of the Old North Church on the eve of the American Revolution.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH (401 Hanover St.): The only church left in Boston designed by the father of American architecture Charles Bulfinch, St. Stephen's—originally a Congregationalist house of worship known as the New North Church when it was dedicated in 1804—is an active Catholic Church. Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, native North Ender and matriarch of the iconic political family, was baptized here in 1890.

CLOUGH HOUSE (21 Unity St.): Located next to the Old North Church, this 18th-century home today hosts Captain Jackson's Historic Chocolate Shop, where visitors can learn how cocoa confections were made in pre-Revolution days, and the Printing Office of Edes & Gill, a replica of a Colonial Era print shop complete with historical interpreters who demonstrate how their vintage equipment was used. *—Scott Roberto*

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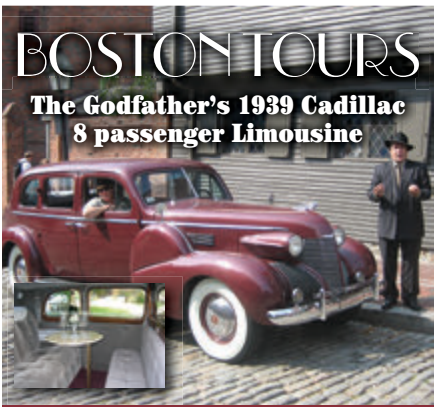

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Massachusetts State House

BEACON HILL

An old-world feeling awaits you in this quaint part of the city

Strolling along Beacon Hill's picturesque gas-lit streets, brick sidewalks and Federal-style row houses, it's not uncommon to feel as though you've traveled back in time. Both eminently posh and utterly accommodating, this area has borne witness to much of the city's storied past. **The State House**—with its gleaming gold dome—sits on the peak of the hill where the beacon for which the district was named used to reside. In this neighborhood, visitors can also find the **African Meeting House**, which holds the **Museum of African-American History**, as well as the **Bull and Finch Pub**, the inspiration for the popular TV show, "Cheers." **Charles Street**, located at the flat of the hill, is lined with boutiques, restaurants, cafes and charming hotels. Locals descend the hill daily to enjoy all that Charles Street has to offer, adding to the feeling of small-town charm.

DON'T MISS

- **Helen's Leather** helensleather.com
- **The Hungry i** hungryiboston.com
- **Clink** libertyhotel.com
- **Figs** toddenglishfigs.com
- **Savenor's Market** savenorsmarket.com

ON THE T

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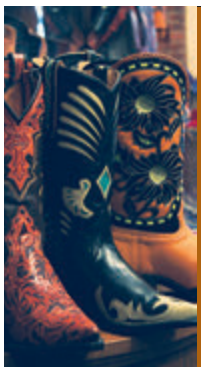
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In the heart of Boston, Downtown is where it's happening. New residential developments, like **Millennium Place**, are attracting hundreds of new residents, while sophisticated European-based restaurants and retailers give the district an international flavor. Downtown boasts numerous attractions, including the historic **Theatre District**, where award-winning architectural treasures were restored to their original glory. The **Ladder District** features a growing restaurant scene, while **Downtown Crossing**, the area's retail center, hosts New England's largest **Jewelers District** and **Macy's** flagship Boston store. The popular **Freedom Trail** courses through the area. Downtown's **Financial District**, an economic engine for the city, is home to a growing roster of tech start-ups and the acclaimed **Post Office Square**. One of the most walkable neighborhoods in the country, Downtown is easily reached via MBTA subway and bus lines and includes several Hubway bike-rental stations.

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- **Mast'** mastboston.com
- **Cocobeet** cocobeet.com
- **Pedro's Tacos** pedrostacos.com/boston
- **King Street Tavern** ameshotel.com/king-tavern

ON THE T

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Learn about the art of brewing beer and taste rich malts and spicy hops on this tour of the original Samuel Adams brewery.

30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-368-5080. Tours begin approximately every 45 minutes, Mon–Thu & Sat 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Fri 'til 5:30 p.m. One-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: $2 donation to a local charity. Call for special events and closings.

Ice Skating

FROG POND ICE SKATING RINK

Boston Common, 617-635-2120. Mon 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Tue–Thu & Sun 'til 9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Fee: $5; children (under 13) free. Rental skates: $10; children (under 13) $5. Lockers: $2. Seasonal passes available. Ice skating on the Frog Pond has become a Boston wintertime staple. The heated skate house offers hot chocolate, snacks and music.

INSIDE TIP: The Frog Pond Café features homemade mac & cheese for only $4.

Sights of Interest

ARNOLD ARBORETUM

125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. Grounds open sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Visitor Center: Thu–Tue noon–4 p.m. Horticultural Library: Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–3:45 p.m. This 265-acre tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum contain more than 7,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers for your perusal.

BOSTON ATHENÆUM

10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri 'til 5:30 p.m., Sat 'til 4 p.m., Sun noon–4 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required. One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the Athenæum was founded in 1807. For nearly half a century, it was the unchallenged center of intellectual life in Boston, and by 1851 it had become one of the five largest libraries in the country. **Special exhibit: through Jan 31**—Over Here: World War I Posters from around the World.

BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN

Bordered by Arlington, Charles, Beacon and Boylston streets. Open daily dawn to dusk. Established in 1837, the Public Garden is the nation's first public botanical garden. Its 24 acres are filled with scenic and diverse greenery, as well as sculptures, including one that commemorates the popular children's book *Make Way for Ducklings*. Other fixtures include the Lagoon—home to the famed Swan Boats from April through September—and the world's smallest suspension bridge.

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Free admission. Art & Architecture tours: Mon at 2:30 p.m.; Tue & Thu at 6 p.m.; Wed, Fri & Sat at 11 a.m. The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year, who come to view this architectural masterpiece and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year.

BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS & MUSEUM
Congress Street Bridge, 855-832-1773, bostonteapartyship.com. Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $25; seniors, students & military $22; children (4–12) $15; children (3 and under) free. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is dedicated to accurately reliving the famous event of December 16, 1773. With a new state-of-the-art museum and authentic replica ships (the *Beaver* and the *Eleanor*), the attraction invites visitors to travel back in time to learn and experience the courageous acts of those who forever shaped the course of history.

