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# A SHORE thing

Fine art, historical homes, seaside excursions and more await visitors to Massachusetts' North Shore

by Matthew Karr and Josh B. Wardrop

**A**s a city, Boston has just about everything you could want—shopping, museums, nightlife, restaurants. But from time to time, we all need a change of scene away from the subway tunnels, skyscrapers and throngs of people around Fenway Park and Newbury Street.

When that time comes, there's no better cure than a trip to the North Shore, a cluster of communities lining the coast between Boston and New Hampshire. Visitors can take advantage of miles of stunning coastline, quaint fishing ports and seafood restaurants that rival Boston's in quality (but minus the stuffy atmosphere), as well as enough historical attractions and activities to please both youngsters and adults alike.

Halloween party or delve into the mysteries of the occult at area shops. Just this spring, Salem residents were divided when cable network TV Land sought to erect a statue of Elizabeth Montgomery (Samantha from "Bewitched") in a public square. Despite some controversy, permission was eventually granted, and the statue now stands in Lappin Park.

Fortunately, the city is also full of witch-related attractions

that are historically accurate. The **Salem Witch Museum** (refer to listing, page 47) pays homage to the city's tragic past, exploring the myths and startling truths about the trials. There's also the **Witch Dungeon Museum** (16 Lynde St., 978-741-3570), offering a live reenactment of a witch trial adapted from the 1692 historical transcripts.

**THE SEAFARING LIFE** ➤ The maritime history of Salem plays the largest role in how the area looks today and is an excellent antidote to Salem's witch obsession. The **Salem Maritime National Historic Site** (174 Derby St., 978-740-1660) explores Salem's legacy as a center of merchant shipping and how the ocean helped

## SALEM

Thanks to the fabled Salem Witch Trials of 1692, Salem forever sealed its identity as The Witch City. The events actually took place in what is now the adjoining town of Danvers, but countless books, plays and films have revisited the hysteria that erupted and which led to the executions of 19 people.

Although a sad chapter in Colonial history, Salem has exploited the more popular, fictional images of witches and their potential kitsch value. Visitors can delight in what feels like a year-long

**AT THE HELM**—The Fisherman's Memorial stands guard over Gloucester Harbor.

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shape the town's destiny. **Pickering Wharf** (23 Congress St., 978-740-6990) remains a center of activity and home to village shops and waterfront restaurants. Schooner cruises depart from the marina throughout the day (978-526-7839), including a 90-minute **Children's Pirate Cruise**, departing on **July 24** (978-729-7600), giving your youngster a chance to live the life of a seafaring bandit, and acting as a companion activity to a trip through the **New England Pirate Museum** (274 Derby St., 978-741-2800).

**HISTORIC SITES** > The **House of Seven Gables** (54 Turner St., 978-744-0991), made famous in Nathaniel Hawthorne's homonymous book, showcases 330 years of Salem's history in its museum and historic buildings. The Gables, Hawthorne's boyhood home, is a National Historic District, boasting a spectacular seaside garden and is the oldest surviving 17th century wooden mansion in New England. Throughout this month, the Gables is celebrating Hawthorne's 200th birthday with various special events.

Another historic home, the **Stephen Phillips Trust House** (34 Chestnut St., 978-744-0440), conducts daily tours that allow visitors a glimpse into the everyday lives of servants and masters in the early 1900s.

**SAFE HARBOR**—The picturesque seaside community of Rockport on Cape Ann offers a variety of galleries, shops, restaurants and other attractions.

## GLOUCESTER

Proudly known as America's oldest seaport, fishing has been Gloucester's leading industry since 1623. Home to one of the last surviving commercial fishing fleets in New England, this is a working city first. Situated on Cape Ann, Gloucester also boasts some of the North Shore's prettiest beaches (see sidebar, opposite page).

**GONE FISHIN'** > Gloucester's fishermen will gladly bring guests along on deep-sea fishing excursions. There are countless companies that provide such trips, including **Anne Rowe Charters** (located on Seven Seas Wharf by Schooner Sails, 978-283-2046). The trips can be pricey and depart early (from 5–7 a.m.), but offer up to six hours of fishing for cod and haddock.

**ACTING UP** > Though it is miles away from Boston's Theatre District, there are plenty of North Shore thespians treading the boards in Gloucester. **Beginning July 21, Gloucester Stage Company** (267 East Main St., 978-281-4433) presents artistic director Israel Horowitz's *My Old Lady*. Meanwhile, the popular tourist attraction **Hammond Castle** (80 Hesperus Ave.,

978-283-2080)—a medieval-style castle built in the 1920s by inventor John Hays Hammond, Jr.—hosts Renaissance enthusiasts from Boston and beyond on **July 23 & 24** for the **Robin Hood Festival**, an interactive theater festival.

## ROCKPORT

Rockport's picturesque waterfront and numerous galleries are the perfect setting for a retreat from the city. The town can feel like a step back to simpler times, while at the same time catering to the summer swell of out-of-towners.

**ART ESCAPE** > Rockport has long been a favorite hangout of photographers, painters, jewelry designers and sculptors, and throughout Rockport, locally and nationally celebrated art is displayed at more than two dozen galleries and art houses. The **Rockport Art Association** (12 Main St., 978-546-6604) sponsors special events, exhibitions and shows and is open daily year-round.

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES** > **Halibut Point State Park** (Gott Avenue, 978-546-2997), to the north of town, protects the natural beauty that surrounds Rockport. It has a staffed visitor center and several walking trails to enjoy the tidal pools, water-filled quarries and rocky coastline.

## IPSWICH

**NATURE LOVING** > Located in the heart of the North Shore, Ipswich boasts a diverse landscape that includes the Ipswich River, which runs right through town and empties into the ocean—perfect for a leisurely canoe trip. Ipswich has many beautiful spots for hiking and bird watching. **Willowdale State Forest** (Topsfield Road, 978-887-5931) and the **Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary** (87 Perkins Row, Topsfield, 978-887-9264) both offer great wilderness escapes for experienced and novice outdoorsmen alike.

**GOOD EATS** > Ipswich is famous for its shellfish and **The Clam Box** (246 High St., 978-356-9707) has served up some of the best New England has to offer for more than 60 years, propelling itself to local landmark status. Another Ipswich mainstay, the **1640 Hart House** (51 Linebrook Rd., 978-356-1640), was built just 20 years after the Pilgrims first landed, and features fine dining in a quaint, Colonial atmosphere. ■

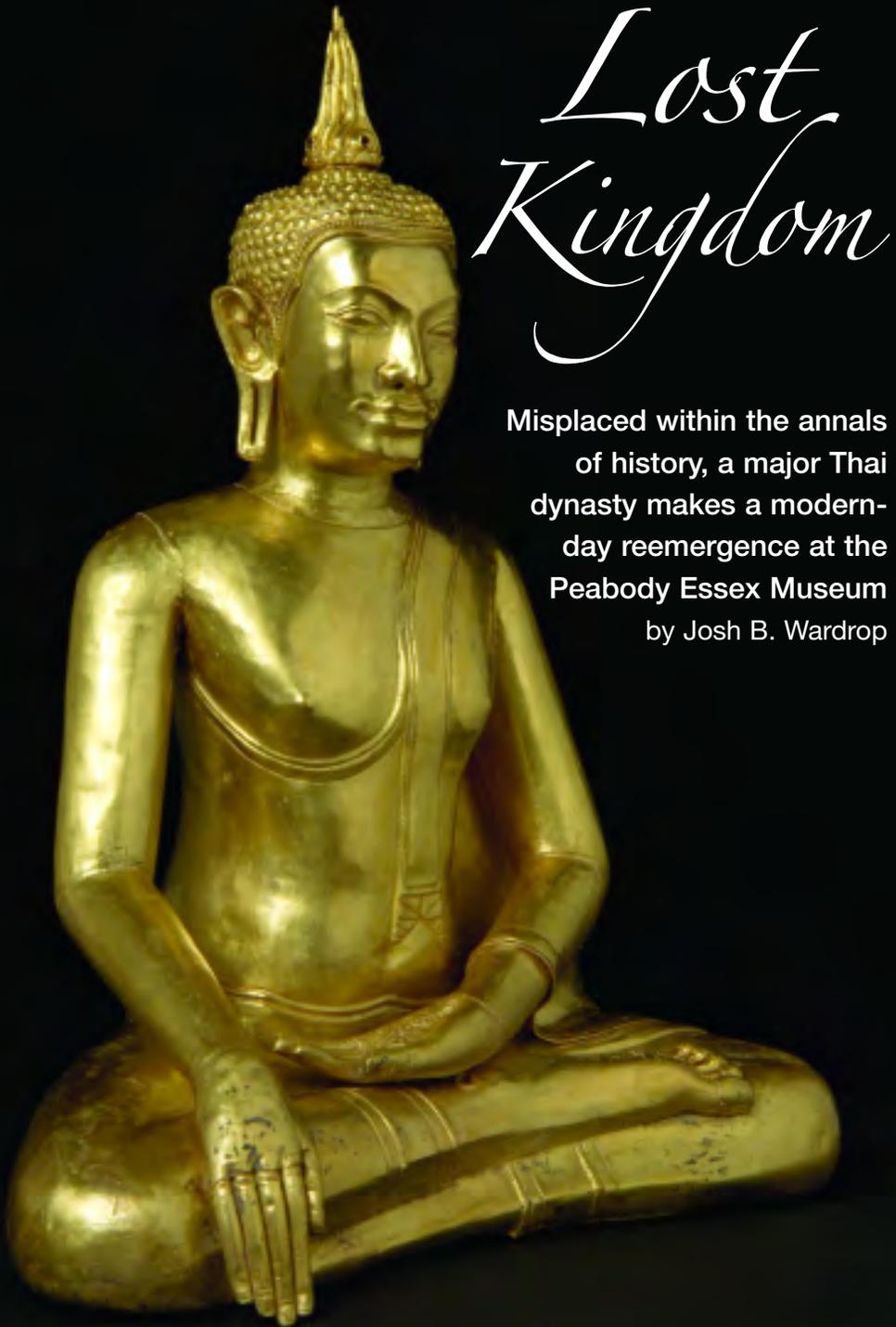
## REACH THE BEACH



One of the closest northern beach getaways for Bostonians can be found at **Revere Beach** (Revere Beach Boulevard, 617-727-4708, accessible by the MBTA Blue Line from Government Center), the oldest public beach in America (circa 1896). Once a resort destination, brimming with amusement park rides and seaside hotels, the area is now best known for the legendary Kelly's Roast Beef. But the beach and its well-fed seagulls are still there, and lifeguards are on duty all summer.

