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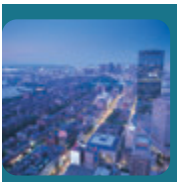
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BOSTON OPERA HOUSE

The Boston Opera House has had almost as many lives as a cat. Today, it is the beloved home to many lavish shows, yet its current status as a vibrant and active venue wasn't always so certain.

Originally named in honor of the late vaudeville impresario, the B.F. Keith Memorial Theatre debuted in 1928. Designed by Thomas W. Lamb in an ornate combination of French and Italian styles, the Keith was beautifully appointed with a gleaming white facade and extravagant interior details, including gold leaf and marble accents. In its earliest days, the theater hosted a combination of vaudeville revues and films. In 1965, it was purchased by Sack Theatres, renovated and renamed the Savoy Theatre. Sack eventually divided the edifice into two separate auditoriums for the screening of first-run movies.

In 1978 the building again changed hands when it was purchased by the Opera Company of Boston. It acquired its current name in 1979 when the Opera Company assumed full ownership. Led by renowned opera director Sarah Caldwell, the troupe presented a slew of acclaimed productions until 1991, when it ran into financial difficulty. This led to a long idle period for the Opera House, during which it deteriorated at an alarming rate. After it was placed on the 11 Most Endangered Buildings list by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1995, the Opera House became a cause celebre for many civic leaders, including Boston Mayor Tom Menino and Senator Ted Kennedy, who fought to preserve the building. A new owner, Clear Channel, began the latest renovation process in 2002, expanding the backstage area to make the theater more feasible for Broadway-style productions. With much pomp and circumstance, the resurrected Opera House was re-opened yet again in 2004, hosting the Hub debut of Disney's *The Lion King*. Today, no longer endangered, the Opera House is under the ownership of local businessmen David Mugar and Don Law, and is home to the Boston Ballet—including its wildly popular holiday season spectacular *The Nutcracker*—as well as a steady stream of travelling shows and musical acts. —*Scott Roberto*

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A STARRY NIGHT

The 74th annual City of Boston Official Tree Lighting and the Frog Pond Skating Spectacular add a holiday glow to Boston Common

How do you spice up a grand holiday tradition that has been in place for nearly 75 years? Easy. Just add figure skating. That's the plan, anyway, as the customary lighting ceremony for the City of Boston's official Christmas tree—taking place on Boston Common December 3 from 6–8 p.m.—is being accompanied by a showcase sponsored by The Skating Club of Boston.

The tree itself, a 50-foot spruce that arrived via police escort on November 20, continues a tradition that celebrates its 44th year in 2015. Back in 1917, during World War I, a damaged munitions ship off the coast of Halifax, Nova Scotia, exploded, causing a tremendous loss of life and untold damage to the city. Boston was one of the first municipalities to respond to the crisis with supplies and medical personnel, and as a result, Nova Scotia has donated a tree annually to the Hub since 1971.

While the December 3 lighting ceremony is a beloved and much anticipated event in itself, it is preceded by a happening that looks to generate just as much excitement. The nearby Frog Pond, home to a popular outdoor skating rink, hosts a free demonstration of ice skating prowess from 5–6 p.m. Expect an array of national and international figure skaters, synchronized skating and Theatre On Ice teams. While you're there, warm up with a hot chocolate or snack at the Frog Pond Café.

Mayor Marty Walsh then takes over, presiding over the tree lighting along the Tremont Street side of Boston Common. The ceremony also includes fireworks, live music and refreshments from event sponsors like Dunkin' Donuts and Polar Beverages.
—*Scott Roberto*

THANKSGIVING

Celebrate this festive feast at some of Boston's finest restaurants

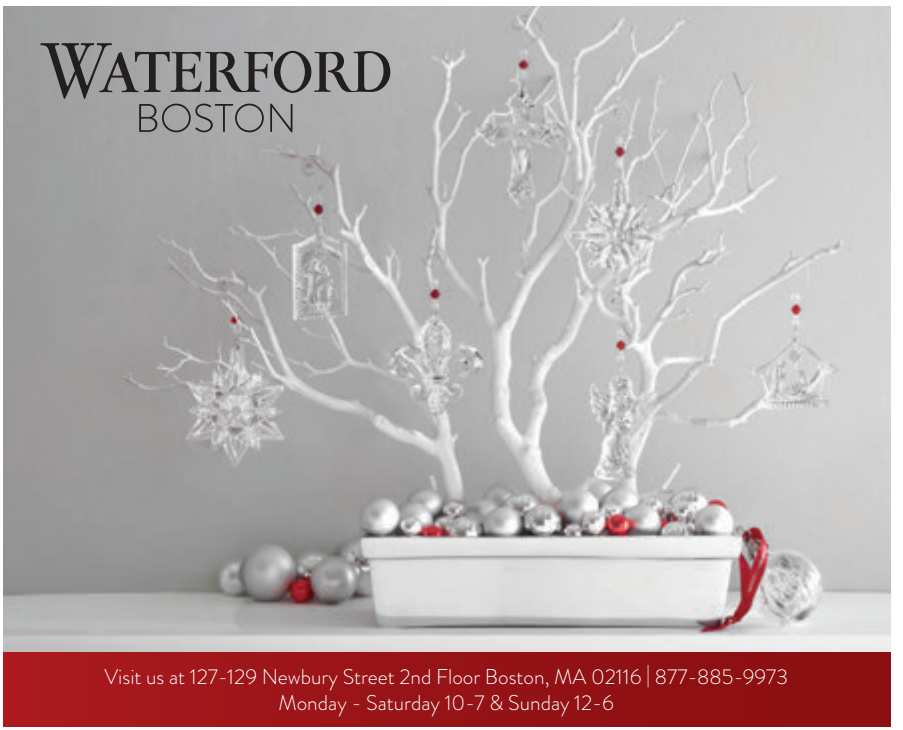
BAR BOULUD (Mandarin Oriental Boston, 776 Boylston St., 617-535 8800, mandarinoriental.com/boston/fine-dining/bar-boulud): Daniel Boulud's lone Boston bistro celebrates T-Day with a luxurious three-course meal that includes Ward's Berry Farm squash soup (pictured), heritage breed turkey, warm cranberry-apple crisp and more for $85 from noon–8 p.m.

MIEL BRASSERIE PROVENÇALE (InterContinental Boston, 510 Atlantic Ave., 617-217-5151, intercontinentalboston.com/dining/miel.aspx): From 11 a.m.–9 p.m., enjoy a family-style Thanksgiving feast—not to mention a dessert buffet—by the Fort Point Channel for $70 per person, $35 for kids 12 and under.

STRIP BY STREGA (64 Arlington St. at Park Plaza, 617-456-5300, stripbystregaboston.com): This steak house brings Italian flair to the holiday with a three-course meal boasting turkey two ways (both braised and roasted) along with osso buco as the main event from noon–9 p.m. for only $55.

LEGAL CROSSING (558 Washington St., 617-477-2900, legalseafoods.com): From noon–8 p.m., this downtown outpost of the renowned Legal Sea Foods family of restaurants offers another $55 feast highlighted by crab cakes, clam chowder, grilled swordfish steak and sage-roasted turkey.

TOP OF THE HUB (*refer to listing, page 53*): Savor Thanksgiving with a view—including a post-feast, complimentary visit to the Skywalk Observatory and live jazz from 4–8 p.m.—beginning at 11 a.m. for $75, $25 for children 6–12. And Misty Knoll Farms Vermont turkey with old-fashioned corn bread stuffing, of course. —*Scott Roberto*



HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS LOOMING LARGE, AND THAT MEANS A LOT MORE THAN increased Santa Claus sightings and an overload of twinkly lights. It's time to get your gift list in order, and *Panorama* is here to help. Our advice? Bring home a piece of Boston with one of these unique items.

"Spirit of Boston" Package
Pick up this limited-edition set of whiskies crafted from three distinct Samuel Adams beers at Boston's newest distillery for the liquor aficionado on your list. $150.
Boston Harbor Distillery, 12R Ericsson St., 617-533-7001, bostonharbordistillery.com

A Boston Pops Christmas: Live from Symphony Hall
Bring home a beloved holiday tradition courtesy of the Boston Pops Orchestra. $17.95.
617-266-1492, bso.org

Lucchese Cowboy Boots
Mosey over to Beacon Hill for these beautiful handmade Lucchese cowboy boots from Texas in calfskin or crocodile. Calfskin (pictured left): $749; crocodile (right): $699.
Helen's Leather, 110 Charles St., 617-742-2077, helensleather.com

***The Boston Sunday Herald—Colored Supplement* Poster**
A vintage, winter-themed poster like this circa 1900 gem makes a great holiday gift. $1,200.
International Poster Gallery, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076, internationalposter.com

BeoPlay A6
For your favorite music lover, this brand-new, high-powered wireless music system offers unprecedented sound and its trademark beautiful design. $999.
Bang & Olufsen, 141B Newbury St., 617-262-4949, bang-olufsen.com

Hand-painted Kiyomizu-yaki Cups and 9 oz. Bags of Kyoto House Blend and Single Origin Beans
Satisfy the caffeine fiend in your life with this limited-edition gift set from the famed Japanese roaster, available beginning December 1. $125.
Ogawa Coffee, 10 Milk St., 617-780-7139, ogawacoffeeusa.com