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FOREST HILLS CEMETERY
95 Forest Hills Ave., Jamaica Plain, 617-524-0128. Open daily from dawn to dusk. Created in 1848, this cemetery serves as the final resting place of Eugene O'Neill, Anne Sexton, e.e. cummings, William Lloyd Garrison and former Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis. The 275 acres also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum and an open-air museum.

NEW ENGLAND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL
Carmen Park, Congress Street near Faneuil Hall, 617-457-8755. Tours available upon request. This haunting memorial features six luminous glass towers etched with the six million prisoner numbers of those who perished in the Holocaust. Visitors can walk under the towers and read the dramatic stories of the victims and heroes of this tremendous human tragedy.

OTIS HOUSE
141 Cambridge St., 617-994-5920. Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m., tours every half hour. Last tour at 4:30 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors $9; students & children (5–18) $5; children (under 5), Historic New England members and Boston residents free; $24 maximum per family. Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, this grand mansion is an example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite.

THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER
800 Boylston St., Prudential Tower, 50th floor, 617-859-0648. Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $16; seniors & students (with college ID) $13; children (under 12) $11. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions; please call ahead. New England's premier observatory offers spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of the city. This unique experience is a must for all Boston visitors, and boasts an audio tour, multimedia theater, the Dreams of Freedom Immigration Museum and much more.

TRINITY CHURCH
206 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-0944. Sun 7 a.m.–9 p.m., Mon, Fri & Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Tue & Thu 'til 6 p.m., Wed 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Worship services: Sun 7:45, 9 and 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m. Guided tours: $7; seniors & students (with ID) $5; children (under 16) free

INSIDE TIP:
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with an adult; call for times. Self-guided tours: Mon, Fri & Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Tue, Wed & Thu 'til 6 p.m., Sun 1–5:30 p.m. Built in 1877, this house of worship is a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles and is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture.

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BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL

46 Joy St., 617-725-5415. Free tours by appointment only. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations. Visit afroam museum.org for site descriptions. A guided tour through the north side of Beacon Hill, including the homes of politicians and entrepreneurs; the African Meeting House, built in 1806; the oldest standing house built by an African-American (1797); and the home of Lewis and Harriet Hayden, who harbored runaway slaves. Maps are available at the Museum of African-American History.

BOSTON IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL

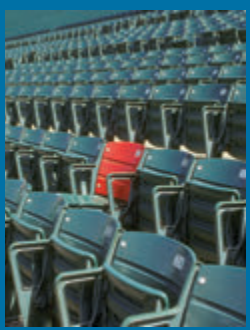
Various sites Downtown and in the Back Bay, 617-696-9880, irishheritagetrail.com. Maps available at Boston Common and Prudential Center Visitor Information Centers. This self-guided, three-mile walking tour covers 300 years of history, taking you through Boston's downtown, North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods. Learn about famous politicians, artists and war heroes, and the Boston Irish's rich tradition of rebellion, leadership and triumph.

BOSTON UPPER DECK TROLLEY TOURS

617-742-1440. Tours depart daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. approximately every 15 minutes; schedule is subject to change, visit bostonupperdecktrolleytours.com or call ahead for availability. Tickets can be pur-

chased aboard trolleys or at various locations throughout the city. One-Day Tickets (Boston Loop Only): $29.52; seniors & students $23.81; children (3–11) $14.29; children (under 3) free; Premium value tickets: $41; military, seniors & students $37; children (3–11) $21; children (under 3) free. Boston's upper deck "Green" and eco-conscious trolley fleet provides superior views as you tour Boston's historic sights in comfort. This 2.5 hour loop covers more than 100 points of interest, including the North End, the *USS Constitution*, Back Bay and Boston Common. As a bonus for premium value ticket holders, connect with Super Tours' Cambridge loop, which takes visitors to Harvard and Central squares. All of this, plus a free second day on the trolley, a free Super Duck Harbor Splash Tour and your choice of free admission to a Charles Riverboat Cruise, the Old South Meeting House, Harvard Museum of Natural History, MIT Museum or Institute of Contemporary Art makes this comprehensive tour one of Boston's best values for visitors.

FENWAY PARK TOURS



This tour offers an inside look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a visit to the top of the famed "Green Monster" and stories from Red Sox history. 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $17; seniors $14; children (3–15), students & military personnel $12. Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine.

THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION'S FREEDOM TRAIL PLAYERS

617-357-8300. Tours depart Boston Common Visitor information Center hourly from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $14; seniors & students $12; children (12 and under) $8; call for private tours. Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis, Abigail Adams and William Dawes in this 90-minute tour.

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL

BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. Reservations required. Tue at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $43. The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched more than 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.

NORTH END MARKET TOUR

617-523-6032. Three-hour tours: Wed & Sat at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fri at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: $54. Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

SUPER DUCK TOURS

Departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS, bostonsupertours.com. Tours: Daily at noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Tickets: $33.33; seniors & students $29.52; children (3–11) $21.90; children (under 3) $11.43. This 90-minute tour departs from Charlestown Navy Yard, and offers a free shuttle to and from the New England Aquarium area. Boston's newest amphibious tour takes visitors on a narrated waterfront journey through the streets of Boston, which suddenly turns into a nautical adventure when the bus becomes a boat and plunges boldly into Boston Harbor.

URBAN ADVENTOURS

103 Atlantic Ave., 800-979-3370, urbanadventours.com. Mon–Sat at 10 a.m. Offering guided bicycle tours and bike rentals, Urban AdvenTours gives visitors a range of ways to explore Boston on two wheels, including the basic City View tour.

Wildlife

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $17.95; seniors $14.95; children (2–12) $11.95; military personnel with ID half-price; $11.95 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month. Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, visit the gorillas in the Tropical Forest, marvel at the lion at Kalahari Kingdom and see

zebras, ostriches and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $24.95; seniors (60+) $22.95; children (3–11) $17.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available. Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this aquatic zoo features a Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life; a popular penguin habitat; Northern fur seals in the Marine Mammal Center; a shark and ray touch tank; and the Simons 3D IMAX Theater.

INSIDE TIP: Atlantic harbor seals are featured in the Aquarium's outdoor enclosure, where visitors can view daily training and feeding sessions for free.

STONE ZOO

149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m, Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $14.95; seniors $12.95; children (2–12) $10.95; military personnel with ID half-price; $10.95 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month. Highlights include Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, black bears and white-cheeked gibbons.