For something more picturesque (we're talking wide, white sand beaches and cool blue ocean surf), head to Cape Ann and points further north. **Crane Beach** (Argilla Road, 978-356-4354) in Ipswich features a gorgeous, four-mile stretch of rolling dunes, a modern refreshment stand and an incomparable view. **Plum Island** (978-465-5753) in Newburyport is located on a National Wildlife Refuge and boasts hiking trails, six-and-a-half miles of beachfront and bird-watching opportunities. Gloucester's **Good Harbor Beach**, pictured above, (Thatcher Road, 978-281-9790) boasts a large offshore island that you can walk to during low tide, while **Wingersheek Beach** (Atlantic Street, 978-281-9790), also in Gloucester, boasts climbing rocks and tide pools, both popular with kids. The unique **Singing Beach** (Masconomo Street, 979-526-2000) in Manchester-by-the-Sea takes its moniker from the squeaking sound created by beachgoers walking across its squishy sand.

—Christopher Wallenberg ■



# Lost Kingdom

Misplaced within the annals of history, a major Thai dynasty makes a modern-day reemergence at the Peabody Essex Museum  
by Josh B. Wardrop

Historians and criminals wouldn't seem to inhabit much common ground. But those who study extinct cultures have had occasion throughout the years to be indebted to scavengers and grave-robbers.

An example of this serendipitous intersection of archaeology and larceny sees the light of day at Salem's Peabody Essex Museum this month with the opening of **The Kingdom of Siam: The Art of Central Thailand, 1350–1800**, an exhibition that introduces the lost Thai kingdom of Ayutthaya to American art lovers.

A major Southeast Asian center of trade that once rivaled China's Ming Dynasty for prestige, Ayutthaya fell to invading Burmese armies in 1767, and much of the civilization's records, artwork and architecture were lost to history—that is, until the helpful intrusion of a group of thieves in 1957.

"Little was known about Ayutthaya until [the thieves] broke into a temple and discovered a large collection of art sealed in a tower," says Susan Bean, curator of South Asian and Korean art at Peabody Essex. "At that point, scholarship began to increase and a wider appreciation developed for this lost civilization."

Thanks to cooperation between museums in Thailand and the San Francisco Asian Art Museum, who originated the exhibit, many of those works—pieces that include bronze and ivory sculpture, lacquered furniture, manuscripts, woven cotton textiles and much more—are now on display. Bean estimates that close to 50% of the pieces have never been seen in the Western world, and Peabody Essex represents the only East Coast stop for this collection.

As Bean will attest, the works of art a culture leaves behind often say a great deal about the society itself. While one can only shudder to think what future generations will think of

us upon the discovery of a cache of Ashlee Simpson CDs and old episodes of "Fear Factor," the relics that make up The Kingdom of

**FIT TO BE THAI**—This Buddha statue (left) and Buddha face (above), both circa 1350–1400, grace the new Kingdom of Siam exhibit at the Peabody Essex Museum.



Siam exhibit portray the Ayutthayans as a people that balanced their economic prosperity with a strong degree of spiritualism.

"Many of the works relate to the practice of Buddhism," says Bean, "which tells us that religion was extremely important to their society." Bean points out that a number of the pieces unearthed in the 1950s were sculptures that told stories from the life of the Buddha, and she believes that "that was how people [of the Ayutthayan civilization] learned values and morals."

Beyond providing beautiful artifacts for the eyes to feast on, Bean hopes that The Kingdom of Siam exhibit will allow visitors to pause a moment and contemplate how fickle history can be and how the enormity of time can dwarf even the most powerful of societies.

"Really, one of the most interesting things about this exhibit is how it brings forward a civilization that truly got 'lost' for awhile," says Bean. "Most of the time we don't pay attention to the way important civilizations—centers of art, culture and trade—can just come and go, as history passes."

*The Kingdom of Siam: The Art of Central Thailand, 1350–1800* is on display at the Peabody Essex Museum until October 16. Refer to listings in *Museums*, page 47.

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PANORAMA'S PICK



DOS Fiestas by Diana Aramburu

Puerto Rico may only be about a four-hour flight away, but if you can't make it down there this summer, the **Festival Betances 2005** promises to spice up your summer with Puerto Rican flavor. From savoring typical foods like *bacalaitos* (fried codfish) to perfecting your salsa dancing skills, you'll think you left the Hub for the Caribbean. Since 1973, community group Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción has brought together both residents of Boston's South End and visitors alike with the festival named after Ramón Emeterio Betances, a 19th century Puerto Rican revolutionary figure. Come celebrate Puerto Rican and Latin culture in Boston at Festival Betances from **July 22–24**, and enjoy activities like the greased pole-climbing competition, domino tournament and music by the famous *salsero* Lalo Rodríguez. And, the following week, from **July 29–31**, Boston's Franklin Park plays hosts to another event—a **Puerto Rican Festival** featuring live bands, food vendors and carnival rides. Between the two events, visitors to Boston can expect an experience that will transport you to the streets of San Juan. Refer to listings, pages 22 & 23.

CLASSICAL

**Boston Pops Orchestra**, 617-266-1200. The Boston Pops were created in 1885 by Boston Symphony Orchestra founder Henry Lee Higginson, who wanted to provide a lighter musical concert for the summertime. Led by Keith Lockhart, now in his 11th season as conductor, the Pops are a quintessentially American tradition. **July 30** at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Music Circus, 130 Sohier St., Cohasset, 781-383-9850—The Pops perform with special guest vocalist, Broadway and cabaret singer Liz Callaway, tickets: \$75.

**Boston Landmarks Orchestra**, various locations throughout Boston, 617-520-2200. Free and open to the public. **July 21** at 10:30 a.m. and noon at the Great Hall, Codman Square, Dorchester—Landmarks Concert for Children presents Nkeiru Okoye's new orchestral work *Phillis Wheatley: America's First Black Poet*; **July 21** at Maritime Park in South Boston; **July 22** at Sanders Theater at Harvard University; **July 24, 25 & 29** at other locations—Baroque in Boston, concert series inspired by 17th and 18th century Europe. Call or visit [www.landmarksorchestra.org](http://www.landmarksorchestra.org) for complete list of concert venues.

**Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Season**, Tanglewood, Lenox, 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200. Located in the Berkshires, Tanglewood has been the Symphony's summer home

since 1937. Tickets: \$16–76. **July 21** at 8:30 p.m. at Seiji Ozawa Hall—Emerson String Quartet; **July 22 & 23** at 8:30 p.m. at Koussevitzky Music Shed—The Orchestra performs a program of works by Brahms; **July 24** at 2:30 p.m. at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Works by Beethoven and Shostakovich; **July 26** at 8:30 p.m. at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Music director James Levine is joined by guest conductors Seiji Ozawa, John Williams, Bruce Hagen and Hans Graf for the Tanglewood On Parade gala, featuring performances by the Boston Pops and Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra; **July 27** at 8:30 p.m. at Seiji Ozawa Hall—The orchestra is joined by the Zukerman Chamber Players; **July 29** at 8:30 p.m. at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Works by Wagner, Sibelius and Stravinsky; **July 30** at 8:30 p.m. at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Works by Ravel, Canteloube and Tchaikovsky.

**Masterworks Choral**, National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Rd., Lexington, 781-235-6210. Tue at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$9. Summer Sing is a 10-week program that gives audiences the opportunity to perform as the chorus in a different masterpiece of the choral repertoire each week. **July 19**—Beethoven's *Mass in C*; **July 26**—Mozart's *Solemn Vespers de Confessore*.

**Society for Historically Informed Performance**, Lindsey Chapel, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., 508-212-6038. Concerts begin

at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15. **July 21**—*Amphion's Lyre*; **July 28**—*La Donna Musicale*.

## COMEDY

**The Comedy Connection**, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9700. Cover and times may vary. Call for full schedule. Named "The Best Comedy Club in the Country" (*USA Today*), this venue has featured national and local stand-up acts such as Wendy Liebman, Chris Rock, Rosie O'Donnell and Dave Chappelle. Tickets: \$12–40. **July 18 & 25** at 8 p.m.—Amateur Showcase hosted by Kevin Knox; **July 19 & 26** at 8 p.m.—Paul Nardizzi and Robbie Printz; **July 21** at 8:30 p.m.—Frank Santos, "The R-Rated Hypnotist"; **July 22 & 23** at 8 p.m. & 10:15 p.m.—Kevin Meaney; **July 27** at 8 p.m.—Mike Donovan; **July 28** at 7 p.m.—Pitching In For Kids Fundraiser; **July 29 & 30** at 8 p.m. & 10:15 p.m.—Dom Irrera.

**The Comedy Studio at the Hong Kong**, 1236 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; nightly shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$3–7. A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. **July 19 & 26**—The Magic Lounge: professional magic show; **July 20 & 27**—Tony V Experiment with special guests; **July 21 & 28**—Dan Sally Show with guest comedians; **July 22 & 29**—The Walsh Bros., Rebecca Anderson, Shaun Donovan and others; **July 23**—Shane Webb, Mike Morell and others; **July 24 & 31**—Erin Judge Presents: Chivuzo, Andy O'Fish and others.