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Waterford Christmas Tree Sculpture
Enhance your holiday cheer by gifting this 4.5 inch piece from the renowned Irish crystal maker. $100.
Waterford, 127–129 Newbury St., 877-885-9973, waterford.com

Patek Philippe watches
Visit the Patek Philippe Boutique at Lux Bond & Green, 416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747, lbgreen.com

Mountainside Chess Set
Handcrafted in Pakistan from zebra and coral stone, this chess set is ideal for your intellectual loved one. $175.
Ten Thousand Villages, 252 Washington St., 617-372-8743; other locations in Cambridge and Brookline; tenthousandvillages.com

Sunburst Earrings
Brighten up someone's holiday with these dazzling 14-karat accessories. $504.
John Lewis. Inc., 97 Newbury St., 617-266-6665, johnlewisinc.com

Gucci Diamante Men's Bracelet
Impress your guy with bling. This sterling silver accessory completes any outfit. $380.
Sidney Thomas Jewelers, The Shops at Prudential Center, 617-262-0935, sidneythomas.com

Cutwork Long Swing Coat
Dazzle your gift recipient with a hand-crafted wearable from Boston designer Amy Nguyen, a CraftBoston Holiday 2015 exhibitor.
Society of Arts and Crafts, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810, societyofcrafts.org

Fenway #6
Photographer Mike Sleeper gives viewers a behind-the-scenes look at Fenway Park. It's the perfect gift for any Sox fan. $225 (16" x 20", unframed).
555 Gallery, 555 E. 2nd St., Unit 1, 857-496-7234, 555gallery.com

Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Taste more than 60 varieties of olive oil, as well as the finest aged balsamic vinegar, before you buy at this family-owned Newbury Street shop. Prices vary; most items under $20.
Boston Olive Oil Company, 262 Newbury St., 857-277-0007, bostonoliveoilcompany.com

PANORAMA's GUIDE TO HOLIDAY EVENTS

It's never too early to get in the yuletide spirit. Find that warm holiday glow at one of these seasonal spectaculars. BY SCOTT ROBERTO

Boston Ballet's The Nutcracker
Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen's vision for this timeless classic, featuring all-new sets and costumes, debuted to great acclaim in 2012. Witness the magical journey of Clara as she meets the Snow Queen, the Sugar Plum Fairy and, of course, the Nutcracker Prince in this eye-popping adventure set to Tchaikovsky's iconic score.
November 27–December 31, Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-695-6955, bostonballet.org

Boston Holiday Pops
The beloved orchestra returns for a series of shows featuring favorite seasonal songs, and even a visit from Santa. At special kids' matinees taking place every weekend, you can even take pics with the jolly one himself.
December 2–31, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 888-266-1200, bso.org

Blink!
This dazzling light and sound show takes place nightly at famed Faneuil Hall Marketplace. It kicks off with live entertainment starting at 2 p.m. on November 21 and culminates with the city's first tree lighting from 7–8 p.m.
November 21–January 3, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-523-1300, faneuilhallmarketplace.com

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José Mateo's The Nutcracker

The Cambridge-based Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre, celebrating its 30th anniversary, brings its production of the dance classic to downtown Boston for the first time in more than 10 years.
November 27–December 6, Emerson/Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., 617-824-8000, ballettheatre.org

Elf The Broadway Musical

Based on the beloved 2003 holiday film favorite starring Will Ferrell, this joyous stage musical version of the story of Buddy the Elf makes its Boston debut.
November 17–December 6, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 800-982-2787, citicenter.org

A Christmas Carol

This homegrown musical re-telling of Charles Dickens' ghostly tale has been dazzling audiences at the North Shore Music Theatre since 1989. Join Scrooge, Tiny Tim and the rest for this tuneful tale of redemption, presented in the round.
December 4–23, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200, nsmt.org

Black Nativity

Based on the Gospel of St. Luke, Langston Hughes' legendary, gospel-tinged song-play has been uplifting Boston audiences since 1970, longer than any other production of the show in the world.
December 4–20, Paramount Center, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8000, blacknativity.org

Matchless/The Happy Prince

Wicked author Gregory Maguire's re-working of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Match Girl*, paired with an Oscar Wilde tale, is part of this holiday double feature.
November 27–January 3, Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 866-811-4111, centralsquaretheater.org

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

Kids and adults should both get a kick out of this live stage adaptation of the classic 1964 animated television special. For the second year in a row, witness your favorite Rankin/Bass characters come to life, including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, the Abominable Snow Monster, the Misfit Toys and the titular crimson-schnozzed ruminant himself.
December 1–6, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738, citicenter.org

A Light Through the Ages

This seventh annual free Chanukah celebration open to all faiths recounts the meaning of the holiday in story and song. Hosted by the Central Reform Temple, it features a performance by the Zamir Chorale and a Menorah lighting by Boston community leaders.
December 6, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., 617-262-1202, alightthroughttheages.org

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HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY

Led by **Harry Christophers** and 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. Nov 27 at 7:30 p.m., Nov 28 & 29 at 3 p.m.—Handel's *Messiah*, $27–94.

Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-3605, handelandhaydn.org.

Classical Music

BOSTON HOLIDAY POPS

Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 888–266–1200, bso.org. **Beginning Dec 2**. *$31–139.* Boston's beloved, world-renowned orchestra comes home for the holidays, with concerts of yuletide favorites led by Pops maestro Keith Lockhart.

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 134th year and the second season with Music Director Andris Nelsons. **Nov 10** *at 8 p.m.*—Liszt, Chin and Schumann featuring pianist Louis Lortie, *$30–104;* **Nov 12–14** *at 8 p.m.*—Neuburger, Bartók and Beethoven featuring pianist Martin Helmchen, *$30–119;* **Nov 19 & 21** *at 8 p.m.*, **Nov 20** *at 11 a.m.*—Bach, Berg and Shostakovich featuring violinist Isabelle Faust, *$30–119;* **Nov 24 & 28** *at 8 p.m.*, **Nov 27** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Haydn, Bartók and Tchaikovsky featuring pianist Yefim Bronfman, *$33–114.*

Comedy

IMPROV ASYLUM

216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887, improvasylum.com. $5–27, 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.com. Boston's newest comedy club features premier stand-up comedy from local and national headliners.

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.com. This venue hosts comedic headliners as well as national musical talent. **Nov 11** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Rainn Wilson, *$39*; **Nov 13** *at 10 p.m.*—Craig Robinson & The Nasty Delicious, *$29.50;* **Nov 27** *at 7:30 and*

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10 p.m.—Mike Epps *$45;* **Dec 3** *at 8 p.m.*, **Dec 4** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*, **Dec 5** *at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.*—Jim Jefferies, *$39.50.*

Dance

THE NUTCRACKER
Boston Ballet, Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-695-6955. **Beginning Dec 27**. *$35–199.* Boston's favorite holiday tradition returns with this critically acclaimed production that debuted in 2012. Join Clara on her magical journey through an enchanted winter wonderland to a palace of sugary confections, all set to Tchaikovsky's classic score.

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. $11.25; students, seniors, children (under 12) $9.25. This beloved theater shows art 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:** *Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk; Humpback Whales; Jerusalem; Dinosaurs Alive!;* **through Nov 10**—*Airplanes: A World in Flight;* **beginning Nov 20**—*Wild Africa.*

SIMONS IMAX THEATRE
New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 866-815-4629, neaq.org. $9.95; seniors & children (3-11) $7.95. Visit the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3-D viewing capability. **Now showing:** *Great White Shark 3-D; Humpback Whales 3-D; Secret Ocean 3-D.*

INSIDE TIP: Before the show, visit the free harbor seal exhibit on the plaza outside.

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Live Music

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. **Nov 11** *at 8 p.m.*—Yoni Rechter and his Band, *$25–55;* **Nov 12** *at 8 p.m.*—Chucho Valdés: Irakere 40, *$45–65;* **Nov 14** *at 8 p.m.*—The AndersonPonty Band, *$40–90;* **Nov 16** *at 8 p.m.*—Odua Afro Beat Orchestra, *$8;* **Nov 17** *at 8 p.m.*—Ry Cooder, Sharon White and Ricky Skaggs, *$45–75;* **Nov 21** *at 7 p.m.*—2015 International Gospel Concert, *$20–75;* **Nov 24** *at 8 p.m.*—Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite, *$8;* **Dec 4** *at 8 p.m.*—Jack DeJohnette Trio, *$30–48.*

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. **Nov 11** *at 7 p.m.*—The Lone Bellow, *$25;* **Nov 12** *at 7 p.m.*—Teton Gravity, *$20 & 25;* **Nov 13** *at 7 p.m.*—Cash Cash and Tritonal, *$25 & 35;* **Nov 14** *at 6 p.m.*—Odesza, *$25 & 39.50;* **Nov 15** *at 6 p.m.*—Parkway Drive, *$25 & 35;* **Nov 16** *at 7 p.m.*—James Bay, *$29.50 & 45;* **Nov 18** *at 7 p.m.*—Dark Star Orchestra, *$29.50 & 45;* **Nov 20** *at 6 p.m.*—New Politics, Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness and The Griswolds, *$29.50 & 45;* **Nov 22** *at 6 p.m.*—Travis Scott, *$35 & 49.50;* **Nov 23** *at 7 p.m.*—The Wombats, *$20;* **Nov 28** *at 4:30 p.m.*—Falling In Reverse, *$25 & 35;* **Dec 3** *at 7 p.m.*—The 1975, *$30 & 45;* **Dec 5** *at 6 p.m.*—City and Colour, *$35 & 45;* **Dec 6** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Miley Cyrus & Her Dead Petz, *$69.69.*