Beyond Boston

ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

1250 Hancock St., Quincy, 617-770-1175. Take the "T" to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $5; children (under 16) free. This historical gem offers insight into the lives of U.S. presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams. See the birthplaces of both presidents, as well as "The Old House," which was home to five generations of the Adams family.

THE BERKSHIRES

These mountains located roughly three hours west of Boston are part of the Appalachian Trail, and are considered a top cultural resort location, home to numerous antique shops, art galleries, spas, spots for boating, scenic biking, skiing and hiking, as

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well as Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home.

BLUE HILLS RESERVATION
Reservation Headquarters, 695 Hillside St., Milton, 617-698-1802. Covering more than 7,000 acres in the suburbs of Boston, Blue Hills Reservation a number of fun seasonal activities, including camping, fishing, hiking, mountain biking and downhill skiing, as well as scenic views and more than 125 miles of trails for any outdoor enthusiast.

CAPE ANN
Visitors will be mesmerized by this charming region's combination of sprawling waterfront vistas, sleepy harbors and quaint New England architecture. Just an hour north by train or I-95/Rte. 128, you'll find whale watches, lighthouses, superb antique shops, countless galleries and museums, as well as top-notch theater venues and warm bed and breakfasts.

MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
978-369-6993, Concord and Lexington (North Bridge Visitor Center, 174 Liberty St., Concord). Park grounds open sunrise to sunset. Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of more than 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge, as well as The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne and Louisa May Alcott.

PROVINCETOWN
Located on the tip of Cape Cod, Provincetown marches to its own beat. This New England fishing village and prominent art colony is home to a thriving gay community, and is also where playwright Eugene O'Neill penned some of his best work and Thoreau completed his walk around the Cape. Provincetown boasts miles of beaches, a charming and eclectic shopping district, trails for hiking and biking, and whale watches for those looking to escape the busy city.

SALEM
This North Shore town is known for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, but Salem also boasts a bustling wharf with many bars and restaurants, and is regarded as an up-and-coming enclave for the young and trendy. Fans of spooky stuff can visit the New England Pirate Museum to see what life was like when Blackbeard roamed the high seas, or tiptoe through the Salem Witch Museum or Witch Dungeon Museum. On Halloween, the city transforms into one giant party for ghosts and ghouls, but 365 days a year, Salem is a charming place to explore and enjoy.

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN
499 Mountain Rd., Princeton, 978-464-2300. Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Lift tickets: $15–63. Group rates (15+) available. At 2,006 feet, Wachusett Mountain is the highest peak in eastern Massachusetts, and offers skiing and snowboarding on its more than 100 acres. Lessons are available, as well as a half-pipe, Polar Kid's Playground and dining options such as The Black Diamond restaurant and The Coppertop Lounge. Wachusett is accessible by the commuter rail "Ski Train," providing transportation from North Station to the mountain.

YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY
25 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield, 877-636-7707. Tue–Wed 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri–Sun 'til 8 p.m. The Yankee Candle Factory is one part of a larger complex devoted to the company. It includes a museum, a candle store and the Bavarian Christmas Village. Visitors are able to dip their own creations at this one-of-a-kind must-see for fans of the popular scented candles.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE

Take a trip back in time at this recreation of an early 19th-century New England village where costumed educators give visitors a glimpse of life in America's early days. Visit a tin shop, a cider mill and a blacksmith, ride the old-fashioned stagecoach and tour restorations of period New England homes. 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $24; seniors $22; children (3–17) $8; (under 3) free.

FREEDOM TRAIL

The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a map, rent a self-guided audio tour or take a walking tour (in season) with an 18th-century costumed guide. Ticket sales from Freedom Trail Foundation tours help preserve the historic sites. Boston National Historical Park tours (National Park Service) begin at Faneuil Hall. Call 617-357-8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org for additional info.

1 BOSTON COMMON

Set aside in 1634 as a military training field and grazing pasture, the Common is America's oldest public park. It served as quarters for British as well as Colonial troops, and later housed Civil War regiments. The British Army set out for the start of the Revolutionary War from what is now Park Square.

2 THE STATE HOUSE

Beacon St. on top of Beacon Hill, 617-727-3676. Mon–Fri 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m., except holidays. Registration required for guided tours. The golden dome marks the government seat of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On land acquired from John Hancock, Samuel Adams laid the cornerstone, and the red brick portion was designed by architect Charles Bulfinch.

3 PARK STREET CHURCH *Corner of Park and Tremont Sts., 617-523-3383. Tue–Sat 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Services: Sun at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.* Morning services are traditional, evening services are contemporary. Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as "the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in America."

4 OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND *Tremont St. next to Park Street Church, 617-635-4505. Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* This historic cemetery is the final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere, Samuel Adams and the victims of the Boston Massacre, as well as Elizabeth Goose, believed to be the legendary "Mother Goose."

5 KING'S CHAPEL & BURYING GROUND *Tremont and School Sts., 617-227-2155. Chapel: Mon–Sat opens at 10 a.m. Sun opens at 1:30 p.m. Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Ground: daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* Still an active house of worship, King's Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston.

6 SITE OF FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL & BEN FRANKLIN'S STATUE On School Street, marked by a column and commemorative plaque. On April 13, 1635, the town voted to establish the first public school in the country. Nearby is Benjamin Franklin's statue, built in 1856, the first portrait statue erected in the United States.

7 SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE

School and Washington Sts. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.

8 OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE *310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors & students $5; children (6–18) $1; children (under 6) free.* This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which saw an outraged Samuel Adams signal the start of the Boston Tea Party.

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10 BOSTON MASSACRE SITE *State Street in front of the Old State House.* At the next intersection below the State House, a ring of cobblestones marks the site of the clash between a jeering Boston crowd and a British guard of nine soldiers on March 5, 1770.

11 FANEUIL HALL *Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-242-5689. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Historical talks given every half hour from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., when hall is not in use.* "The Cradle of Liberty" combines a marketplace on the first floor with the town meeting hall upstairs, the site of fiery revolutionary debate.

12 PAUL REVERE HOUSE *19 North Square, North Street, 617-523-2338. Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Admission: $3.50; seniors & students $3; children (5–17) $1.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

13 OLD NORTH CHURCH *193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 9 and 11 a.m.* Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church. Two lanterns were hung here on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.