**Dick Doherty's Comedy Vault**, Remington's Restaurant, 124 Boylston St., 617-482-0110. Call for reservations and complete schedule. Showtimes: *Thu–Sat* at 9 p.m.; *open mic Sun* at 9 p.m. Cover: \$10–15. Located in an actual bank vault downstairs in Remington's Eating and Drinking Exchange, this club features top area comics. **July 21 & 28**—Greg Howell and friends; **July 22 & 23**—Mitch Stinson and Boston's Best Standup; **July 24**—Courtney Cronin hosts open mike night; **July 29 & 30**—Greg Rodrigues and Boston's Best Standup; **July 31**—EJ Murphy hosts open mike night.

**Improv Asylum**, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. Showtimes: *Wed & Thu* at 8 p.m.; *Fri & Sat* at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets: \$15–20, dinner packages available. *Wed & Thu* at 8 p.m., *Fri & Sat* at 8 and 10 p.m.—*Pork Fried Clowns*, featuring satirical audience-inspired improv and sketch comedy. *Every Thursday* at 9:45 p.m.—Talent showcase; *Every Sat* at midnight—*The Midnight Show* promises to be quick-witted, controversial and hilarious.

**ImprovBoston**, Back Alley Theater, 1253 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-576-1253. Showtimes: *Wed* at 8 p.m.; *Thu & Fri* at 8 and 10 p.m.; *Sat* at 6, 8 and 10 p.m.; *Sun* at 7 p.m. Cover: \$5–12. This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. *Wed*—*The Hump*; *Thu*—*UnNatural Selection* and *The Great & Secret Comedy Show*; *Fri*—*Pirate Lives: The Adventure of the Coward* and *TheatreSports*; *Sat*—*ImprovBoston Family Show* and *ImprovBoston Mainstage*; *Sun*—*Sgt. Culpepper's Improvisational Jamboree*.

**Jimmy Tingle's Off Broadway**, 255 Elm St., Davis Square, Somerville, 617-591-1616. Founded by comic, actor and writer Jimmy Tingle, this multi-use venue features both established and aspiring performers. **July 22, 23, 29 & 30** at 7:30 p.m.—*American Dream*, Jimmy Tingle's new one-man show, tickets: \$20; **July 22 & 29** at 10 p.m.—It's Not That Late Show; **July 24, 29 & 30** at 7 p.m.—*Women in Comedy*.

**Nick's Comedy Stop**, 100 Warrenton St., 617-423-2900. *Fri & Sat* at 8:45 p.m. Cover: \$15. Nick's is the city's longest-running comedy club. **July 22 & 23**—Kevin Knox, PJ Walsh and others.

## CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

**Bayside Expo & Conference Center**, 200 Mount Vernon St., 617-474-6000. **July 21** at 4:30 p.m.—18th Annual Jim Kane Sugar Bowl 5 Miler road race.

**Hynes Convention Center**, 900 Boylston St., 617-954-2000. *Through July 20*—Water Environment Federation and Independent Jewelers Organization; **July 27 & 28**—Scaffolding Expo.

## DANCE

**2005 Meet the Artist Master Classes**, Green Street Studios, 185 Green St., Cambridge, 978-402-2339. Tickets: \$20. Advanced-level and professional dancers are invited to attend Master Classes with top choreographers and dancers. **July 23** at 10 a.m.—Teri Weksler.

**Folk Dancing by the Fountain**, Copley Square, Clarendon and Boylston streets, in front of Trinity Church, 781-662-7475. Free evening folk dances and instruction under the stars. No partners or experience necessary. **July 19** at 7:30 p.m.—Dances led by Marcie Van Cleave and Patrick Yacono; **July 26** at 7:30 p.m.—Dances led by Marcie Van Cleave and Clare Stanley; live music by Shining Moon.

## FILM

**The Brattle Theatre**, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9; students & matinees \$7.50; seniors & children \$6. Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with a different double feature almost every day. Special event: Summer of Rock Repertory Series—**July 19**—*Jailhouse Rock*; **July 20**—*A Hard Day's Night*; **July 26 & 27**—*Zabriskie Point*; **July 27**—*Easy Rider*; **July 31**—A celebration of Jim Henson featuring screenings of *The Dark Crystal* and *Labyrinth*.

**Coolidge Corner Theatre**, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$8.50; members \$5.50; seniors & children \$5.50. This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now showing: *We Jam Econo: The Story of the Minutemen*; *Me and You and Everyone We Know*; **opening July 22**—*Murderball*. Special events: **July 18 & 25** at 7:30 p.m.—The Summertime Blues Series; **July 19** at 7:30 p.m.—*The Big Lebowski* party.

**Free Friday Flicks on the Esplanade**, DCR Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade, Storrow Drive, 617-787-7200. Free and open to the public. A summertime tradition presented by WBZ News Radio 1030. Watch your favorite films, from the classics of yesteryear to the most popular films of today, at nightfall along the Charles River. **July 22** at 8:30 p.m.—*Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*; **July 29** at 8:30 p.m.—*Scooby Doo*.

**Harvard Film Archive**, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., Cambridge 617-495-4700. Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices. With over 300 films shown per year, HFA is one of the most active art cinemas in New England. Now showing:

**July 20** at 9 p.m.—*Force of Evil*; **July 23** at 7 p.m.—*Fear*; at 9 p.m.—*Europa 51*; **July 25** at 7 p.m.—*Pygmalion*; at 9 p.m.—*Major Barbara*; **July 29** at 7 p.m.—*Suddenly Last Summer*; at 9 p.m.—*The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone*; **July 31** at 7 p.m.—*The Freshman*; at 9 p.m.—*The Sin of Harold Diddlebock*.

**Loews Boston Common**, corner of Tremont and Avery streets, 617-423-3499 or 617-333-FILM. Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices. This state-of-the-art cineplex is the largest downtown movie theater in New England, featuring 4,500 stadium seats and 19 oversized screens spanning 100,000 square feet. Special event: Fan Favorite Thursdays, free showings of favorite films.

**Movies at the Milk Bottle**, Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. Bring a blanket, grab an ice cream cone and enjoy short, quirky outdoor movies every Friday night all summer long. **July 22** at dusk—TBD; **July 29** at dusk—TBD.

**Movies by Moonlight**, Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. Every summer, The Boston Harbor Hotel terrace is transformed into an outdoor cinema for free Friday night flicks. **July 22** at dusk—*Now, Voyager*; **July 29** at dusk—*The Big Sleep*.

**Museum of Fine Arts**, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. Screenings *Thu–Sun*, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9; students & seniors \$8. The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres

of American independent films. Special events: **through July 23**—10th Annual Boston French Film Festival: **July 21** at 6 p.m.—*Cinevardaphoto*; at 8 p.m.—*Innocence*; **July 22** at 8 p.m.—*Nathalie*; **July 23** at 10:30 a.m.—*Goya in Bordeaux*; at 12:30 p.m.—*Venus and Fleur*; at 2:15 p.m.—*Writer of 0*; **July 29–31**—Cinema Tropical film series presents Gonzalo Justiniano's *El Leyton*; **opening July 29** at 8 p.m.—Special 4-day screening of Russian director Karen Shakhnazarov's *The Rider Named Death*.

**Mugar Omni Theater**, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$7.50; seniors \$5.50; children (3–11) \$6.50. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m. This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high, domed screen. Now showing: *The Summer of Adventure* film series, featuring the large-format films *Everest*, *Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure*, *Coral Reef Adventure*, *Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West* and *Mystery of the Nile*.

**Simons IMAX Theater**, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 1-866-815-4629. *Sun–Wed* 9:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.; *Thu–Sat*: 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$8.95; seniors & children (3–11) \$6.95. This recent addition to the New England Aquarium is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now showing: *Galapagos*; *Sharks 3D*; *Aliens of the Deep*.

**Somerville Theatre**, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-4088. Call for showtimes, ticket prices and complete schedule. Special event: **July 29**—World premiere of the documentary/concert film

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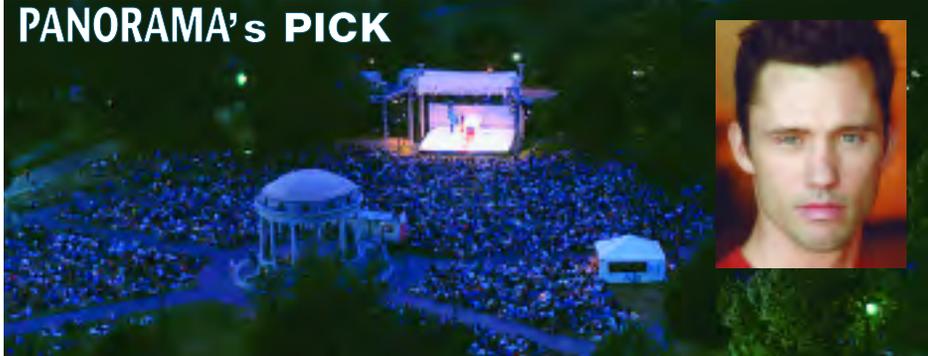
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## PANORAMA'S PICK



## BARD Yard by Christopher Wallenberg

Boston attracts visitors with its world-class museums, internationally renowned orchestra and opulent theaters that host celebrated musicals and plays each year. One of the area's best summertime cultural treats, though, doesn't take place behind an intimidating edifice, but in an outdoor public space. Every year the **Commonwealth Shakespeare Company** mounts free Shakespearean plays on Boston Common. For this year's 10th anniversary production, CSC stages the Bard's most famous work, **Hamlet, through August 7** in its new location on the Common's roomier Parade Grounds. The play stars up-and-coming film, TV and stage actor Jeffrey Donovan (from the USA Network's "Touching Evil," pictured above) as the brooding Dane. After communing with the ghost of his father, the contemplative prince soon discovers that something is, indeed, "rotten in the state of Denmark." So bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets, and arrive early to stake out a spot on the grass. Refer to listing, page 25.