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. **Nov 12** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Puscifer, *$33.50;* **Nov 20 & 21** *at 7:30 p.m.*—My Morning Jacket, *$44.75;* **Nov 24** *at 8 p.m.*—King Diamond, *$33.50;* **Dec 1** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Jill Scott, *$39;* **Dec 6** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Joanna Newsom, *$23.50.*

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. **Nov 10** *at 6 p.m.*—Carly Rae Jepsen, *$25;* **Nov 11** *at 7 p.m.*—Minus The Bear, *$28;* **Nov 12** *at 7 p.m.*—Yonder Mountain String Band, *$25;* **Nov 13** *at 7 p.m.*—The Oh Hellos, *$15;* **Nov 14** *at 8 p.m.*—Papadosio, *$20;* **Nov 15** *at 7 p.m.*—Hudson Mohawke, *$18;* **Nov 17** *at 7 p.m.*—Ryn Weaver, *$25;* **Nov 18** *at 8 p.m.*—Conspirator, *$20;* **Nov 21** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Lights and The Mowgli's, *$25;* **Nov 27 & 28** *at 8 p.m.*—Joe Russo's Almost Dead, *$27.50.*

ROYALE

279 Tremont St., 800-745-3000, royaleboston.com. This Theatre District club boasts red-hot dance nights and live shows by top indie rock acts. **Nov 10** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Allen Stone, *$25;* **Nov 18** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Knuckle Puck, *$18;* **Nov 19** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Ballroom Thieves, *$16;* **Nov 22** *at 8 p.m.*—Slow Magic and Giraffage, *$17;* **Nov 24** *at 8 p.m.*—Okkervil River, *$25;* **Nov 27** *at 6 p.m.*—Eddie Money, *$30.*

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. **Nov 12** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Ottmar Liebert, *$38;* **Nov 13** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Nick Colionne and Maysa, *$40;* **Nov 19** *at 8 p.m.*—Yoko Miwa, *$25;* **Nov 20 & 21** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—David Sanborn, *$40;* **Nov 27 & 28** *at 8 and 10 p.m.,* **Nov 29** *at 4 and 7 p.m.*—Arturo Sandoval, *$45;* **Dec 3** *at 8 p.m.*—Los Sugar Kings, *$25.*

SYMPHONY HALL

301 Massachusetts Ave., 888-266-1200. Home to the Boston Symphony Orchestra, this historic venue also hosts classical and contemporary performances. **Nov 9** *at 7 p.m.*—Mission Gratitude benefit concert featuring Reba McEntire, *$60–150;* **Nov 15** *at 3 p.m.*—Soweto Gospel Choir, *$45–75;* **Nov 16** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Tenors, *$45–65;* **Nov 17** *at 8 p.m.*—Yo-Yo Ma and Kathryn Stott, *$95–125;* **Nov 22** *at 5 p.m.*—Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, *$35–75.*

TOP OF THE HUB

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. Enjoy

food, drinks and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook.

WILBUR THEATRE
246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700, thewilbur.com. This venue hosts comedic headliners as well as national musical talent. **Nov 12** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Alfio, *$37;* **Nov 14** *at 10 p.m.*—Robert Earl Keen, *$35 & 45;* **Nov 15** *at 8 p.m.*—Art Garfunkel, *$50 & 75;* **Nov 16** *at 8 p.m.*—Dave Rawlings Machine, *$34.50;* **Nov 17** *at 8 p.m.*—Whitford/St. Holmes Band, *$35 & 45;* **Nov 19** *at 8 p.m.*—Billy Gibbons and The BFG's, *$37 & 50;* **Nov 21** *at 8 p.m.*—Colin Hay, *$30 & 40;* **Nov 22** *at 8 p.m.*—Dom Kennedy, *$30;* **Nov 24** *at 8 p.m.*—George Dalaras, Eleni Vitali and Glykeria, *$52–102;* **Nov 24** *at 8 p.m.*—George Dalaras, Eleni Vitali and Glykeria, *$52–102;* **Dec 6–8** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Chris Botti, *$50 & 65.*

Opera

IN THE PENAL COLONY
Boston Lyric Opera, The Cyclorama, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-542-6772. **Nov 11–15**. *$25–235.* Philip Glass's chilling and darkly comic two-character opera explores the breakdown of civil society in 90 minutes. Adapted from the 1914 Franz Kafka dystopian short story, this work is a pitch-black fable about crime and a very unusual punishment.

Special Events

BOSTON HOME DÉCOR SHOW
Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-363-0405, bostonhomedecorshow.com. $15, children (under 12) free; Gala Preview (**Nov 19**): *$125.* **Nov 19–22**. This inaugural show feature 40 exhibitors with a broad range of historic, modern and contemporary furnishings, fine art and design, offering everything from antiques to the finest in today's home décor.

Sports

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

Nov 12 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Colorado Avalanche
Nov 14 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Detroit Red Wings
Nov 17 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. San Jose Sharks

Nov 19 *at 7 p.m.* vs. Minnesota Wild
Nov 21 *at 7 p.m.* vs. Toronto Maple Leafs
Nov 27 *at 1 p.m.* vs. New York Rangers

BOSTON CELTICS/NBA
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 866-4CELTIX, nba.com/celtics.com.
Nov 11 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Indiana Pacers
Nov 13 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Atlanta Hawks
Nov 18 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Dallas Mavericks
Nov 20 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Brooklyn Nets
Nov 25 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Philadelphia 76ers
Nov 27 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Washington Wizards

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS/NFL
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776, patriots.com.
Nov 23 *at 8:30 p.m.* vs. Buffalo Bills
Dec 6 *at 4:25 p.m.* vs. Philadelphia Eagles

Theater

BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

This is the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation. Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., 866-523-7469. Through Nov 15. $40–175.

BLUE MAN GROUP
Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 800-BLUE-MAN, blueman.com. **Ongoing**. *$45–100.* 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.

CHOPIN WITHOUT PIANO
Centrala, Emerson/Paramount Center Mainstage, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8400. **Nov 11–14**. *$10–75.* Take Chopin's piano concertos, remove the piano and replace it with a monologue detailing the composer's life and radical approach to music and you have a staggeringly powerful production that coaxes new ways of considering this master composer—musically, emotionally and even politically.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. **Beginning Dec 4**. *$59–79.* Based on the Charles Dickens classic, this musical tells the tale of curmudgeonly miser Ebenezer Scrooge, who is visited by the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future hoping to change his destiny and save his soul. This adaptation written by former NSMT Artistic Director Jon Kimbell celebrates its 25th anniversary this holiday season.

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID
Fiddlehead Theatre Company, The Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Road, Dorchester, 617-514-6497. **Beginning Nov 27**. *$25–45.* Based on one of Hans Christian Anderson's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, this tale of the love between mermaid princess Ariel and the human Prince Eric features music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken and many irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World."

ELF THE MUSICAL
Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 800-982-2787. **Nov 17–Dec 6**. *$35–125.* The record-breaking musical comedy based on the 2003 film follows the adventures of Buddy the Elf, an orphaned human who thinks he's one of Santa's helpers. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER THE MUSICAL
Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. **Dec 1–6**. *$38–58.* The original 1964 television classic comes to life. Celebrate the season with all of your favorite characters from the special, including Santa and Mrs.

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Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius, the Misfit Toys and, of course, Rudolph.

SHEAR MADNESS
Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225, shearmadness.com. **Ongoing**. *$50.* It's just another day at the Shear Madness salon, when suddenly the lady upstairs gets knocked off. Whodunit? 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.

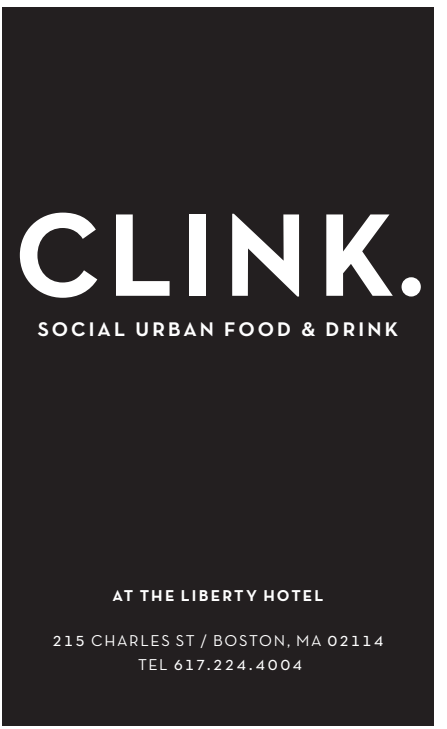
INSIDE TIP: ***Shear Madness*** **has been inducted into the Comedy Hall of Fame.**

SISTER ACT
North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. **Through Nov 15**. *$54–79.* When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior in this musical adaptation of the hit 1992 film.