14 COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND *Hull Street. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Set out in 1659, Copp's Hill was Boston's second cemetery. Many remarkable people are interred here, including the Mather family of ministers and Edmund Hartt, builder of the *USS Constitution.*

15 BUNKER HILL MONUMENT *Breed's Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-7511. Daily 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m., last climb at 4:15 p.m.* The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

16 USS CONSTITUTION *Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. Thu–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m.* This 44-gun frigate is the world's oldest commissioned warship, christened "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812 when cannonballs literally bounced off her triple hull.

THE HUNGRY I

In a two-story townhouse with three working fireplaces and an outdoor patio, chef Peter Ballarin serves signature dishes, including venison au poivre. L Thu & Fri, D, SB, C. $$$

71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524, hungryiboston.com.

Allston/Brighton

EAGLE'S DELI

1918 Beacon St., Brighton, 617-731-3232 eaglesdeli.com. Once featured on the Travel Channel's "Man vs. Food," this family-owned casual burger and breakfast joint is known for piling the Angus high. If you're feeling brave, take on the infamous "Eagle's Challenge": five pounds of burger, 20 pieces of bacon, 20 pieces of American cheese, five pounds of fries and a deli pickle. B, L, D, BR. $

LONE STAR TACO BAR

479 Cambridge St., Allston, 617-782-8226, lonestar-boston.com. Drop into the heart of Texas at this sister restaurant to neighbor Deep Ellum. The menu adds an artisanal touch to classic Mexican street food, and its beer list is carefully selected to pair with and enhance a long list of traditional tequilas and mezcals. L, D, C, BR, SB. $

PATRON'S MEXICAN KITCHEN AND WATERING HOLE

138 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-2020, allstonsfinest.com. Patron's (formerly Big City) offers Mexican-inspired food, new signature items, a mezcal and tequilaria with more than 80 cervezas, along with fireplaces, pool tables, foosball, HD flat screen TVs and cool tunes. Kitchen open 'til 1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m. Private parties a specialty. L, D, LS, Sat & SB. $

THE SUNSET GRILL & TAP

130 Brighton Ave. (corner of Harvard and Brighton avenues), Allston, 617-254-1331, allstonsfinest.com. This popular Allston

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B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
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C	Cocktails
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)
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$	Most less than $12
$$	$12–18
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Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; the classifications are only approximations.

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hangout features Boston's biggest beer selection, with more than 112 beers on tap and 380 craft brews and imports in bottles as well as award-winning steam beer burgers and famous curly fries. L, D, C, LS, SB. $

Back Bay

ASTA
47 Massachusetts Ave., 617-585-9575, astaboston.com. Earthy, mysterious and minimal, Asta offers a prix fixe tasting menu-only experience. An open kitchen invites you to get up close and personal with the menu of your choice: three, five or eight courses. D. $$$$

BAR 10
Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Ave., 617-424-7446, bar10boston.com. Bar 10 mixes signature martinis and lighter, modern American fare with a vibrant setting and an array of shareable dishes, including salads, flatbread pizzas and more. Voted Best Hotel Bar by *Boston* magazine and Best Civilized Nightcap by *The Improper Bostonian*. L, D, C, SB. $$

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE
75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810, davios.com. Davio's spacious, relaxed dining room serves as the perfect stage for its signature dishes, including a selection of homemade pastas and Brandt meats as well as a selection of fresh seafood. Additional flair is provided by the open kitchen layout. L, D, VP, C. $$$

GRILL 23 & BAR
161 Berkeley St., 617-542-2255, grill23.com. This superb eatery offers prime dry-aged beef, imaginative seafood dishes and an impressive wine list, all presented in a clubby yet congenial atmosphere. D. $$$$

JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK
50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500, summershackrestaurant.com. Top-notch seafood such as pan-roasted lobster, award-winning fried chicken and an impressive raw bar in a casual setting. L, D. $$$

***KINGS**
50 Dalton St., 617-266-2695, kingsbackbay.com. Kings isn't your parents' bowling alley.

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L'ESPALIER
Mandarin Oriental Boston, 774 Boylston St., 617-262-3023, lespalier.com. This sophisticated French classic, consistently named as one of Boston's top eateries, is a favorite of both power brokers and couples out for a romantic evening. L, D. $$$$

OAK LONG BAR + KITCHEN
Fairmont Copley Plaza, 138 St James Ave., 617-585-7222, oaklongbarkitchen.com. This brasserie-style spot features a menu of inventive American dishes. The namesake Long Bar winds more than 80 feet through the restaurant, offering a central meeting place for everyone from young professionals and tourists to execs. B, L, D, LS, C, SB. $$$$

STEPHANIE'S ON NEWBURY
190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990, stephaniesonnewbury.com. Chef/owner Stephanie Sokolove's eatery showcases sophisticated cooking and classic comfort food. Casual elegance at its best with a sidewalk cafe, club-like bar and skylit dining space. L, D, SB. $$$

***THE TAJ BOSTON**
15 Arlington St., 617-536-5700, tajhotels.com. This 1927 landmark offers award-winning contemporary French cuisine, as well as a historic dining room for special events. Cafe: B, L, D, Sat & SB. Lounge: L, D, C, LS. Bar: L, D, C, LS. $$$$

TAPEO
266 Newbury St., 617-267-4799, tapeo.com. This popular Back Bay cousin to Dali in Somerville offers delectable, authentic tapas in a glorious Newbury Street setting, complete with seasonal patio dining for prime people-watching as you enjoy your scallops in saffron cream, lobster ravioli and sangria. D, C, L Sat & Sun. $$

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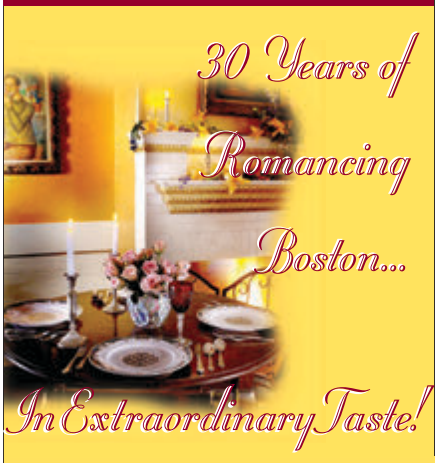

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Beacon Hill

ANTONIO'S
One of Boston's finest Italian restaurants, Antonio's serves traditional Italian food with nightly specials and a lengthy wine list. Specialties include homemade fusilli and shrimp margarita. 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310, antoniosofbeaconhill.com. L, D. $$