*Last Dispatch*, chronicling the last days and farewell concert of popular local indie band Dispatch.

## GALLERIES

**Arden Gallery**, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Arden Gallery is a contemporary art gallery representing regional, national and international painters and sculptors ranging in styles from realism to abstraction. Special exhibit: **through July 30**—Works by Stephen Dinsmore.

**Barbara Krakow Gallery**, 10 Newbury St., 617-262-4490. *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 exhibit: Works by Josef Albers, Uta Barth, Mel Bochner, Daniel Buren, Chuck Close, Mike Giler, Jenny Holzer, Maryellen Latas, Sol LeWitt, Julian Opie, Jeff Perrott, Jonathan Seliger, Kelly Sherman, Bill Thompson, Peter Wagner and Laura Wulf.

**Berenberg Gallery**, 4 Clarendon St., 617-536-0800. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.* The Berenberg Gallery brings to Boston the dynamic creations of contemporary folk and self-taught artists. Special exhibit: **through July 30**—Clint Griffin, a right of passive.

**Boston Sculptors Gallery**, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as

an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibit: July/August summer group show.

**Bromfield Art Gallery**, 27 Thayer St., 617-451-3605. *Wed-Sat 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 July 30**—Gail Martin, Renovation; Summer Musings, MassArt's Summer Studios.

**Childs Gallery**, 169 Newbury St., 617-266-1108. *Tue-Fri 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon & Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.* The longest-running of the commercial Newbury Street galleries, Childs has one of the largest inventories of oil paintings, drawings, watercolors, prints and sculpture in the United States. Special exhibits: A Century of Still Life; Henry Pitz Goes to the Circus; Letterio Calapai, Woodblocks Old and New.

**Gallery NAGA**, 67 Newbury St., 617-267-9060. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Gallery NAGA specializes in studio furniture and paintings by New England artists, and also exhibits works by contemporary photographers, printmakers and sculptors. Special exhibit: **through July 29**—The Repetitive Mark, featuring works by John Eric Byers, Elizabeth Cheek, Janice Handleman, Reese Inman, Masako Kamiya and Jessie Morgan.

**Howard Yezerski Gallery**, 14 Newbury St., 3rd Floor, 617-262-0550. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Features contemporary art, including photography, sculpture and prints. Special exhibit: Some Color, a

collection of color photographs by artists, Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Paul D'Amato, Lalla Essaydi and others.

**International Poster Gallery**, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. [www.internationalposter.com](http://www.internationalposter.com). *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun noon-6 p.m.* This internationally recognized fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through the post-World War II modern masters. Special exhibit: Summer Games, a century of sports posters.

**L'Attitude Gallery**, 218 Newbury St., 617-927-4400. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun & Mon noon-5 p.m.* Features contemporary sculpture, crafts and art for the home, garden and commercial environments. The gallery also boasts an outdoor sculpture garden. Over 75 U.S. and international artists are represented in various mediums, including glass, ceramics, wood, stone, mixed media and textiles. Special exhibit: Color Connections group show.

**Nielsen Gallery**, 179 Newbury St., 617-266-4835. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Renowned for its fine collection of contemporary paintings, drawings and sculptures. Special exhibit: Summer invitational.

**Pepper Gallery**, 38 Newbury St., 617-236-4495. *Tue-Fri 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.* Committed to presenting contemporary representational and abstract works by living artists, the gallery rotates its exhibitions every five weeks to represent different members of the artistic community, both established and up-and-coming. Special exhibit: Summer selections by Nana Gregory, Melinda Hackett, Lise Lemeland and Sam Tan.

**Photographic Resource Center**, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-353-0700. *Tue, Wed, & Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thu 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat & Sun noon-5 p.m.* Admission: \$3. PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with other aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: The Leopold Godowsky, Jr. Color Photograph Awards.

**Pucker Gallery**, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m.* Featuring works by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. Named by the *Boston Phoenix* as one of the best art galleries in the city: "You can make a case for the Pucker Gallery as Boston's best gallery—though it's really more like a wonderful miniature museum." Special exhibit: Fine Choices 2005, selections by gallery artists.

**Robert Klein Gallery**, 38 Newbury St., 617-267-7997. *Tue-Fri 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.* Devoted to fine art photography from the 19th century through the present day, the gallery has featured works by such well-known artists as Ansel Adams and Diane Arbus. Special exhibit: Summer Salon show.

**Society of Arts and Crafts**, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun noon-5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country (more than 100 years old) specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting edge to traditional and from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: Things Your Mama Said, multimedia works inspired by artists' recollections of their mothers.

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**Vose Galleries**, 238 Newbury St., 617-536-6176. *Mon–Fri 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Established in 1841, Vose Galleries—the oldest family-owned art gallery in the United States—specializes in American artists from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Special exhibits: Vose Contemporary, group exhibition; Landscapes by John F. Enser.

## KIDS CORNER

**Boston Children's Museum**, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-8855. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio, Play Space and KidStage such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. Special events: **July 20 & 27** from noon–1 p.m.—Summer Beats Dance Series; **July 22** from 11 a.m.–8 p.m.—Play it Safe: GoKids!; **July 22 & 29** noon–1 p.m.—Fort Point Channel Summer Outdoor Music Series.

**Boston Public Library**, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Refer to listing in Sightseeing section.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts many activities and special programs for children, including live performances, storytelling, interactive computer activities and films. Special events: **July 20** at 10:30 a.m.—Imagination Vacation with Tim Van Egmond, a participatory storytelling program for families; **July 27** at 10:30 a.m.—Greg McAdams presents: Professor Readalot in *Where Can a Book Take You?*

**Museum of Fine Arts**, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Refer to listing in Museums.* The fine arts are not just for adults. Special activities: *Mon–Fri* at 3:30 p.m.—Children's Room, free gallery and workshop program for children ages 6–12, offering active exploration of the MFA's collection through art projects, drama, poetry and music; *Tue & Wed* at 3:30 p.m.—Books Bring Art Alive explores the MFA collections using picture books, gallery activities and adult/child art projects.

**Puppet Showplace Theatre**, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater to a broad community, enlightening audiences of all ages. *Tickets: \$8.50. July 20 & 21* at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—*Bingo the Circus Dog*; *July 27 & 28* at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—*Sir George and the Dragon*.

## LIVE MUSIC

**Avalon**, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. This popular nightclub hosts rock and pop music acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. **July 26** at 8 p.m.—Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, *tickets: \$30*; **July 27** at 8 p.m.—Better Than Ezra, *tickets: \$16*; **July 28** at 7 p.m.—John Cena and Tha Trademarck, *tickets: \$20*.

**Axis**, 13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437. *Call for full schedule.* This popular nightclub hosts rock, punk and alternative musical acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. **July 21** at 6 p.m.—The Academy Is... with Plain White Ts, Days Away and June, *tickets: \$12*; **July 28** at 7 p.m.—Esthero with DJ BigMissy, *tickets: \$12*.

**Bank of America Pavilion**, 290 Northern Ave., 617-931-2000. This open-air waterfront venue features world class rock, pop, blues and country performers set against the backdrop of the Boston skyline. **July 22** at 7:30 p.m.—Lyle Lovett and his Large Band, *tickets: \$35–55*; **July 23** at 8 p.m.—Elvis Costello and The Imposters with Emmylou Harris, *tickets: \$35–55*; **July 24** at 7:30 p.m.—Howie Day

with Anna Nalick and Missy Higgins, *tickets: \$25*; **July 25** at 7:30 p.m.—Loggins & Messina, *tickets: \$38.50–65*; **July 26** at 8 p.m.—Celtic Woman, starring Orla Fallon, Chloe Agnew and others, *tickets: \$28.50–55*; **July 27 & 28** at 7:30 p.m.—O.A.R., *tickets: \$30–32.50*; **July 30** at 8 p.m.—Crosby, Stills & Nash, *tickets: \$36–51*.

**Berklee Performance Center**, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. **July 27** at 8 p.m.—Rickie Lee Jones, *tickets: \$35–40*.

**Boston Harbor Hotel**, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. *Free and open to the public.* The prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel presents its seventh annual free Blues Barge series, featuring local and national blues band performing on the hotel's floating stage. **July 19** at 6 p.m.—Ray Greene and Innervations; **July 21** at 6 p.m.—Sean Costello; **July 28** at 6 p.m.—Curtis Salgado.

**Club Passim**, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. *Call for full schedule.* This intimate coffeehouse in Harvard Square was a starting place for legendary folk icons such as Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. **July 21** at 8 p.m.—Kenny White, *tickets: \$10–12*; **July 23** at 8 p.m.—Fred Eaglesmith, *tickets: \$13–15*; **July 29** at 8 p.m.—Thea Gilmore with Anais Mitchell, *tickets: \$10–12*; **July 30** at 7 & 10 p.m.—Jim Kweskin with Rose, *tickets: \$16–18*.

**Concerts in the Courtyard**, Calderwood Courtyard, Museum of Fine Arts, 617-369-3306. *Tickets: \$25, \$20 for MFA members.* The MFA's summer music series brings in performers from a wide variety of genres, from zydeco to flamenco to folk. **July 20** at 7:30 p.m.—Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas; **July 27** at 7:30 p.m.—Jimmie Dale Gilmore.

**DCR Hatch Shell**, Charles River Esplanade. *Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating.* **July 20** at 7 p.m.—Metro Wind Symphony, presented by WCRB-FM; **July 23** at 7 p.m.—WODS Oldies in Concert: Soul Explosion featuring The Main Ingredient, The Blue Notes and The Stylistics; **July 27** at 7 p.m.—Boston Bar Association Orchestra, presented by WCRB-FM.