UCARMEN/A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
Isango Ensemble, Emerson/Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., 617-824-8400. **Nov 10–22**. *$10–75.* Two new reimagined classics come to Boston in a double bill. The first transports us to a modern South African township to follow the story of Carmen, a strong, independent woman who will not be tamed, while the second uses the text of Shakespeare's comedy and the score of Benjamin Britten's opera to invent a joyful new world wherein a better understanding of humanity can be found in each soaring melody.

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.



MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

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: **Class Distinctions: Dutch Painting in the Age of Rembrandt and Vermeer**; through Nov 15—Yours Sincerely, John S. Sargent.

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.

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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. $16; children (under 1) free; Sat–Thu 4–5 p.m. $8; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) $1. This museum 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. $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 exhibits:** Leap Before You Look: Black Mountain College 1933–1957; **through Nov 29**—Erin Shirreff; Mona Hatoum.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

25 Evans Way, 617-566-1401, gardnermuseum.org. Wed–Mon 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu 'til 9 p.m. $15; seniors $12; college students $5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are also admitted free. 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:** Ornament and Illusion: Carlo Crivelli of Venice.

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. $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 exhibit:** Freedom 7 Space Capsule.

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY

200 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-7000, marybakereddylibrary.org. Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–

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4 p.m. $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 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. $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.

INSIDE TIP:
An exhibit on African American literature is on display through the end of the year.

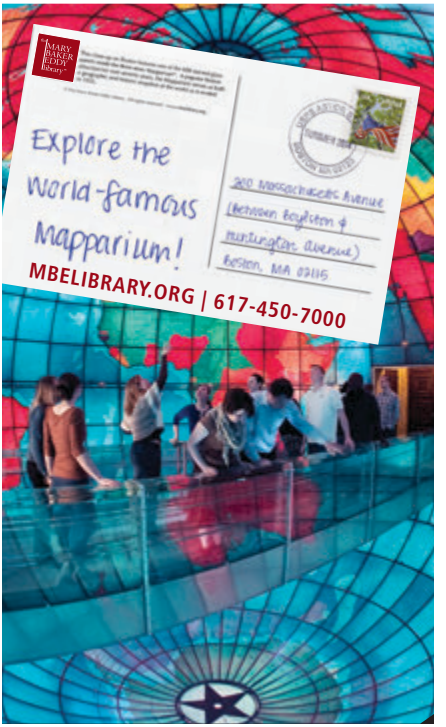
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Science Park, 617-723-2500, mos.org. Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. $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:** Animals Without Passports; The Science Behind Pixar.

Beyond Boston

CONCORD MUSEUM

200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763, concordmuseum.org. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. $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:** Middlesex County Modern.



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 p.m. $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*; Platform 16: Esther Kläs, *Ferma (5)*; Platform 17: Stephanie Cardon, *Beacon*; Architectural Allusions; Drawing Redefined: Roni Horn, Esther Kläs, Joëlle Tuerlinckx, Richard Tuttle and Jorinde Voigt; The Sculptor's Eye: Prints, Drawings, and Photographs from the Collection.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM
East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876, pem.org. Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. $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:** Mega-City: India and the Culture of the Streets; Importing Splendor: Luxuries from China; Raven's Many Gifts: Native Art of the Northwest Coast; Stickwork: Patrick Dougherty; Strandbeest: The Dream Machines of Theo Jansen; Sizing It Up: Scale in Nature and Art; **beginning Nov 21**—Native Fashion Now.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM
19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692, salemwitchmuseum.com. Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. $10; seniors $8.50; children (6–14) $7. 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

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY
10 Newbury St., 617-262-4490, barbarakrakowgallery.com. Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. The Barbara Krakow Gallery attracts top contemporary artists from around the world, showcasing work that focuses on minimalism and conceptualism. **Special exhibits:** Two/Each; Tara Donovan: Slinkies; **through Nov 21**—Cornering the Round; **beginning Nov 28**—The Annual AIDS Benefit Exhibition 2015.

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 exhibits: through Nov 28**—Sally Lutz and Betsyann Duval; **beginning Dec 2**—Winter Works: Annual Juried Show.

555 GALLERY
555 E. 2nd St., 857-496-7234, 555gallery.com. Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sat noon–5 p.m. Residing in a renovated 1950s manufacturing plant, 555 is Boston's newest gallery dedicated to contemporary fine art photography. **Special exhibit:** Spellbound: A World in Flux.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY
205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076, internationalposter.com. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. The acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage works from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters. **Special exhibit: through Nov 15**—The Mather Work Incentive Posters 1923–1929.

INSIDE TIP: This gallery features more than 10,000 original vintage posters for sale.

MILLS GALLERY
Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835, bcaonline.org. Sun & Wed noon–5 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 9 p.m. The BCA presents exciting contemporary works by established and emerging local, regional, national and international visual artists, mounting approximately six large-scale exhibitions in the Mills Gallery each year. **Special exhibit:** 24th Drawing Show: Feelers.

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:** From Minimal to Bling: Contemporary Studio Jewelry.

THE CORNER MALL

In step with your lifestyle and just steps away, this shopping center boasts more than 20 stores and eateries—including favorites like Skechers USA, Champs, Bath & Body Works, plus an international food court with Thai Accent, Salsa's Mexican Grill, Dunkin' Donuts and more. Easily reached by the MBTA or commuter rail.

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Audio/Video

BANG & OLUFSEN

141B Newbury St., 617-262-4949, bang-olufsen.com. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Bang & Olufsen is Boston's premier electronics showroom. From wireless, noise-canceling headphones to the finest 85" 4K TV on the market, what you see here will amaze you. Please stop by to enjoy an experience you will not forget.

Boots & Shoes

HELEN'S LEATHER

110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. For 40 years, Helen's Leather has supplied New Englanders with quality Western boots by makers like Lucchese, 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

BALL AND BUCK

144B Newbury St., 617-262-1776. Daily 11 a.m.–8 p.m. This menswear store carries hunting-inspired clothing and accessories for the sporting gentleman. From versatile cotton button-downs to branded camo Croakies, the selection is unapologetically all-American. There's even a full-service barbershop on the premises.

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.

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MACY'S
450 Washington St., 617-357-3000. Sun–Thu 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9:30 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–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9:30 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205: Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9 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.

Gifts & Souvenirs

NEWBURY COMICS
332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–10 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
1 South Station, 617-330-1230. Located at the South Station concierge desk, Teddy Ballgame's offers tours of Boston that leave from South Station, a wide variety of Red Sox souvenirs, T-shirts and books about the history of Boston.

Gourmet Food & Beverage

BEE'S KNEES SUPPLY CO.
12 Farnsworth St., 617-292-BEES. Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Located in South Boston's Fort Point neighborhood, this gourmet market includes a cafe, chocolate shop, wine and beer shop, floral center, housewares and more.

BOSTON OLIVE OIL COMPANY
253 Newbury St., 857-277-0007. Sun–Fri 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 'til 7 p.m. Sample more than 50 varieties of the finest extra virgin olive oils grown and pressed by small artisans and farmers from around the world, and balsamic vinegars harvested and imported from Modena, Italy at this Back Bay store's unique Tasting Bar.

BOSTON PUBLIC MARKET
100 Hanover St. (above Haymarket MBTA station), bostonpublicmarket.org. Wed–Sun 8 a.m.–8 p.m. The only locally sourced market of its kind in the United States, this indoor, year-round market features farm-fresh produce, meat, eggs, cheese, fish, baked goods, beer, wine, cider, flowers and an assortment of specialty and prepared foods from 35 Massachusetts and New England vendors.

FORMAGGIO KITCHEN
268 Shawmut Ave., 617-350-6996: Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 'til 7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m.; 244 Huron Ave., Cambridge, 617-354-4750: Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. You'll find produce and menus reflecting the changing New England seasons at this gourmand's paradise. Browse unique wines, fresh truffles and, at the Cambridge location, the infamous cheese caves.

Home Goods

HUDSON
12 Union Park St., 617-292-0900. Mon–Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. This beloved South End boutique carries furniture, accessories, textiles and more that blend the best of classic New England style with laid-back California cool.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES
252 Washington St., 617-372-8743; 694 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-876-2414; 226 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-277-7700. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. (Washington St.: 'til 6 p.m.). This Fair Trade retailer offers hand-crafted goods from artisans in developing countries all over the world.

WATERFORD
127–129 Newbury St., 877-885-9973. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. The U.S. flagship store of the famed Irish crystal maker specializes in high-end giftware and home decor, including barware, glassware, serving pieces and lighting. Exclusive Boston-themed pieces are also available.

Jewelry/Accessories

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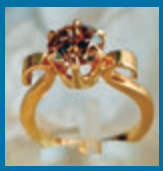

John Lewis has created jewelry of imaginative design in Boston for more than 50 years. Using only solid precious metals and natural stones, Lewis aims "to make jewelry at a reasonable price of excellent workmanship and uncommon beauty." 97 Newbury St., 617-266-6665. Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

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416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747. Mon–Wed and Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 7 p.m., Sat 'til 5 p.m. Since 1898, Lux Bond & Green has provided its customers with diamonds, gold jewelry, watches and giftware from around the world. The store offers a corporate gift division, bridal and gift registry, a full-service repair department, gift certificates and gift wrapping.