***CHEERS**
84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-0150, cheersboston.com. Both the original Beacon Hill pub and its spin-off offer tasty traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection. Live entertainment Thu–Sat. L, D, C, LS. $

CLINK
The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 617-224-4004, libertyhotel.com/clink. Artfully marrying European culinary tradition with contemporary American innovation, Clink's dining room features elements of the original cells from its earlier life as the Charles Street Jail. Clink's lobby bar draws trendy urbanites with its energetic nightlife scene. B, L, C. $$$

MOOO
15 Beacon St., 617-670-2515, mooorestaurant.com. Chef David Hutton offers modern steakhouse fare adjacent to XV Beacon Hotel. Mooo features a la carte steaks ranging from 14-ounce Prime New York sirloin to Japanese-grade Wagyu beef served with roasted garlic and bone marrow butter. B, L, D, SB, C. $$$$

THE PARAMOUNT
44 Charles St., 617-720-1152, paramountboston.com. A Boston staple since 1937, The Paramount often finds itself at the top of many "best of" lists. Excellent American cuisine, hearty portions and an active atmosphere make it a favorite. B, L, D. $$

SCOLLAY SQUARE
21 Beacon St., 617-742-4900, scollaysquare.com. A warm, inviting environment serving American comfort food at a reasonable price with a sophisticated cocktail list. This neighborhood bistro-style restaurant is a great meeting place for friends and small groups to eat, drink and socialize. L, D, SB, C. $$$

Downtown

BACK DECK
2 West St., 617-670-0320, backdeckboston.com. With three deck spaces and a menu of grill-focused favorites, Back Deck invites everyone to gather around patio tables and chairs for a charcoal-cooked meal and backyard-inspired cocktails. The restaurant brings the outdoors inside with floor-to-ceiling windows, carriage lighting, lush green planters, glazed brick and an open kitchen. L, D, Sat & SB, C. $$

***BOND**
Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-956-8765, bondboston.com. This swanky restaurant and lounge boasts a diverse cocktail and wine menu to accompany its array of exotic international cuisine. L, D, C. $$$

***CAFE FLEURI**
Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900, boston.langhamhotels.com. Enjoy one of Boston's top Sunday brunches, or sample contemporary New England fare and desserts within a sunlit garden atrium. B, L, SB. $$

FAJITAS & 'RITAS
25 West St., 617-426-1222, fajitasandritas.com. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas features fresh, healthy Texan and barbecue cuisine at bargain prices. A fun place to eat, drink and hang out, the walls are decorated with colorful murals and the bar boasts some of Boston's best—and sturdiest—margaritas. L, D, C. $

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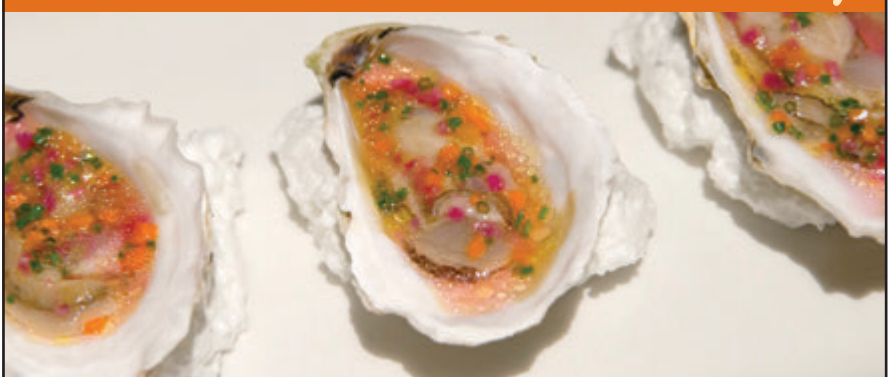

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INSIDE TIP: Downstairs from Howl at the Moon is Down Ultra Lounge, open Thursday–Friday nights.

***THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT**
2 Center Plaza (Cambridge Street), 617-742-5577, classicirish.com. Hand-crafted in Ireland and shipped to Boston, this classic pub features a cozy interior with beautiful Celtic motifs and traditional Irish fare with 20+ beers on tap, 100-seat seasonal patio, live music and trivia on Wed. Sat & SB. L, D, C. $$

NEBO
520 Atlantic Ave., 617-723-6326, nebo restaurant.com. This upscale pizzeria and enoteca with a familial vibe offers up a pleasing menu of antipasti, homemade pastas and 30 varieties of Neapolitan-style pizza, all served in a stylish environment featuring natural wood, vaulted brick ceilings, Venetian plaster walls and marble counter tops. D. $$$

O YA
9 East St., 617-654-9900, oyarestaurant boston.com. This contemporary and edgy sushi eatery, crowned Boston's best restaurant of 2009 by *Boston* magazine, boasts a simple, natural decor that perfectly complements the exquisitely created dishes. The intimate seating capacity of 37 diners makes reservations a must. D, C, VP. $$$

PARKER'S RESTAURANT
Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-227-8600. Enjoy nostalgic cuisine with a contemporary flair in the stately dining room where Boston cream pie and the Parker House roll were first served. B, L, D. $$$$

ROWES WHARF SEA GRILLE
Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-856-7744, bhh.com. This elegant eatery celebrates Boston's spectacular harborfront and the bounties at this contemporary, nautical-influenced eatery overlooking Boston Harbor. B, L, D. $$$

SAM LaGRASSA'S
44 Province St., 617-357-6861, samlagrassas.com. Only open during lunch hours on weekdays, Sam has dished out the "World's No. 1 Sandwiches" since 1968. The menu features daily specials along with staple signatures and specialty sandwiches like the new Pastrami Diablo. L. $$

TRADE
540 Atlantic Ave., 617-451-1234, tradeboston.com. James Beard Award-winning chef Jody Adams serves delectable fusion dishes inspired by her world travels in an elegant, modern interior. L, D, SB. $$$

YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE
41 Union St., 617-227-2750, unionoysterhouse.com. America's oldest restaurant, now celebrating 186 years, serves Yankee-style seafood, beef and chicken, and is famed for the oyster bar where Daniel Webster dined daily. Specialties include clam chowder and fresh lobster. L, D, VP. $$$