**Dick's Last Resort**, 55 Huntington Ave., 617-267-8080, www.dickslastresort.com. *No cover. Call for full schedule.* Live music daily from classic rock acts and cover bands, 74 kinds of beer and dining options that include buckets of ribs, shrimp, lobster, crab cakes, chicken and crab legs.

**Harpers Ferry**, 156 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-9743. *Shows start at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule.* This club offers live music daily and is renowned for showcasing local classic rock and rhythm'n'blues cover bands. **July 18**—Seduce The Enemy with Porcelain, *tickets: \$4*; **July 19 & 26**—Carmen's Condition (formerly South Street Band), *tickets: \$4*; **July 20 & 27**—Uncle Billy's Smokehouse, *tickets: \$5*; **July 21**—Tremulant CD Release Party, *tickets: \$7*; **July 23**—Monkey Wrench (Foo Fighters tribute band) with Sirsy, *tickets: \$5*; **July 25**—The Jaded, *tickets: \$3*.

**Jazz in July**, 617-482-2319. *Mon* in South Station Grand Concourse, *Wed* on Summer Street in front of Filene's, *Fri* on the corner of School and Washington streets. 12:30–1:30 p.m. *Free and open to the public.* Relax and enjoy great live jazz during lunchtimes. **July 18**—Marianne Solivan; **July 20**—Leah Souza; **July 22**—Andy Bauer Group; **July 25**—Lisa Thorson; **July 27**—Yoko Miwa Trio; **July 29**—Ian Fletcher Jazz Group.

**The Middle East**, 472 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST. *Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted.*

*Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$8–20.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this entertainment club showcases the best alternative and indie rock bands in town. **July 18**—Subhumans, Crash and Burn, From Ashes Rise and Confront, *tickets: \$10*; **July 21**—Dub Trio, Dr. Professor, Tao Jones and Freighttrain, *tickets: \$9*; **July 22**—Royal Pop Collective presents Boy In Static, Faces On Film, Cyanide Valentine and A Hotel Panic, *tickets: \$9*; **July 27**—Israel Vibration and the Roots Radics Band, *tickets: \$18–20*.

**Paradise Rock Club**, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. *Call for complete schedule.* Intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* **July 21** at 9 p.m.—The Waifs with Ben Weaver, *tickets: \$15*; **July 23** at 9 p.m.—The Dan Band, *tickets: \$20*; **July 26 & 27** at 8 p.m.—Liz Phair, *tickets: \$20*; **July 28** at 9 p.m.—Embrace, *tickets: \$10–12*; **July 30** at 9 p.m.—Waltham with Ryko, No Allegiance and others, *tickets: \$10–12*.

**Regattabar**, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. **July 20** at 7:30 p.m.—Subdudes, *tickets: \$20*; **July 21** at 7:30 & 10 p.m.—Patrice Williamson, *tickets: \$14*; **July 22** at 7:30 & 10 p.m.—Sonya Kichell Band, *tickets: \$12*; **July 23** at 7:30 & 10 p.m.—Nicole Nelson, *tickets: \$14*; **July 27** at 7:30 p.m. and **July 28** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Dave Frishberg, *tickets: \$20*; **July 29 & 30** at 7:30 & 10 p.m.—Los Hombres Calientes, *tickets: \$25*.

**Scullers Jazz Club**, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. *Showtimes: Tue–Thu* at 8 and 10 p.m., *Fri & Sat* at 8 and 10:30 p.m., *Sun* at 7 and 9 p.m. *unless otherwise*

*noted. Tickets: \$15–68. Combination tickets include dinner and show.* **July 20**—Kate McGarry Quartet, *tickets: \$15, \$55 with dinner*; **July 22–23**—David Benoit, *tickets: \$25, \$65 with dinner*; **July 27**—Wesla Whitfield, *tickets: \$18, \$58 with dinner*; **July 28**—Fat City, *tickets: \$15, \$55 with dinner*; **July 29–30**—The Rippingtons, featuring Russ Freeman, *tickets: \$32, \$70 with dinner*.

**Somerville Theatre**, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-4088. **July 20** at 8 p.m.—Hot Tuna, *tickets: \$29–34*.

**T.T. the Bear's Place**, 10 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-492-BEAR. *Shows start at 8:30 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$8–14.* **July 19**—Kelly Buchanan, Laura Clapp and Michelle Lewis; **July 20**—Chroma, The Snowleopards and Blanketeer; **July 26**—Miles from Land, Bug, Orange Park and Satellite 7; **July 27**—The Fame; **July 29**—Brian Jonestown Massacre, The Quarter Afters and Hopewell.

**Tito Puente Latin Music Series**, O'Day Park, 85 West Newton St., 617-927-1717. *Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating.* Musical performances sponsored by the Center for Latino Arts and Berklee College of Music. **July 21** at 7 p.m.—Eguie Castrillo.

**Tweeter Center**, Routes 140 and 146, Mansfield (45 minutes south of Boston), 617-931-2000. The concerts at this outdoor amphitheater are a hallmark of summer and boast some of pop music's biggest acts. **July 23** at 1 p.m.—Big Summer Classic, featuring The String Cheese Incident, Spearhead, Keller Williams and

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others; tickets: \$35; **July 29** at 7 p.m.—Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers with The Black Crowes, tickets: \$27.50–55; **July 30** at 2 p.m.—The Funkmaster Flex 2005 Custom Car and Bike Show, tickets: \$27.50–30.

**Wally's Cafe**, 427 Massachusetts Ave., 617-424-1408. *Mon–Sat from 9 a.m.–2 a.m.; Sun from noon–2 a.m. Bands play at 9 p.m. No cover.* Wally's was established in 1947 by Joseph L. Walcot, the first African-American to own a nightclub in Boston. It played a large part in the growth of jazz music in this country and continues to host live jazz daily.

**NIGHTCLUBS**

**Aria**, 246 Tremont St., 617-338-7080. *Tue–Sun 11 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: \$5–15. Call for age restrictions.* Located in the basement of the Wilbur Theatre, this nightclub features a chic decor with plush red couches and dance music—from International to House. Dress to impress.

**Avalon**, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. *Thu–Sun 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: \$10–20. 19+ on Thu & Fri; 21+ on Sat & Sun.* One of Boston's premier nightclubs featuring Euro and Top 40 dance nights. It's also the city's largest club venue for live music acts. *Thu*—Hip-hop night; *Fri*—renowned DJs from around the world at Avaland; *Sat*—Tease with DJ Addison; *Sun*—Gay Night.

**Axis**, 13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437. *Mon & Thu–Sun 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: \$5–20. 19+.* *Mon*—Static, gay night; *Thu*—International College Night, featuring house music; *Fri*—Flavor Fridays, hip-hop, Top 40, reggaeton; *Sat*—Seductive Saturdays, featuring reggae, R&B.

**The Alley**, One Boylston Place, 617-351-7000. *Thu–Sat 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: \$5–10.* Located in the famous Boylston Street alleyway, this one-stop nightclub includes the Big Easy Bar, Sugar Shack, Sweetwater Cafe and the newest addition, Liquor Store. Party Mardi Gras-style on Boston's version of Bourbon Street

**Boston Billiard Club**, 126 Brookline Ave., 617-536-P00L. Ranked Number One Billiard Club in the country by *Billiards Digest*, this nightclub is perfect for pool aficionados and novices alike. *Mon*—free lessons; *Wed*—Ladies' Night: each lady gets 25 percent off table time. Four ladies per table play for free; *Sun–Thu*—League Night.

**Boston Rocks Nightclub**, 245 Quincy Market (near Faneuil Hall), 617-726-1110. *Thu–Sat 9 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover varies. 21+.* Where Boston comes to rock. *Fri*—6one7 presents The Loft with R & B and hip-hop music; *Sat*—Shotgun Saturdays with VJ Johnnie Walker Black spinning Top 40. No hats allowed.

**Club Cafe**, 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. *Thu–Sat 9 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover.* In the back of the 209 restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightclub.

**Jillian's Boston**, 145 Ipswich St. (behind Fenway Park), 617-437-0300. www.jilliansboston.com. *Open daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* One of Boston's largest entertainment complexes, this fun and diverse club attracts over a million people a year. Features 50 pool tables, 200

high-tech games, blackjack for fun, six full bars, Lucky Strike Lanes on the third floor and full-service dining and late-night dancing at Tequila Rain on the first floor. Proper dress required.

**The Modern**, 36 Lansdowne St., 617-536-2100. *Tue, Thu–Sat 10:30 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover varies.* Located behind Fenway Park, this chic lounge offers a laid-back alternative to the dance clubs that fill most of the street. DJs perform nightly, specializing in international music.

**The Rack**, 24 Clinton St., 617-725-1051. *Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m.; Sat & Sun 3 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover.* This upscale billiards club, restaurant and bar is known for attracting celebrities, as well as Boston's young professional crowd. DJs nightly from 10 p.m.–2 a.m.

**The Roxy**, 279 Tremont St., 617-338-7699. *Thu–Sat 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: \$10–15. Fri—R&B, hip-hop and reggae; Sat—High-energy house, techno and dance music.*

**Venu**, 100 Warrenton St., 617-338-8061. *Thu–Sun 11 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover varies.* You'll find a highly fashionable Euro crowd at this Theater District club. DJs nightly.

**Whiskey Park**, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington St., 617-542-1482. Rande Gerber, husband to Cindy Crawford, opened the latest installment of his Whiskey franchise, a posh addition to the Boston night scene. The 3,500 square-foot space contains two separate bars—one more intimate, and the other a lively lounge.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Boston 375.** Various events held throughout Boston through **Sept.** In celebration of Boston's 375th birthday, events to commemorate its history take place in every one of its neighborhoods. The celebration also includes the ongoing 375 Views of Boston exhibit at City Hall Plaza. **July 19 & 26** at Christopher Columbus Park, Atlantic Avenue, between Mercantile Street and Long Wharf—The Waterfront Performing Arts Series presents 1940s and 1950s swing and jazz from The White Heat Swing Orchestra (**July 19**) and Riverside Theatre Works performing Broadway and opera selections (**July 26**).