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The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-262-0925. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; The Mall at Chestnut Hill, 617-965-5300. Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. A thrilling experience in luxury awaits at Sidney Thomas Jewelers, which offers the world's most beautiful jewelry and watches, coveted designer brands and magnificent one-of-a-kind pieces along with world-renowned, impeccable service and presentation.

SMALL PLEASURES

142 Newbury St., 617-267-7371. Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Small Pleasures features antique and estate jewelry as well as vintage costume jewelry. The store also offers jewelry and watch repair, restringing and custom jewelry design.

Malls/Shopping Centers

COPLEY PLACE

Copley Square, 617-262-6600. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. This shopping mecca features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Armani and Williams-Sonoma, and fine restaurants like Legal Sea Foods that offer shoppers numerous dining options.

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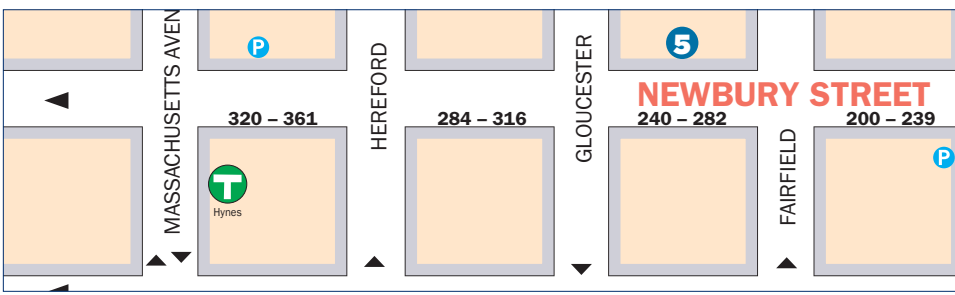
Newbury Street

Newbury Street is a world-famous destination. Lined with 19th century brownstones housing fabulous boutiques, spas and restaurants, you'll find both high-end and reasonably priced establishments. Warmer days draw visitors and locals here to shop, dine or enjoy a leisurely stroll. In the evening, Newbury Street greets a chic nightlife crowd with energetic bars and stylish lounges.



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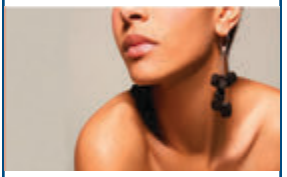

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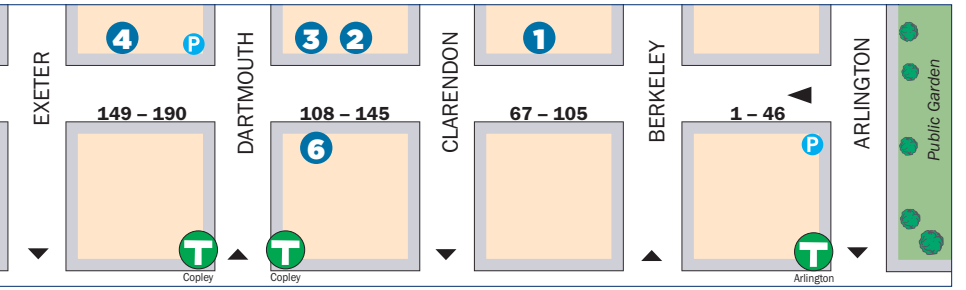

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FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE
617-523-1300, faneuilhallmarketplace.com. Walk through history and experience New England's premier visitor destination. Shop more than 75 locally loved boutiques and specialty pushcarts, taste diverse ethnic foods in the Quincy Market Colonnade or dine in one of 12 full-service restaurants.

THE SHOPS AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER
800 Boylston St., 800-SHOP-PRU. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m. The Shops at Prudential Center features more than 75 stores and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor and Barnes & Noble. It's also a launch spot for the city's renowned tourist attraction, the Boston Duck Tours.

Sporting Goods

HEARTBREAK HILL RUNNING 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, 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.

NIKE BOSTON
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.

PEABODY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOLOGY

From towering Native American totem poles and large Mayan sculptures to precious artifacts of the ancient world, the Peabody Museum is among the oldest archaeological and ethnographic museums in the world. Special exhibit: **Ocarinas of the Americas: Music Made in Clay**.

11 Divinity Ave., 617-496-1027, peabody.harvard.edu. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. $12; seniors & students $10; children (3–18) $8.

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.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY

580 Mount Auburn St., 617-547-7105, mountauburn.org. Daily 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Mount Auburn was the first landscaped cemetery in the country. Many prominent Americans are buried here, including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Winslow Homer. The cemetery is also an arboretum, sculpture garden and wildlife sanctuary.

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)

ABOVE: FOUR-HOLE OCARINA, BIRD, COSTA RICA

$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.

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.

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.

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

Theater

ARABIAN NIGHTS
The Nora Theatre Company and Underground Railway Theater, Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Ave., 866-811-4111. **Beginning Nov 27**. *$20–60.* Dominic Cooke's award-winning production based on *One Thousand and One Nights*, a collection of folk tales from the Middle East and Asia, is rich with suspense, romance and hilarity.

CLYBOURNE PARK
The Longwood Players, Cambridge Family YMCA Theatre, 820 Massachusetts Ave., 866-811-4111. **Nov 13–21**. *$17–25.* Bruce Norris' hilarious comedy explodes in two outrageous acts set 50 years apart. The first act takes place in 1959, as nervous community leaders anxiously try to stop the sale of a home to a black family. The final act is set in the same house in the present day, as the now predominantly African-American neighborhood battles to hold its ground in the face of gentrification.

THE DONKEY SHOW
American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300, 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.

NATASHA, PIERRE & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812
American Repertory Theater, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., 617-547-8300. **Beginning Dec 6**. *$25–95.* Natasha is young, Anatole is hot, and Andrey isn't here—but what about Pierre? Based on a scandalous 70-page slice of *War and Peace*, this electropop opera from the musical mind of Dave Malloy (*Three Pianos, Ghost Quartet, Beowulf: A Thousand Years of Baggage*) is Tolstoy like you've never experienced him before.

ONE CHILD BORN: THE MUSIC OF LAURA NYRO
American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300. **Beginning Dec 1**. *$40.* This acclaimed one-woman show, featuring Kate Ferber, celebrates the music and creative force of the late singer-songwriter and Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famer whose pop masterpieces—including "Eli's Comin'," "And When I Die," "Save the Country" and "Stoney End"—topped the charts in the '60s and '70s.

WHO WOULD BE KING
Liars & Believers, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300. **Through Nov 22**. *$25 & 35.* A story of a good man given an impossible task, this show explores what separates

good from great and what lies in the chasm between. An epic new production swinging from absurd buffoonery to high tragedy, it boasts kinetic physicality, silliness, swords and live electronica music.

Museums & Galleries

HARVARD ART MUSEUMS
32 Quincy St., 617-495-9400. Harvard Square, harvardartmuseums.org. Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. $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.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045, hmnh.harvard.edu. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. $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.

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.

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

Dining

Refer to Dining, page 51, for key to restaurant symbols.

ALL STAR SANDWICH BAR
1245 Cambridge St., 617-868-3065, allstarsandwichbar.com. With a tagline boasting "wrap-free since 2006," All Star Sandwich Bar serves up some of the best hot and cold sandwiches around. L, D, C. $

***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. $

DANTE
Royal Sonesta, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., 617-497-4200, restaurantdante.com. Dante de Magistris serves playful, rich Mediterranean-influenced fare as diners savor great views of the Charles River and the Boston skyline. B, L, D, Sat & SB. $$$$

THE FRIENDLY TOAST
1 Kendall Square b3101, 617-621-1200, thefriendlytoast.com. Dig in to an all-day brunch menu at this retro-inspired, cozy, kitschy Cambridge joint. Heavy on the friendly, they commit to

INSIDE TIP: This wildly popular breakfast spot originated in Portsmouth, N.H.

sourcing from local farms and offer plenty of vegetarian and vegan dining options. B, L, D. BR, SB, C. $$

GRENDEL'S DEN
89 Winthrop St., Harvard Square, 617-491-1160, grendelsden.com. Since 1971, Grendel's Den has been a comfortable, down-to-earth neighborhood eatery and bar, quickly earning landmark status in the Harvard Square community. Priding itself on a wide and varied selection of domestic and imported beer, Grendel's also offers excellent food at even better prices. B, L, D, C, LS. $

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. $$$

HONG KONG
1238 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, 617-864-5311, hongkongharvard.com. For more than 60 years, this eatery has served classic Chinese dishes and exotic drinks, including its world-renowned scorpion bowl. Perfect for a meal with friends, late-night snacks or dancing on the weekends. L, D, C, LS. $

NUBAR
Sheraton Commander Hotel, 16 Garden St., Harvard Square, 617-234-1365, nubarcambridge.com. This restaurant and lounge offers New England-style cuisine in a fresh, modern setting and casual atmosphere. B, L, D, 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. $$$

ZEPHYR ON THE CHARLES
Hyatt Regency Cambridge, Kendall Square, 575 Memorial Drive, 617-441-6510. This restaurant serves a traditional menu of local favorites—including New England clam chowder and the lobster roll—loaded with flavor and flair. B, L, D, C. $$

ZOE'S
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. 1105 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, 617-495-0055, zoescambridge.com. B, L, D, SB. $

Shopping

BLACK INK
5 Brattle St., Harvard Square, 617-497-1221, blackinkboston.squarespace.com; 101 Charles St., Boston, 617-723-3883. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Funky knick-knacks and novelties ranging from sock puppets to space food can be found at this quirky shop.