Faneuil Hall Marketplace

***DICK'S LAST RESORT**
Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, 617-267-8080, dickslastresort.com. Enjoy the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up ribs, succulent crab, juicy steaks, sandwiches, burgers and salads. Live music every night. L, D, C. $$

***DURGIN-PARK**
340 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-2038, durgin-park.com. For more than a century, Durgin-Park has catered to the hearty appetites of locals and visitors alike. One of the oldest continuously running restaurants in the country, it features a wide selection of comfort food and classic New England fare, including clam chowder and the signature prime rib. L, D, C. $$

***HARD ROCK CAFE**
22–24 Clinton St., 617-424-7625, hardrock.com. Offering classic American cuisine served with a healthy dose of rock 'n' roll. After you eat, take in the massive collection

of authentic music memorabilia or enjoy live music from hot local and national acts. L, D, C, LS. $

Fenway/Kenmore Square

***AUDUBON BOSTON**
838 Beacon St., 617-421-1910, audubonboston.com. Audubon Boston caters to the tastes of the Fenway area—whether you're in the mood for an upscale alternative to the Fenway Frank or a late night hot spot on the weekends. D, SB, C. $$

THE BLEACHER BAR
82A Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424, bleacherbarboston.com. Inside Fenway Park, underneath the bleachers, take in center field views of America's most beloved ballpark. With the feel of a neighborhood pub and featuring a deli-style menu and cold beer, Bleacher Bar is open all year round. L, D, C. $

EASTERN STANDARD
Hotel Commonwealth, 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100, easternstandardboston.com. This Kenmore Square brasserie resembles an old hotel dining room and attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. B, L, D. $$

GAME ON!
82 Lansdowne St., 617-351-7001, gameonboston.com. This sports bar/restaurant/nightclub built inside Fenway Park, a star of Boston's nightlife scene, offers a sleek spot in which to sample a full menu and watch sporting events on a number of big-screen TVs. L, D. $$

SWEET CHEEKS
1381 Boylston St., 617-266-1300, sweetcheeksq.com. Sweet Cheeks brings a taste of Texas barbecue to Boston using local, responsibly sourced and all-natural meats. Indulge in Berkshire pork belly or great northern brisket dressed in a variety of hot sauces with refreshing cocktails served in mason jars. L, D, LS, C. $$$

North End

ANTICO FORNO
93 Salem St., 617-723-6733, anticoforno boston.com. Featuring brick-oven classics

such as roasted chicken with garlic and herbs; pizza with artichoke hearts, porcini and buffalo mozzarella; and linguini with clams, mussels, calamari and shrimp. L, D. $$

ARAGOSTA BAR & BISTRO
3 Battery Wharf, 617-994-9001, aragostabistro.com. Aragosta offers a warm, social atmosphere and contemporary Italian cuisine in a stunning waterfront setting that features an open kitchen with a chef's counter and an outdoor terrace with views of Boston Harbor. B, L, D, BR, C. $$$

CANTINA ITALIANA
346 Hanover St., 617-723-4577, cantinaitaliana.com. Cantina Italiana has been serving generations of families, locals and tourists since 1931. Owner and chef Fiore Colella stocks the menu full with fresh, authentic flavors from Italy's central southern regions, featuring house-made potato gnocchi, hearty parmigiana di melanzane and signature bombolotti pasta. Open daily. L, D, VP $$$

LUCCA RESTAURANT & BAR
226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200; 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400, luccaboston.com. This North End eatery (with a second location in the Back Bay) racks up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D, C, Valet Parking. $$$

MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA
207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959, massiminosboston.com. Owner/chef Massimino—former head chef of Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel—offers specialties like veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, among numerous other delights. L, D, LS, C. $

NEPTUNE OYSTER
63 Salem St., 617-742-3474, neptuneoyster.com. This outstanding raw bar offers an enormous selection of seafood, often cooked with a hint of Italian flair. The menu features 12 varieties of oysters, a renowned New England lobster roll, oyster minestrone and lobster scampi. L & D. $$$

PARLA
230 Hanover St., 617-367-2824, parlaboston.com. Dine on an inventive, Italian- and Mediterranean-inspired menu that uses surprising ingredients to create bold flavors. Bask in an eccentric, speakeasy-inspired decor and enjoy original cocktails, unique wines and craft beers from the bar. D, LS, C, SB. $$$

REGINA PIZZERIA
11½ Thacher St., 617-227-0765, reginapizzeria.com; also: Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace; The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-424-1115; South Station, Atlantic Ave. and Summer Street; 353 Cambridge St., Allston, 617-783-2300; 1330 Boylston St., 617-266-9210. Since 1926, patrons have been indulging in delicious, award-winning homemade pizza at Boston's oldest brick-oven pizzeria. Delivery and curbside-to-go takeout available. C in Allston. L & D daily. $

RISTORANTE FIORE
250 Hanover St., 617-371-1176, ristorantefiore.com. When chef and owner Fiore Colella came to the U.S. in 1970 he found himself in the North End, and within 10 years, this little restaurant grew up to be one of the most recognizable landmarks on Hanover Street. L, D, VP, C. $$$

STREGA RISTORANTE
379 Hanover St., 617-523-8481, thevaranogroup.com. The legendary Strega Ristorante in the heart of Boston's Little Italy offers a bustling, hip atmosphere, where authentic Italian dishes like fettuccine carbonara, veal marsala and Chef Sal's famous tiramisu are fan favorites. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$

TERRAMIA RISTORANTE
Specializing in creative interpretations of Italian classics, Terramia offers seasonally based dishes and an extensive wine list in a cozy, rustic atmosphere. 98 Salem St., 617-523-3112, terramiaristorante.com. D. $$

TRESCA
233 Hanover St., 617-742-8240, trescanorthend.com. Enjoy the romantic atmosphere of a restored old world Tuscan villa while savoring authentic Italian dishes carefully prepared using only the finest ingredients. D, LS, C, SB. $$$$

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South End

***THE BEEHIVE**
541 Tremont St., 617-423-0069, beehiveboston.com. Hailed as a must-see Boston venue by *Travel + Leisure, Zagat* and *The New York Times*, this popular Bohemian eatery and bar features world-class live music as well as generous food and drink. D, Sat & SB. $$

BOSTON CHOPS
1375 Washington St., 617-227-5011, bostonchops.com. An urban steak bistro, Boston Chops is a casual yet refined twist on steakhouse splendor. In addition to mouth-watering prime cuts and a 2,000-bottle wine room, the menu features a surprising list of rarely celebrated delicacies like roasted bone marrow and grilled herb marinated beef heart. D, LS, C, Sat & SB. $$$$

COPPA
253 Shawmut Ave., 617-391-0902, coppaboston.com. This enoteca from legendary restaurateur Ken Oringer and chef Jamie Bissonnette serves a variety of wood-fired pizza and pasta, as well as modern charcuterie dishes and small tapas-sized delicacies like salt cod crostini and marinated mushrooms. L, D, SB. $$$

INSIDE TIP: Chef Jamie Bissonnette won the 2014 James Beard Award for Best Chef: Northeast.