**Festival Betances Villa Victoria**, West Dedham Street, South End, 617-927-1730. **July 22–24.** Free and open to the public. One of the longest-running Latino celebrations in Boston, the 32nd annual festival held in the South End commemorates the life achievements of Dr. Ramon Emeterio Betances, a 19th century Puerto Rican patriot, medical doctor, artist, writer and abolitionist. Events scheduled include an opening parade, free food, a special youth day with games and activities, music from Noche de Bohemia, a Puerto Rican Heritage Day and more. Refer to story, page 15.

**Longfellow Summer Festival 2005**, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617-876-4491. Summer music and poetry events take place on the side lawn of Longfellow Historic Site and all events are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, but blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. **July 24** at 4 p.m.—Longy School of Music students perform Mozart's opera *The Marriage of Figaro*; **July 28** at 11 a.m.—Tobias Vanderhoop presents traditional Aquinnah Wampanoag songs and stories; **July 31** at 4 p.m.—Reading by former poet laureate Richard Wilbur.

**Meatball Eating Competition**, Maggiano's Little Italy, 4 Columbus Ave., 617-542-3456. **July 19** at 6:30 p.m.—The competitive eating craze reaches Boston as Maggiano's challenges gastronomes with hearty appetites to enter a timed meatball-eating challenge. Test your stomach, or just watch the fun. Refer to story, page 60.

**North End Italian Feasts & Processions**, The North End. www.northendboston.com. Boston's "Little Italy" honors patron saints and its culture with weekend festivals featuring Italian delicacies, streetside bands playing Sicilian melodies and vendors offering authentic wares on the cobblestoned paths dressed with garlands. **July 24**—Procession of St. Domenico; **July 29–31**—St. Joseph Procession.

**Puerto Rican Festival**, Playstead Field, Franklin Park, 617-635-4505. **July 29–31:** daily noon–10 p.m. Puerto Rican bands, dancing, carnival rides and fabulous ethnic food from many vendors decorate this annual celebration of Latino culture. Refer to story, page 15.

**Puppetry of the Penis**, Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St., 866-811-4111. Performances through **July 24:** Tue & Wed at 8 p.m., Thu–Sat at 7 & 9:30 p.m., Sun at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35. This adults-only exhibition of the "ancient Australian art of genital origami" returns to Boston, leaving audiences gasping with more than 40 heroic and hilarious installations that include crowd pleasers like The Pelican, The Windsurfer, The Eiffel Tower, the Loch Ness Monster and their signature creation, the Hamburger. Refer to story, page 24.

**SPORTS**

**Boston Cannons** Major League Lacrosse  
Nickerson Field, Boston University, 888-847-9700.  
**July 23** at 7 p.m. vs. Philadelphia Barrage

**Boston Red Sox** Major League Baseball  
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-482-4S0X.  
**July 18 & 19** at 7:05 p.m. vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays  
**July 20** at 1:05 p.m. vs. Tampa Bay Devil Rays  
**July 29 & 30** at 7:05 p.m. vs. Minnesota Twins  
**July 31** at 2:05 p.m. vs. Minnesota Twins

**Brockton Rox** CanAm League Professional Baseball  
Campanelli Stadium, One Lexington Ave., Brockton, 508-559-7070.  
**July 21–23** at 7:05 p.m. vs. Worcester Tornadoes  
**July 24** at 5:05 p.m. vs. Worcester Tornadoes

**New England Revolution** Major League Soccer  
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS.  
**July 27** at 7:30 p.m. vs. Los Angeles Galaxy

**North Shore Spirit CanAm League Professional Baseball**  
Fraser Field, 365 Western Ave., Lynn, 781-592-0007.  
**July 25–27** at 7:05 p.m. vs. Worcester Tornadoes  
**July 28–30** at 7:05 p.m. vs. Elmira Pioneers  
**July 31** at 2:05 p.m. vs. Elmira Pioneers

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## PANORAMA's PICK

No **STRINGS** Attached

by Josh B. Wardrop

The Australians have made numerous contributions to world culture: Vegemite sandwiches, the boomerang and Olivia Newton-John, just to name a few. But not since Peter Allen came from Down Under to enthrall the international theater community has there been a sensation quite like *Puppetry of the Penis*, the revealing comedy show that makes a stop at Boston's Lyric Stage **through July 24**. The show's original creators, Simon Morley and David Friend, have returned to the world stage to astound, amuse and induce sympathetic wincing as they practice what they've dubbed "the ancient art of genital origami." While *Puppetry* remains a huge international hit, spawning multiple companies of willing disciples/performers, this tour is being dubbed "The So Long Tour" by its creators. So, this could well be your last chance to see the original puppeteers perform "The Hamburger," "The Loch Ness Monster" and other favorites. A word to the wise: leave the kids at home, lest the remainder of your visit be filled with questions you'd rather not answer. Refer to listing, page 23.

## THEATER

**The Baltimore Waltz**, Provincetown Theatre Company, The Provincetown Theater, 238 Bradford St., Provincetown, 508-487-9793. Performances **beginning July 29: Mon–Sun at 8 p.m.** Tickets: \$18. Winner of the Obie Award in 1992 for Best Play and perhaps one of acclaimed playwright Paula Vogel's most personal plays, this breakthrough comedy/drama is a tribute to her brother Carl who died of AIDS in 1988. The story follows Anna, who, after being diagnosed with a fatal new malady, flies to Europe with her brother to drown herself in food and sex, while her brother becomes involved in a wild espionage scheme to find a cure for his sister in this tale of love and grief.

**Bat Boy, The Musical**, Provincetown Theatre Company, The Provincetown Inn, 1 Commercial St., Provincetown, 508-487-9793. Performances: **Mon–Wed at 8 p.m.** Tickets: \$18–30. This off-Broadway hit has played to sold out houses across the United States and London. Based on an actual story in *The Weekly World News*, this comedy/horror show about a half boy/half bat discovered in a cave in West Virginia traces his life journey as he tries to fit into small town life, falls in love and resists giving into prejudice.

**Blue Man Group**, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. Performances: **Wed & Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 4, 7 and 10 p.m., Sun at 2 and 5 p.m.** Tickets: \$46–56. This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit features three muted, blue-painted performers who spoof both con-

temporary art and modern technology through wry commentary and bemusing antics. The show has been updated to include new performance pieces, new music and alterations to the sound and lighting design.

**Cinderella**, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. Performances **through July 31: Tue at 7:30 p.m., Wed at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m.** Tickets: \$35–68. Originally created for television by the legendary team of Rodgers and Hammerstein, this magical musical adaptation of the timeless fairy tale continues to enchant theatre audiences all over the world. This new production of the classic tale of love and transformation features dazzling special effects created exclusively for this unique theatre-in-the-round.

**The Comedy of Errors**, Publick Theatre, Christian Herter Park, Soldiers Field Road, 617-782-5425. Performances **beginning July 21: Wed, Thu & Sun at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m.** Tickets: \$30. Shakespeare turns up the volume on the classic formula for farce and doubles the comedy when two sets of twin brothers, separated at birth, meet by chance in Ephesus. Multiple mistaken identities result in breathtaking chaos and confusion between husband and wife, master and servant, in this outdoor production of the Bard's timeless tale.

**8-Track: The Sounds of the 70's**, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, 781-279-2200. Performances **through July 24:**

*Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m.* Tickets: \$18–32. Four powerhouse performers and over 50 infectious songs make this revue a rousing, often hilarious, musical journey through the "forgotten decade" of the 1970s. Celebrate the greatest hits of the era from such artists as The Emotions, The Carpenters, Barry Manilow, Marvin Gaye, The Doobie Brothers, The Bee Gees, Helen Reddy, K.C. & The Sunshine Band and many, many more.

**Frogz**, Imago Theatre, American Repertory Theatre, Zero Arrow Theatre, Zero Arrow St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. Performances **through July 31: Tue–Thu at 7 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 & 8 p.m., Sun at 2 & 7:30 p.m.** Tickets: \$40–50. The acclaimed Imago Theatre of Portland, Oregon brings its astonishing menagerie of wonder, whimsy and wackiness to Boston. Featuring penguins playing musical chairs, a cat trapped in a giant paper bag and orbs running wild in the audience, *Frogz* is a madcap revue of illusion, comedy and fun that, according to the *New York Times*, "opens the eyes to the possibilities of exploration in the vast realm of imagination."

**A Girl Called Dusty**, Provincetown Repertory Theatre, The Provincetown Theater, 238 Bradford St., Provincetown, 508-487-9793. Performances **through July 24: Sun, Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 5 and 9 p.m.** Tickets: \$31. Loosely based on the life of legendary pop singer Dusty Springfield, this new play delves into the psychological conflict between youthful dreams and the realities that follow. This uplifting drama includes such Springfield classics as "Son of a Preacher Man," "The Look of Love," "Wishin' and Hopin'" and "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me."

**Hal Harry Henry**, Shakespeare East, Roberts Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. Performances **beginning July 27: Wed–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m.** Tickets: \$25. This new work adapts eight Shakespearean plays, fusing text from *King Richard II* through *King Henry VI*. Born of two warring nations and seeking justification for his inherited power, King Henry VI uncovers both the generational and international conflicts of his family's history. Quick-shifting light, metamorphic set pieces, interchangeable costumes and a transforming cast of characters bridge 100 years of comedy, tragedy and triumph in 90 minutes.

**Hamlet**, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare on the Common, 617-532-1252. Performances: **Tue–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 7 p.m.** Free on Boston Common. Free and open to the public. Ghosts, murder and madness take over Boston Common when CSC brings William Shakespeare's most powerful tragedy to the picturesque environs of the country's oldest public park. Amesbury, Mass. native Jeffrey Donovan (*Hitch*, "Touching Evil") stars as Hamlet and film director Sam Weisman (*George of the Jungle*, *What's The Worst That Could Happen?*) plays Polonius. Refer to story, page 18.