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA
100 CambridgeSide Place, Lechmere Square, 617-621-8666, cambridgeside galleria.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 $2 per pound.

THE HARVARD COOP
1400 Massachusetts Ave., 617-499-2000, store.thecoop.com. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m. America's largest college bookstore, located in Harvard Square, offers a wide selection of official Harvard clothing, souvenirs and four floors of books for all ages.

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Arlington Street Church G9
Back Bay Station H8
Berklee College of Music H7
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Boston Design Center I15
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Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum G12
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Bunker Hill Pavilion (Charlestown map) B11
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Charles Playhouse H10
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Children's Museum G12
Christian Science Plaza I7
Christopher Columbus Park F12
Citgo Sign H5
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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
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Emerson College G10
Emmanuel College J4
Exchange Conference Ctr. G14
Faneuil Hall F11
Fenway Park H5
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Government Center F11
Granary Burial Ground F11
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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
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Museum of Fine Arts J6
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New England Conservatory of Music I7
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Marriott's Custom House F12
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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
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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
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Harvard Square Hotel C2
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Hotel Veritas C3
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Munroe St
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Edwin Land Bl
Cambridge Pkwy
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Kendall/MIT
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Carleton
Hayward
Ames St
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Leonard P.
Bunker Hill
TD Garden
North Station
Home of the
Boston Celtics
& Bruins
Paul
Revere
Park
Causeway
Portland
Lancaster
Merrimac
Charlesbank
Playground
Charles St
Blossom St
Massachusetts
General Hospital
Fruit St
N. Grove St
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New Chardon St
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Grove St
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Garden St
Irving St
S. Russell St
Joy St
Hancock St
Ridgeway Ln
Temple St
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Pinckney St
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Louisburg
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Cedar Ln
W. Cedar St
Willow
Spruce
Mt. Vernon St
Walnut St
State
House
Ashburton
King's Chapel
Burying
Granary
Burying
Ground
Park St
Church
The Mass.
State House
Hatch
Memorial
Shell
David G. Mugar Way
Brimmer
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Branch St
Beaver Pl
Byron St
Beacon St
Park Street
Park St
Tremont
Winter
Frog
Pond
Information
Center
Soldiers
Monument
Boston
Common
Public
Garden
Lagoon
Arlington St
Charles St
Tremont St
Temple Pl
West St
Mason St
Opera
House
Washington St
Av de Lafayette
Paramount
Theatre
Avery
Central
Burying
Ground
Boylston
Chinatown
Essex
Colonial
Theatre
Cutler
Majestic
Theatre
La Grange St
Beach
Citi Performing
Arts Center
Wang
Theatre
Tufts Medical
Tufts Medical
Center
Shubert
Theatre
Harvard
Bennet St
Nassau St
Tyler St
W. Oak St
Oak St
Storrow Memorial Dr
Beacon St
Marlborough St
Exeter St
Dartmouth St
Clarendon St
Fairfield St
Gloucester St
Hereford St
Commonwealth Av
Commonwealth Av
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Columbus Av
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Cortes St
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Hynes Convention
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Center
Prudential
Tower
Ring Rd
Exeter St
Copley
Place
Back Bay
South End
St. Cecilia
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Scotia St
Dalton St
Massachusetts
Avenue
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St. Germain St
Clearway St
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Edgerly Rd
Westland Av
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Baker
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Charles River
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Constitution Wharf
Battery Wharf
NORTH END
Copp's Hill Burying Ground
Old North Church
Paul Revere Mall
St. Stephen's Church
Union Wharf
Sargent's Wharf
Paul Revere House
Eastern Ave
Lewis Wharf
Commercial Wharf
Boston Inner Harbor
Christopher Columbus Park
Aquarium
Long Wharf
New England Aquarium
Central Wharf
India Wharf
Rowes Wharf
Rowes Wharf Station
Joseph Moakley Courthouse
Fan Pier
Institute of Contemporary Art
Pier Four
Court House Station
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Hull St
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Tileston St
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Faneuil Hall
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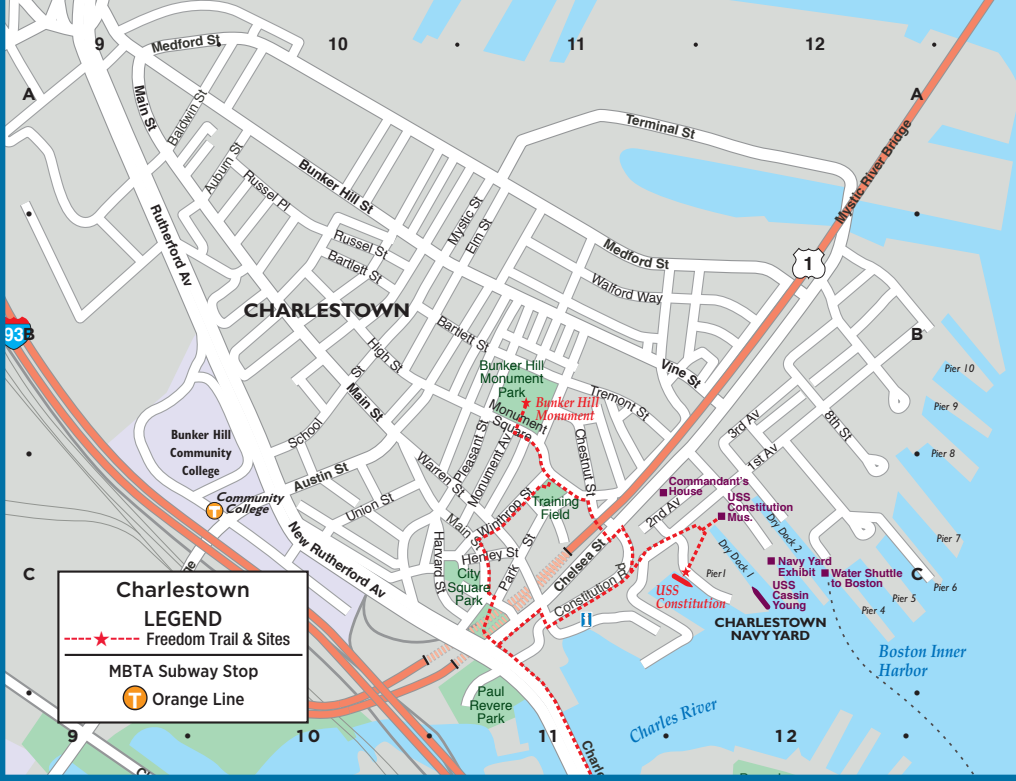
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USS Constitution
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MBTA MAP

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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.

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- **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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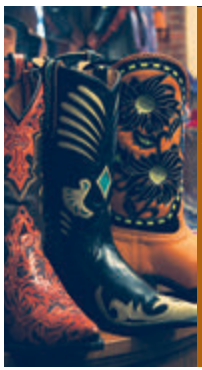
Blue Line to Bowdoin



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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

Orange Line to Back Bay
Green Line to Arlington, Copley or Hynes Convention Center

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.

DON'T MISS

- **Regina Pizzeria** reginapizzeria.com
- **Massimino's** massiminosboston.com
- **Terramia** terramiaristorante.com
- **Antico Forno** anticofornoboston.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*

NORTH END SHOPPING

Once known strictly for its assortment of Italian restaurants and bakeries, the North End has leapt boldly into the 21st century as one of the city's up-and-coming retail districts.

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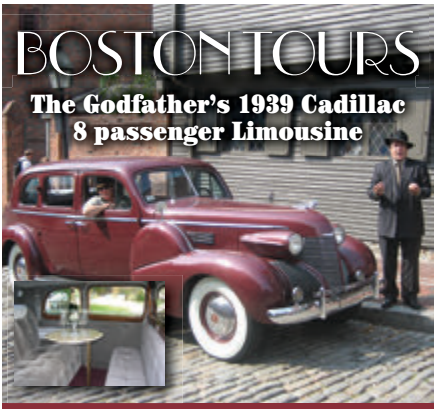

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Primark employees celebrate the very first shoppers at the department store's grand opening

DOWNTOWN

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In the heart of Boston, Downtown is where it's happening. The district welcomes a variety of exciting new retailers in 2015, including a **PAUL bakery**, **GAP Factory store**, flagship **Roche Bros.** supermarket and a **Primark** department store. Downtown also 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—including the opening of **Yvonne's** at the former Locke-Ober location—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.

DON'T MISS

- **Ogawa Coffee** oc-ogawa.co.jp/english
- **PAUL Bakery** paul-usa.com
- **Primark department store** primark.com
- **Yvonne's restaurant** yvonnesboston.com

ON THE T

Orange Line or **Red Line** to Downtown Crossing
Green Line or **Red Line** to Park St.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION

When the Pilgrims landed in America in 1620, they landed at Plymouth Rock. They built their settlement three miles south of the rock and named it Plimoth Plantation. Today, visitors can tour the Plantation and see how the Pilgrims went about their daily lives, hunting, gathering and making crafts.