FLOUR BAKERY & CAFE
1595 Washington St., 617-267-4300; 12 Farnsworth St., 617-338-4333; 131 Clarendon St., 617-437-7700; 190 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-225-2525, flourbakery.com. Chef Joanne Chang's mastery of all things baked is on full display at this popular eatery with three locations in Boston and one in Cambridge. The sticky buns are to die for, as are the hot pressed sandwiches. B & L. $$

GASLIGHT
560 Harrison Ave., 617-422-0224, gaslight560.com. Critics and locals alike are drawn to this acclaimed French brasserie featuring top-notch fare and a young, energetic atmosphere. SB, L, D. $$$

MASA
439 Tremont St., 617-338-8884, masarestaurant.com. Bringing the Southwest to the South End, chef Philip Aviles serves up specialties such as roasted salmon with chipotle and horseradish crust and chili rubbed steaks. Masa also serves brunch and a $1 tapas menu. D, SB, C. $$$

MYERS + CHANG
1145 Washington St., 617-542-5200, myersandchang.com. Inspired by traditional Taiwanese cuisine and Asian street food, this fun and funky eatery offers playful and novel takes on the classic dishes and flavors of Southeast Asia. L, D, C. $$

TORO
1704 Washington St., 617-536-4300, tororestaurant.com. Chef Ken Oringer's popular Spanish restaurant features seating at a series of communal tables and small, perfect-for-sharing tapas dishes—such as salt cod fritters, crispy pork belly and glazed beef short ribs—that blend a variety of vibrant styles and flavors. L, D, SB, C. $$$

TREMONT 647
647 Tremont St., 617-266-4600, tremont647.com. Chef Andy Husbands' inspired American fusion draws constant crowds to this South End staple. Make sure to catch

the excellent brunch featuring homemade Pop Tarts. D, Sat & SB. $$

UNION BAR AND GRILLE

1357 Washington St., 617-423-0555, unionrestaurant.com. This sleek, upscale American bistro in the SoWa District features everything from gourmet comfort food like the Reuben sandwich and a beef-and-sausage burger to the award-winning 10K tuna in a roasted tomato vinaigrette. D, C, LS, SB. $$$

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Theatre District

AVENUE ONE RESTAURANT

Hyatt Regency, One Avenue de Lafayette, 617-422-5579, regencyboston.hyatt.com. Newly renovated, this restaurant and lounge serves contemporary New England cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy a refreshing cocktail, three-course prix fixe dinner or a delectable dessert. Discounted parking available. B, L, D, C, VP. $$$

CITYPLACE

On Stuart Street between Tremont and S. Charles streets in the State Transportation Bldg., cityplaceboston.com. Enjoy everything from handcrafted beers at Rock Bottom Brewery, delicious treats from Panera Bread and gourmet Chinese at P.F. Chang's as well as specialty pizzas, custom burritos and more in the Food Court. B, L, D, C. $–$$$

FINALE

One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; finaledesserts.com. This standout for sweets offers a wide array of specialty dessert creations, savory fare, coffees, wine and cocktails. L, D, LS, C. $$

*JACOB WIRTH

31–37 Stuart St., 617-338-8586, jacobwirth.com. Opened in 1868, Jacob Wirth is the city's second-oldest restaurant, serving traditional German fare like wiener schnitzel, sauerbraten and a great selection of German beers. L, D, C, LS. $$

LEGAL SEA FOODS

558 Washington St., 617-692-8888; 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-742-5300; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; 270 Northern Ave., Liberty Wharf, 617-477-2900; other locations, legalseafoods.com. This Boston tradition features more than 40 varieties of fresh fish and shellfish as well as a lengthy wine list. Named "Boston's Most Popular Restaurant" by *Zagat*. L & D. $$$

Seaport/ Innovation District

THE BARKING CRAB
88 Sleeper St., 617-426-CRAB, barkingcrab.com. No frills at this ramshackle little clam shack that's a Boston dining institution. Pluck mussels and steamers from plastic buckets and drink wine out of plastic cups under a seasonal outdoor tent or by a wood-burning stove during colder months. L, D, C. $$

BLUE DRAGON
324 A St., 617-338-8585, ming.com/blue-dragon. Named one of the best new restaurants of 2013 by *Esquire*, Ming Tsai's 80-seat gastropub is a relaxed, Asian-fusion neighborhood hangout with a tapas-style menu. L, D, LS, C. $$

DEL FRISCO'S DOUBLE EAGLE STEAK HOUSE
250 Northern Ave., Suite 200, 617-951-1368, delfriscos.com. Located at Liberty Wharf, Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House offers guests prime steaks, chops and fresh seafood. Boasting an award-winning, 1,200+ wine list, spectacular harbor views and unparalleled hospitality, Del Frisco's represents an exciting destination in Boston dining. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$$

GATHER
75 Northern Ave., 617-982-7220, gatherboston.com. Located at District Hall, a waterfront space where the innovation community goes to exchange ideas, this restaurant overlooking Boston Harbor specializes in inventive, modern American cuisine. L, D, C. $$$

JERRY REMY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL
250 Northern Ave, 617-856-7369; 1265 Boylston St., 617-236-7369, jerryremys.com. The local sports icon, brings comfort food to Boston with his eponymous sports bar. The extensive drink list offers everything from beer to single malt scotches, while the menu features casual yet tasty treats such as house-smoked barbecue. L, D, C, LS. $$

MENTON
354 Congress St., 617-737-0099, mentonboston.com. This famed restaurant by James Beard Award-winning chef Barbara Lynch combines meticulous French technique with a passionate Italian sensibility in a luxurious atmosphere. D. $$$$