**Hazard County**, Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre, next to the town Pier, Wellfleet, 508-349-6835. Performances **beginning July 21: Wed–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 4 p.m.** Tickets: \$19–25. When Ruth, a widow struggling to raise twins in rural Kentucky, agrees to sell her story to reality TV, it seems all her troubles will disappear. But will the deal go south when the producer finds out what really happened the day Ruth's husband was murdered? A sharp and insightful examination of the South—as it exists in reality and our collective memory—is presented in this New England premiere by Allison Moore.

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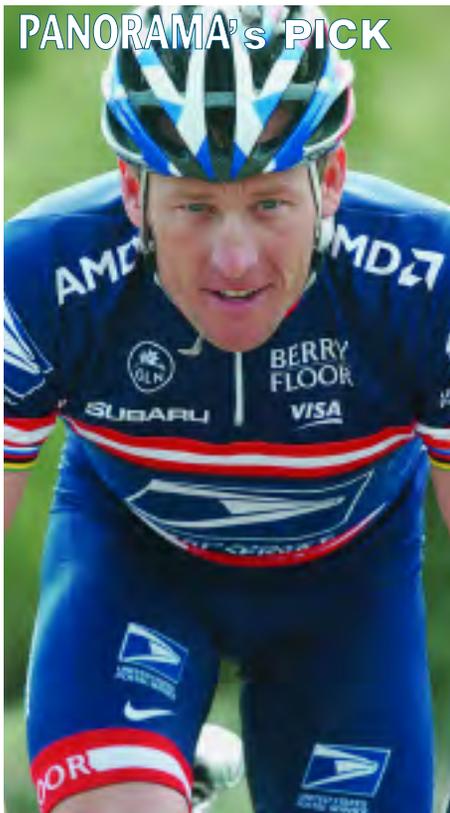
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## PANORAMA's PICK



## BIKE Check

by Marketa Hulpachova

Peddling up 45-degree inclines in hilly French provinces isn't much of a summer vacation for most of us, but Lance Armstrong and his spandex-clad competitors make it look like a breeze. Viewing this year's **Tour de France** firsthand may be pricey, but here in Boston you have the chance to cheer on Sir Lance's attempt at a seventh consecutive win without flying Air France. Cycling aficionados can head to **Redbones Barbeque** (55 Chester St., Somerville, 617-628-2200) on **July 19** for an all-skill level early morning bike ride, *beginning at 7 a.m.*, and reward themselves afterwards with a \$5 pancake breakfast and watch live TV coverage of the race. If you'd rather leave the touring to your taste buds, pay a visit to **Brasserie Jo** (120 Huntington Ave., 617-425-3240) **through July 24**, where the daily specials reflect the taste of the province through which the Tour de France passes. And if you're feeling lucky, watch the race on **July 20** at the **Coolidge Corner Clubhouse** (307 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-566-2607) for a chance to win Tour memorabilia as well as wheels of your own, courtesy of International Bicycle Center.

**Menopause the Musical**, Stuart Street Playhouse, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 800-447-7400. *Performances: Wed-Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: \$42.50.* This hilarious celebration of women and "the change" starts with four ladies at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale who bond over their menopausal ailments—memory loss, brain skips, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more. The joyful musical parodies 28 classic Baby Boomer songs.

**My Old Lady**, Gloucester Stage Company, 267 East Main St., Gloucester, 978-281-4433. *Performances beginning July 21: Wed-Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$15-30.* When down-on-his-luck Mathias travels from New York to Paris to liquidate a luxurious apartment left to him by his deceased father he discovers that what he has really inherited is a 94-year-old tenant, her attractive but combative daughter and an exorbitant monthly management fee in this work by Gloucester Stage artistic director Israel Horowitz (*The Indian Wants The Bronx, Compromise*).

**Pippin**, Turtle Lane Playhouse, 283 Melrose St., Newton, 617-244-0169. *Performances: Thu-Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$24, seniors (Thu only) & students (Fri only) \$17.* In a magical age where kings ruled and battles roared, Pippin searches to discover the secret of true happiness and fulfillment. This hip, tongue-in-cheek Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked, Godspell*) musi-

cal, winner of multiple Tony awards when it debuted in 1973, presents and anachronistic, fairy-tale world that continues to appeal, with such memorable songs as "Magic To Do" and "Morning Glow."

**Romeo and Juliet**, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's Tour of the Parks, 617-532-1221. *Performances: July 29 at 11 a.m. and July 30 at 1 p.m.* at Boston Common Parade Ground. *Free and open to the public.* Come see Shakespeare's classic tragic tale of young love presented by the CSC's Young Company troupe of college performers.

**Shear Madness**, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. *Performances: Tue-Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$34-50.* Boston's hilarious whodunnit where the audience takes a stab at catching the killer. Become an armchair sleuth in the longest-running non-musical play in U.S. history.

**Show Boat**, The Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell, 781-871-2787. *Performances beginning July 29: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24-26.* This new revival retains the epic quality of a great piece of Americana. Spanning the years 1880-1927, this lyrical masterpiece by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II concerns the lives, loves and heartbreaks of three generations of show folk. The

classic score includes soaring melodies such as "Make Believe," "Ol' Man River," "Can't Help Lovin' That Man," and "You Are Love."

**The Syringa Tree**, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances: Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m., Tue-Thu at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$36-72.* Returning after a sold-out run in January, this deeply personal story of an abiding love between two families—one white, one black—in 1960s South Africa spans four generations. Playwright and former A.R.T. company member Pamela Gien inhabits 24 characters, transforming from black to white, from old to young, revealing the complexities of her characters' dreams, struggles, losses and laughter.

**Theatre Diversified**, The Theatre Cooperative, 277 Broadway, Somerville, 617-625-1300. *Performances July 22 & 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10.* Billed as "A Festival By and About People of Color," this celebration includes short plays, poetry, music and more.

## TICKETS

**Bostix**, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square, 617-723-5181. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Faneuil Hall closed Mon); 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. Subject to availability.

**Explorers Pass**, Available at 60 Rowes Wharf, 800-887-9103. *Pass price: \$35.* The pass offers free admission to 10 top Boston

attractions—including the New England Aquarium, JFK Library and Boston Harbor Cruises—over a two-day period. Card holders are also entitled to preferred entry at select attractions and savings of up to 20% at shops and restaurants around the city.

**GO Boston Card**, Available at Bostix locations at Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square and at the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, 617-742-5950. *Cards can be purchased in one, two, three, five and seven day increments, and range from \$45-135 for adults, \$25-65 for children.* The GO Boston card offers unlimited free admission to more than 60 area attractions, as well as savings up to 20% at local shops and restaurants.

## TRANSPORTATION

**Boston By Boat**, 617-422-0392. *10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat & Sun only. All-day adult fare: \$10, \$5 for children.* [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org). Water shuttle runs every 45 minutes between the U.S.S. Constitution in Charlestown and the World Trade Center in South Boston, making stops near popular waterfront-area attractions. *Refer to story, page 50.*

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## PANORAMA'S PICK



### WEAR House by Diana Aramburo

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Since November, a new addition to Commonwealth Avenue has been attracting the glances of many ladies traveling on the MBTA Green Line: Lucianno and Stacey Manganello's **JasmineSola Warehouse**. Over the last 30 years, the Manganellos have grown from their first small boutique on Boylston Street into a New England fashion empire, with 14 stores and counting. In the words of store manager Sarah Allen, "at the Warehouse you find the same brands and clothing you can get at a Neiman Marcus, but now you can actually buy them." You won't come across last season's styles here; instead, you'll find everything that's been in the other JasmineSola stores—brands like Citizens, Seven, Miss Sixty and Juicy Couture—at roughly half price. About 70% of the merchandise is on sale, so if those cute jeans were out of your price range two months ago, here's your second chance. From Manganello's signature designs to the high-end brands you've seen on celebrities like Jessica Simpson and Lindsey Lohan, the Warehouse makes those expensive threads accessible to girls on a budget.

**Boston is a shopper's paradise. You'll discover stores ranging from heavyweights like Filene's, Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Giorgio Armani to unique, closet-sized boutiques. Whether your tastes run to exclusive designer creations or the casual, country look, handmade furniture or the latest electronic gadgetry, antique jewelry or superbly crafted leather goods, there's a store to fulfill every shopper's dream. The best way to grasp the city's diversity is simply to explore. The following pages describe the various shopping areas and provide a taste of what they offer.**

### NEWBURY STREET

One of the most popular shopping areas in the city, Newbury Street is the home of exclusive designer boutiques and high-end fashion shops, numerous

art galleries, interesting restaurants and cafes, beauty salons and spas, and unusual gift and jewelry shops.

**Akris**, 16 Newbury St., 617-536-6225. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* Founded in Switzerland in 1922 by the Kriemler family, this design house is the only true couture house outside of Paris and Milan that has distinguished itself for its creative, elegant and modern fashions. Its designer collection for women is comprised of elegant, understated suits, coats, dresses and a selection of evening wear.

**Allen-Edmonds**, 36 Newbury St., 617-247-3363. *Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* Step out in luxurious style with Allen-Edmonds' collections of wing tips, capped toes and slip-on kilties and tassles. This world-class men's footwear retailer, famous for its 212-step construction process, features shoes made of top-quality leather and all-natural materials. Available in 164 different size and width combinations.

**Cartier**, 40 Newbury St., 617-262-3300. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* If diamonds are forever, the House of Cartier is timeless. With more than 150 years of experience as one of the world's leading luxury goods companies, Cartier is a symbol of prestige, glamour, innovation and quality. This premier jeweler offers a

dazzling display of diamonds, jewelry and accessories, including timepieces, silver, crystal, perfume, designer pens and leather accessories.