137 Warren Ave., Plymouth, 508-746-1622. Through Nov 29—daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. $29.95; seniors $26.95; children (5–12) $19; (under 5) free.

Ice Skating

FROG POND ICE SKATING RINK

Boston Common, 617-635-2120. **Beginning mid-Nov**—*Mon 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Tue–Thu & Sun 'til 9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. $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.

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 281-acre tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum contains about 15,000 trees, shrubs and flowers for your perusal.

INSIDE TIP: Part of the Emerald Necklace park system, Arnold Arboretum is operated by Harvard University.

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:** Collecting for the Boston Athenæum in the 21st Century: Maps, Charts & Plans.

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.

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.–5 p.m. $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.

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER
3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. Observation deck tours daily, except Fri, at 2 p.m. $5. Tours may be cancelled due to weather conditions; call ahead; closed due to construction, **re-opens end of Nov**. Boston's first skyscraper stands high over Boston Harbor as one of the city's most impressive landmarks. Crowned by its distinctive clock tower and restored with modern luxuries, the building (operated by the Marriott Corporation) epitomizes the preservation of Boston's historic architecture.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
210 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-2000. Free tours of The Mother Church Tue noon–4 p.m., Wed 1–4 p.m., Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., every half hour. Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The original Mother Church built in 1894 is at the heart of the Christian Science Center, situated on 14 acres in the Back Bay. The Romanesque structure is made from New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

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): $17; seniors $14; students (with college ID) $13; children (under 12) $12. 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: Boston's Immigrant Experience exhibit and much more.

ST. ANTHONY SHRINE
100 Arch St., 617-542-6440. Daily 5:30 a.m–7 p.m. Visit stanthonyshrine.org for a full Mass schedule. Directed by the Franciscan friars of Holy Name Province and inspired by the enduring legacy of St. Francis of Assisi, this Catholic ministry has been a Downtown Crossing landmark since 1947 and offers daily Masses—including seven music Masses featuring The Arch Street Band—and a comprehesive outreach program.

TRINITY CHURCH
206 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-0944. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m.–8 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 with an adult; call for times. Self-guided tours: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Sun 11:15 a.m.–5:45 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, 617-696-9280, 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 boston upperdecktrolleytours.com or call ahead for availability. Tickets can be purchased aboard trolleys or at various locations throughout the city. Basic tickets (Boston loop only): $37.14; military, seniors & students $28.57; children (3–11) $19.05; children (under 3) free; premium tickets: $56.19; military, seniors & students $47.62; children (3–11) $32.38; 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 River-boat 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
4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. $18; seniors $17; 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. 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."

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. $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. $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. $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. $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

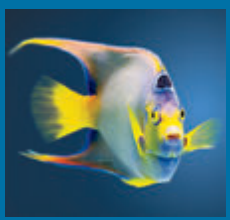
into a nautical adventure when the bus becomes a boat and plunges boldly into Boston Harbor.

Wildlife

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. $19.95; seniors $16.95; children (2–12) $12.95; military personnel with ID half-price; $12.95 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



Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this aquatic zoo features a Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef; a popular penguin habitat; Northern fur seals in the Marine Mammal Center; a shark and ray touch tank; and the Simons 3D IMAX Theater. Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. $26.95; seniors (60+) $24.95; children (3–11) $17.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.

STONE ZOO

149 Pond St., Stoneham, 617-541-LION. Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. $15.95; seniors $13.95; 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. Highlights include Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, black bears and white-cheeked gibbons.

Beyond Boston

THE BERKSHIRES

These mountains located roughly three hours west of Boston are considered a top cultural resort location, home to numerous antique shops, art galleries, museums, spas, spots for boating, scenic biking, skiing and hiking, as well as Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home.

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.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE

1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 800-733-1830. Wed–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. $24; seniors $22; children (3–17) $8; (under 3) free. 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.

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 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.

YANKEE CANDLE VILLAGE

25 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield, 877-636-7707. Mon–Wed 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu_Sun 'til 8 p.m. The Yankee Candle Village 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. **Special event: Nov 28** *from 8:30 a.m–8 p.m.*—Santa's Arrival.

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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. $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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9 OLD STATE HOUSE *Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. $10; seniors & students $8.50; children, military & veterans free.* Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was here that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.

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. Daily 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. $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 9 a.m.–5 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.–5 p.m., last climb at 4:30 p.m.* The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

16 USS CONSTITUTION *Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. Tue–Fri 2:30–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–5 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.

YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE

America's oldest restaurant, now celebrating 189 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. $$$

41 Union St., 617-227-2750, unionoysterhouse.com.

Back Bay

ASTA

47 Massachusetts Ave., 617-585-9575, asta boston.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 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. $$$

DOUZO

131 Dartmouth St., 617-859-8886, douzo sushi.com. This restaurant features cutting-edge sushi dishes and entrees that combine tradition and modern innovation, along with a lively bar and stylish decor. L, D, C, LS. $$$

GRILL 23 & BAR

161 Berkeley St., 617-542-2255, grill23.com. This superb eatery offers prime dry-aged

KEY

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
BR	Brunch
SB	Sunday Brunch
C	Cocktails
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)
VP	Valet Parking
NC	Credit Cards Not Accepted
*	Entertainment

AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

$	Most less than $12
$$	$12–18
$$$	$19–25
$$$$	Most more than $25

Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; the classifications are only approximations.

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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. Enjoy top-notch seafood such as pan-roasted lobster, award-winning fried chicken and an impressive raw bar in a casual setting. L, D. $$$

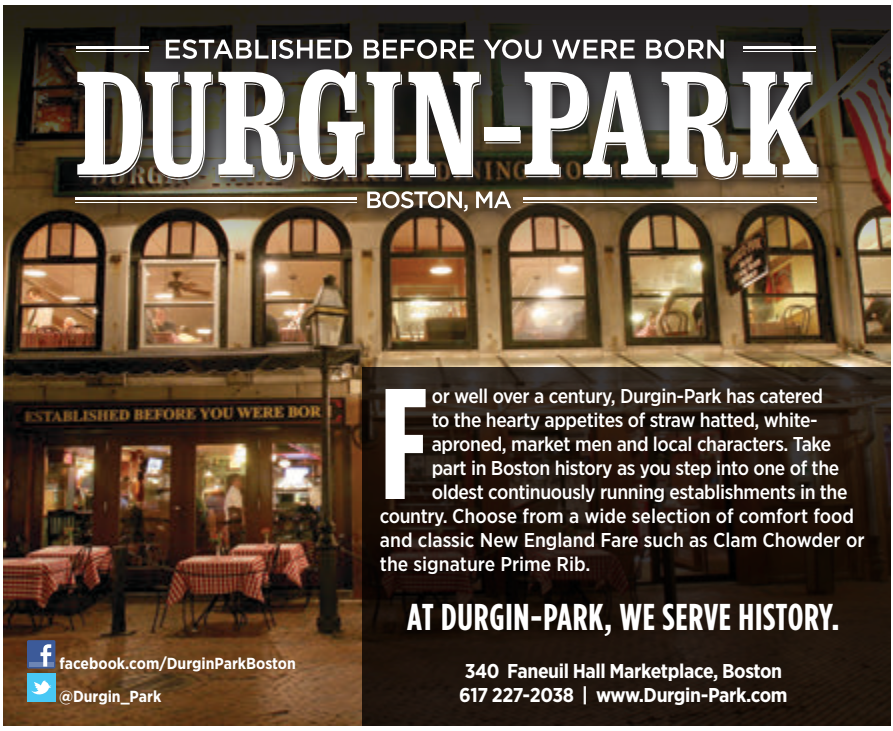
***KINGS**
50 Dalton St., 617-266-2695, kingsbackbay.com. Kings isn't your parents' bowling alley. Executive chef Andre has crafted a versatile American menu highlighted by delectable appetizers, house-smoked ribs, marinated steak tips, hand-tossed pizzas and inventive homemade entrees. Come for the bowling, come back for the food. L, D, LS, C. $$

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. $$$$

SHABUMARU
Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Ave., 617-437-8888, westincopleyplaceboston.com. Enjoy authentic Japanese-style "hot pot," or shabu-shabu, with a focus on farm-to-table ingredients and the highest quality meats and seafoods. L, D, C. $$

STEPHANIE'S ON NEWBURY
190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990, stephaniesonnewbury.com. Chef/owner Stephanie Sokolove's eatery showcases sophisticated cooking and classic com-



fort 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 dishes reflecting the seasonal flavors of New England as well as authentic Indian dishes for dinner. 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. $$

***TOP OF THE HUB**
800 Boylston St., Prudential Center, 617-536-1775, topofthehub.net. Sit 52 stories above Boston for great dining and a spectacular view of the city. Live jazz seven nights a week. L, D, SB, LS, C. $$$$