PASTORAL
345 Congress St., 617-345-0005, pastoralfortpoint.com. Enjoy authentic, wood-fired Neapolitan pizza, house-made pastas, seasonal Italian entrees, wine on tap and beer cocktails in a warm, rustic setting. L, D, LS, C. $$

ROW 34
383 Congress St., 617-553-5900, row34.com. This "workingman's oyster bar" features fresh seafood, a unique beer selection and an industrial-chic decor. L, D. $$$

SPORTELLO
348 Congress St., 617-737-1234, sportelloboston.com. Celebrity chef Barbara Lynch provides her interpretation of a classic diner, serving up impeccable trattoria-inspired Italian dishes and a new wine bar. L, D, SB. $$$

SMITH & WOLLENSKY
294 Congress St. at Atlantic Wharf, 617-778-2200; 101 Arlington St., Back Bay, 617-423-1112; smithandwollensky.com. Indulge your senses at two Boston locations: The new Atlantic Wharf outpost on historic Boston Harbor which boasts waterfront views and an outside lounge and patio, or Back Bay's historic "castle," offering "behind the scenes" tours. Atlantic Wharf: L & D. $$$$

STREGA WATERFRONT
One Marina Park Drive, Fan Pier, 617-345-3992, thevaranogroup.com. The jewel of the Seaport/Innovation District, Nick Varano's flagship location brings unmatched service and unforgettable experiences to beautiful Fan Pier. Dine on authentic Italian cuisine while taking in a dazzling interior and breathtaking views of Boston Harbor. Reservations recommended. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$

TAVERN ROAD

Brothers Louis and Michael DiBiccari combine forces with local Boston artists to bring Fort Point a high-energy, modern menu and bar. 343 Congress St., 617-790-0808, tavernroad.com. D, LS, C. $$

CHEF DU JOUR

NICKI HOBSON brings a sea-to-table approach to Island Creek Oyster Bar

NICKI HOBSON'S PHONE BEGINS ringing every morning at 7:30 a.m. It's her fish suppliers. They're calling from boats all over the Boston area, reporting to her which catches are freshest and best for the day's menu. Once she's made her choices she begins mentally planning the menu. "Usually I've been planning it in my sleep," she laughs. "But most days by nine I've ordered the fish and I can make a more concrete list." Her menus change daily based on what ingredients are available. This gives the talented young chef a lot of room for creativity.

As Chef de Cuisine at Island Creek Oyster Bar, Hobson is most proud of the restaurant's farm-to-table, or rather sea-to-table, approach. "I love the simplicity of finding an ingredient and knowing it doesn't need much manipulation to taste great," she says. Fish has always been the main player at Island Creek, though Hobson uses her fresh local ingredients to bring out other flavors in the meal as well.

Hobson has always had a love affair with food. Growing up with a mother and grandmother who both loved French cooking, Hobson began working in the kitchen early on. She received her first cookbook at age 9. Shortly into her college career studying psychology, Hobson realized that she found more joy in the kitchen. After graduating top of her class from the Boston University culinary program, her career catapulted. Following a trip to Florence to study Italian cooking, she returned to Boston to join Island Creek.

According to Hobson, the trick to pulling off a morning-of menu is having strong relationships with your suppliers. If one of them notices that the halibut she ordered isn't up to her standards, he'll call and offer something better. For January, Hobson is pairing seasonal bay scallops with tangy winter citrus.

The vibe of Island Creek Oyster Bar changes dramatically throughout the year. Located in the Fenway neighborhood, much of its summer crowd comes from the baseball field. "During the Red Sox season we have to edit our menu to accommodate the heavy traffic," admits Hobson. Diners want to get in, out and off to the game. During the winter the crowd is more relaxed, and more interested in an extensive dining experience. "In the winter season people want to sit here for two or three hours and enjoy their meal," Hobson observes. Either way, she's been working since 7:30 a.m. to bring them the best fish possible.

—Celina Colby

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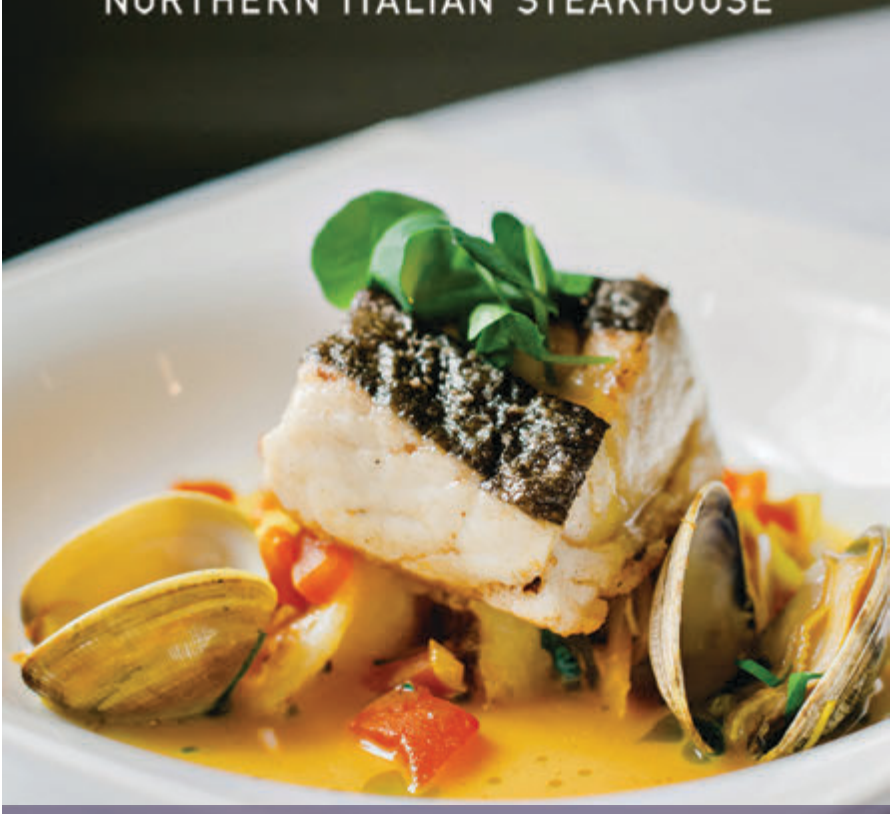

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