TOWNE STOVE AND SPIRITS
900 Boylston St., 617-247-0400, towneboston.com. The melting pot of cuisines at this favored eatery within the Hynes Convention Center draws inspiration from numerous sources. Blending home-style, gastropub fare with refined presentations and contemporary influences, Towne creates a dining experience with something for everyone. L, D, Sat & SB, C. $$$$

Beacon Hill

ANTONIO'S
288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310, antoniosofbeaconhill.com. 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. L, D. $$

***CHEERS**
84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-0150; cheersboston.com. 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. $

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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. $$$

THE HUNGRY I
71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524, hungryiboston.com. 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. $$$

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. $$$$

NO. 9 PARK
9 Park St., 617-742-9991, no9park.com. Acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch serves up French- and Italian-style dishes in a sophisticated bistro atmosphere atop Beacon Hill, offering inventive versions of classic fare like fresh pasta and foie gras. L, D, LS. $$$$

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, a menu of charcoal-grilled favorites, patio tables and backyard-inspired cocktails, Back Deck 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. $

MERITAGE RESTAURANT + WINE BAR
Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-439-3995, meritagetherestaurant.com. Known for its excellence in wine and food pairings, Meritage unveils a redesigned dining room, sophisticated wine bar and new private dining rooms overlooking Boston Harbor. Complementing the refreshed interior is Chef Daniel Bruce's unique vineyard-to-table menu. D, LS, SB, C, VP. $$$$

NEBO
520 Atlantic Ave., 617-723-6326, neborestaurant.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 countertops. D. $$$

O YA
9 East St., 617-654-9900, oyarestaurantboston.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, roweswharfseagrille.com. Rowes Wharf Sea Grille delivers the sea straight to your table. Enjoy power breakfasts and lunches followed by a vibrant after-work cocktail and dinner scene. The sunlight-filled dining room or seasonal outdoor terrace is an ideal spot for a leisurely lunch or special date night. B, L, D. $$$

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. $$$

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. $$

INSIDE TIP: Eldredge Park and John Durgin founded their namesake restaurant in 1827.

***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. $$

BASHO JAPANESE BRASSERIE
1338 Boylston St., 617-262-1338, bashosushi.com. This gourmet Japanese hotspot boasts innovative sushi rolls that combine a Western spin on flavor pairings with traditional techniques and is a great alternative to the usual ballpark cuisine. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$

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, The 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. $$

INSIDE TIP: Downstairs from Game On! is the Ping-Pong club Blazing Paddles.

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 linguine with clams, mussels, calamari and shrimp. L, D. $$

ARAGOSTA BAR & BISTRO

3 Battery Wharf, 617-994-9001, aragosta bistro.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. $$$

MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA

207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959, massiminos boston.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; South Station, Atlantic Ave. and Summer Street; 353

INSIDE TIP: Many Regina locations offer online ordering, including the original one in the North End.

Cambridge St., Allston, 617-783-2300; 1330 Boylston St., 617-266-9210. Patrons have been indulging in delicious, award-winning homemade pizza at Boston's oldest brick-oven pizzeria since 1926. Delivery and curb-side-to-go service available. C in Allston. L & D daily. $

RISTORANTE FIORE
250 Hanover St., 617-371-1176, ristorante fiore.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, thevarano group.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
98 Salem St., 617-523-3112, terramia ristorante.com. Specializing in creative interpretations of Italian classics, Terramia offers seasonally based dishes and an extensive wine list in a cozy, rustic atmosphere. D. $$

TRESCA
233 Hanover St., 617-742-8240, trescanorth end.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. $$$$

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. This urban steak bistro is a casual yet refined twist on steakhouse splendor. Savor mouth-watering prime cuts and a 2,000-bottle wine room along with 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 pasta and wood-fired pizza, as well as modern charcuterie dishes and small tapas-sized delicacies like salt cod crostini and marinated mushrooms. L, D, SB. $$$

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. $$

INSIDE TIP: Chef/owner Joanne Chang graduated from Harvard with a degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics before before becoming an nationally renowned pastry chef.

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, masa restaurant.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, toro-restaurant.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. $$

***TROPHY ROOM**
26 Chandler St., 617-482-4428, trophyroomboston.com. A casual, comfortable American bistro and bar, the Trophy Room pays tribute to its predecessor, the legendary Fritz Bar, by lining the walls of this recently renovated space with trophies that were won by sports teams the Fritz sponsored over the past 30 years. B, D, LS, Sat & SB, C. $$

Theatre District

ABBY LANE FOOD & SPIRITS
255 Tremont St., 617-451-2229, abbylaneboston.com. A neighborhood restaurant with a focus on approachability, affordability and excellent service, Abby Lane provides guests with a delightful experience by offering delicious handcrafted food and spirits in a fun and family-friendly environment. L, D, C, LS. $$

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. $–$$$

***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. $$

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RUSTIC KITCHEN

210 Stuart St., 617-423-5700, rustickitchen.biz. This lively Italian bistro combines a distinctive menu with a comfortable, inviting atmosphere. All breads, pastas and desserts are prepared fresh daily on the premises. Pre-theatre menu, three private dining rooms, garden lounge and weekly cooking classes are available. L, D, SB, C, LS, VP. $$

TEATRO

177 Tremont St., 617-778-6841, teatroboston.com. Teatro boasts a reasonably priced, award-winning Italian-influenced menu by owner/chef Jamie Mammano. D, C, VP. $$$

Seaport/ Innovation District

BABBO PIZZERIA

11 Fan Pier Blvd., 617-421-4466, babbopizzeria.com. Celebrity chef Mario Batali's huge waterfront enoteca serves wood-fired pizzas, small plates, gelato, Italian wines and more. L, D, LS, C. $$

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 and on the new patio 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. $$

EMPIRE ASIAN RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
55 Northern Ave., 617-295-0001, empireboston.com. This 14,000-square-foot Asian restaurant and lounge located on Fan Pier offers a tantalizing menu from executive Chef Kevin Long and an exotic, Peter Niemitz-designed interior. D, LS, C, 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. $$$$

MORTON'S THE STEAKHOUSE
World Trade Center East, Two Seaport Lane, 617-526-0410, mortons.com. The renowned steakhouse chain is famous for serving prime-aged beef, including filet mignon and New York strip. They also offer a variety of other entrees, including superb jumbo lump crab cakes. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$$

OCEAN PRIME
140 Seaport Blvd., 617-670-1345, ocean-prime.com. An award-winning restaurant and lounge from renowned restaurateur Cameron Mitchell, Ocean Prime is designed to please all palates, uniting fresh seafood and steaks with service that makes every guest feel like a VIP. L, D, LS, C. $$$$

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

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
343 Congress St., 617-790-0808, tavernroad.com. Brothers Louis and Michael DiBiccari combine forces with local Boston artists to bring Fort Point a street-food inspired menu featuring sharable small plates. D, LS, C. $$

TEMAZCAL TEQUILA CANTINA
250 Northern Ave., 617-439-3502, temazcalcantina.com. Located on Liberty Wharf, this restaurant offers fresh, authentic Mexican dishes, outdoor waterfront dining and an extensive drink menu, with more than 300 tequilas and nearly a dozen refreshing margarita options. L, D, SB, C. $$$

RIDING THE ROLLER COASTER

ANITA GILLETTE takes on a mother of a role in the world premiere of *A Confederacy of Dunces*

"I'VE PLAYED EVERYBODY'S MOTHER!" laughs Anita Gillette. And it's true. A veteran of Broadway and Hollywood, Gillette has performed the role of mother to many actors, from Jack Black, to Jennifer Aniston, to Bill Murray (who once gave her an elephant ride across the MGM lot during the filming of *Larger than Life*). Now, she is excited to act alongside the Emmy Award-nominated series "Parks and Recreation"'s Nick Offerman as Ignatius Reilly's mother, Irene, in Jeffery Hatcher's stage adaption of the cult novel *A Confederacy of Dunces* at the Huntington Theatre Company.

Irene Reilly is "like a roller coaster," explains Gillette. Though she loves him dearly, Mrs. Reilly constantly struggles with pushing her stay-at-home son to do what she wants, from getting a job to giving her a kiss. While Ignatius commands most of the erudite verbiage in *A Confederacy of Dunces*, Mrs. Reilly is "clever in her own way," and Gillette hopes that her performance with Offerman reveals the underlying arc of a love story between a mother and son. "The best thing about playing Mrs. Reilly is that Nick Offerman is my son. I'd be on a stage with that man anytime, and especially in a part like this," says Gillette.

This is Gillette's first time on the Huntington stage, though her ties to Boston-area theater go back to the receipt of her first equity card at the North Shore Music Theatre in the 1950s. "Boston is a special place for me....I love everything that goes on here." Gillette feels a strong love for theater, as well. "It's an addiction. When I'm not doing theater, I have a one-woman cabaret show called *After All*....There's nothing for an actor like a live audience."

What's her advice for finding success through theater? "You have to have the tenacity of a bulldog, the hide of a rhinoceros and a good home to go home to, because you have to bounce off criticism, but you have to have that tender part, too. You need vulnerability, as well as strength." Family is important to Gillette, beyond the many mother-child relationships she has explored on stage and in film. "I don't have a manager," she says. "I have children and grandchildren. And I'm happier about that!" —*Olivia J. Kiers*

A CONFEDERACY OF DUNCES

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