**Chanel Boutique**, 5 Newbury St., on the ground floor of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 617-859-0055. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* Modeled after the famed Chanel Boutique in Paris, the Boston outpost of this storied franchise offers a range of Chanel products, including a line of clothing designed by Karl Lagerfeld, as well as shoes, accessories, handbags and fragrances.

**Ermenegildo Zegna**, 39 Newbury St., 617-424-9300. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* Originally a small, family-run textile business transformed into a world leader in elegant men's clothing, this Italian design house has focused passionately on quality since its founding in 1910. Today, Zegna is a fourth-generation, family-run enterprise that boasts a tradition of designing and producing the finest in menswear by utilizing exclusive fabric designs. Zegna is also known for its vast, first-rate necktie selection.

**The Hempest**, 207 Newbury St., 617-421-9944. *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* The Hempest offers quite possibly the largest selection of hemp clothing and accessories in the country.

**John Fluevog**, 302 Newbury St., 617-266-1079. *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun 1–6 p.m.* This funky footwear retailer features shoes created by the maverick designer. His highly original creations range from mind-bending platforms to the classic black boot and his tried-and-true "Angels," placing him on the cutting edge of footwear design for both men and women. The Newbury Street locale is the only place in Boston to find a wide range of his styles.

**John Lewis, Inc.**, 97 Newbury St., 617-266-6665. *Tue-Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* John Lewis has been creating jewelry of imaginative design in Boston's Back Bay for more than 30 years. Using only solid precious metals and natural stones, he makes the jewelry in his own workshop and signs it with the unique John Lewis trademark. His aim is "to make jewelry at a reasonable price, of excellent workmanship and uncommon beauty." Jewelry designed by John Lewis is creative, professional and impressive—a statement of good taste and a constant delight to the wearer.

**A Knit and Needlepoint Store by Mary Jo Cole**, 11 Newbury St. (between Arlington and Berkeley streets), 617-536-9338; fax 617-536-9333. *Mon-Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun by chance.* The fine art of handpainted needlepoint and gorgeous knitting yarns are showcased here. Individual instruction is available at a moment's notice from the knowledgeable staff and there is never a charge for lessons when the project is purchased here. Whatever your particular interest, Mary Jo Cole has a broad selection of patterns and materials from which to choose. Also offering fine finishing. Visit the website at [www.needlepoint-boston.com](http://www.needlepoint-boston.com).

**Louis Boston**, 234 Berkeley St., 617-262-6100. *Mon 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til 7 p.m.* Housed in a historic Back Bay building that was once the New England Museum of Natural History, this Boston institution is



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**MaxMara**, 69 Newbury St., 617-267-9775. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* Founded in 1951 and with more than 1,000 stores worldwide, MaxMara is Italy's largest women's ready-to-wear manufacturer. Its hallmarks are luxurious fabrics, stylish silhouettes and hand detailing. MaxMara embodies the principles of truly great Italian fashion—classic design and excellent quality.

**Newbury Comics**, 332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. *Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-8 p.m.* Also: Government Center, 1 Washington Mall, 617-248-9992; 36 JFK St. (in the Garage Mall), Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-491-0337; 211 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-491-7711. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain of music stores, which offers hands-down the cheapest CDs in town, including import, domestic, independent and major label releases. It also features an array of T-shirts, comic books, jewelry and other pop culture kitsch items.

**Niketown**, 200 Newbury St., 617-267-3400. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* An enormous temple to the Nike franchise, this sporting goods retailer proffers all things Nike, including footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories. The store features an homage to the Boston Marathon, seats from the old Boston Garden and autographed shoes from former Marathon champion Uta Pippig.

**Pucker Gallery**, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.* Founded in 1967 as a showcase for the talents of Israeli artists, the gallery has displayed and sold a wide range of art across the United States, Canada and around the world, including works by Chagall, Picasso and Hundertwasser. Recent special exhibits include the distinctive work of Samuel Bak and Brother Thomas.

**Rugby**, 342 Newbury St., 617-247-2801. *Mon-Wed 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* This casual clothing store from Ralph Lauren and features the latest in preppy couture, with edgy fashions aimed the college-aged set at prices lower than Lauren's traditional Polo gear.

**Small Pleasures**, 142 Newbury St., 617-267-7371; 92 State St., 617-722-9932. Newbury Street: *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-6 p.m.*; State Street: *Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m.* Specializing in antique jewelry and vintage watches, this unique store with locations in the Back Bay and the Financial District features watch brands like Rolex, Cartier and Tiffany and engagement rings from the 1920s, as well as custom design and repair services, all in an intimate Art Deco setting.

**The Society of Arts and Crafts**, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m.* The oldest

nonprofit craft organization in the country, established in 1897. The Society specializes in contemporary American crafts, jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics ranging from cutting edge to traditional, and from functional to sculptural. In addition to the retail crafts gallery, there is an exhibition gallery featuring four shows each year.

**Urban Outfitters**, 361 Newbury St., 617-236-0088. *Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon-8 p.m.* Also: 11 JFK St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-864-0070. Where urban hipsters turn for a wide selection of funky men's and women's fashions, from cutting-edge independent designs to clothing staples. The store also features a wide array of housewares, shoes, accessories, gifts, books, cards and other bric-a-brac.

**Virgin Megastore**, 360 Newbury St., 617-896-0950. *Daily 10 a.m.-midnight.* The British music retail heavyweight chose Boston for its 22nd North American location. Three levels and more than 40,000 square feet of space feature thousands of books, CDs, videos and DVDs, as well as interactive listening kiosks and the Virgin Cafe on the top floor.

## BACK BAY/BOYLSTON STREET

*In the area framed by the Hynes Convention Center at one end and the famed jewelers Shreve, Crump & Low, the beautiful Public Garden and the bustling Theater District at the other, shoppers can find many department stores, bookshops, florists, jewelers and restaurants.*

**Adesso**, 200 Boylston St., 617-451-2212. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m.* Adjoining Boston's Four Seasons Hotel and across from the Public Garden is one of America's leading resources for beautifully designed furniture, lighting and accessories. Adesso imports and stocks a vast range of Europe's finest designer products such as Ligne Roset, France, renowned for its beds, sofas and comfortable seating, and Alessi, Italy, famous for its stainless-steel teakettles and serving pieces.

**Crate & Barrel**, 777 Boylston St., 617-262-8700. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* Also: Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-742-6025; 48 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6300. *Call for other location hours.* This fun yet sophisticated home fashions store features everything from kitchenware and furniture to flatware, glassware and bath and body accessories.

**Copley Place**, Copley Square, 617-369-5000. The magnificent Copley Place features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Gucci, BOSS Hugo Boss and Williams-Sonoma. A variety of restaurants, including Legal Sea Foods, provide shoppers with many dining options. To receive a free Ultimate Shopping Excursions card, which offers savings at many Copley Place shops as well as at a number of nearby tourist attractions, stop by one of the customer service kiosks.

**Copley Square Farmers' Market**, Copley Square, along St. James Avenue (in front of Trinity Church), 781-893-8222. *Tue & Fri 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* Vendors from farms across the state of Massachusetts sell homegrown fruits, vegetables, breads, flowers and more from their farms.

**The Heritage on the Garden**, 300 Boylston St., 617-426-9500. *Call for individual store hours.* This residential/office/retail complex located alongside the Public Garden features a handful of upscale retailers, including St. John Boutique, Sonia Rykiel, Escada, Hermes, Candela Spa and Anne Fontaine.

**Kim's Fashion Design**, 2 Copley Place, Suite 200, 617-267-9299; 12 Kneeland St., Chinatown, 617-426-5740. *Copley: Daily 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Chinatown: Daily noon-6 p.m.* Kim Pham, owner and seamstress of these unique stores, has been a driving force in the Asian fashion industry for over 20 years. As a child, Kim was introduced to the family business of custom design in a small shop in Vietnam, and her motivation and passion for the industry has only grown with time. Specializing in couture, Asian-inspired apparel for both men and women, Kim uses only the finest silks for each piece, with painstaking attention to detail and overall fit.

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**Marshalls**, 500 Boylston St., 617-262-6066. *Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-7 p.m.*; 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205. *Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* Its mantra "Brand name clothing for less" has made this discount retailer a bargain-hunter's dream come true. From Ralph Lauren to Calvin Klein, Marshalls features designer clothing for men, women and children.

**Restoration Hardware**, 711 Boylston St., 617-578-0088. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* This unique hardware retailer features sleek, distinctive, high-quality items for the home—from classic home furnishings to lighting and kitchen accessories to garden supplies, tools, books, fixtures and other unique devices. Each product is imbued with the store's classic design, affordable pricing and whimsical product information.

**Shreve, Crump & Low**, 330 Boylston St., 617-267-9100. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Serving Bostonians since 1796, this tried-and-true Boston institution boasts of being the oldest continuously operating luxury business in the country. Its landmark art deco store is filled with cases of glittering diamonds, fine jewelry and watches. The galleries also offer silver, china, crystal, porcelain, stationery, furniture, antiques, giftware and much more.

**The Shops at Prudential Center**, 800 Boylston St., 1-800-SHOP-PRU. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* Located in the heart of Boston's Back Bay, The Shops at Prudential Center features over 75 shops and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Legal Sea Foods, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor, J. Jill and Alpha Omega Fine Jewelry and Watches. It is also home to the city's best tourist destinations, including Boston Duck Tours, Beantown Trolley and Boston's tallest skyscraper observatory, the Skywalk View and Exhibit.

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**Tall Girl Shop**, 211 Berkeley St. at Boylston St., 617-424-7164. *Mon, Tue and Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Wed and Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* At Tall Girl, you'll find an incredible selection of fashions for taller women of all ages. Tall Girl fashions have been expertly proportioned to fit long-limbed women of sizes 6–22.

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## CHARLES STREET

Charles Street is the main commercial area of historic Beacon Hill. Brick sidewalks, gas-lit street-

*lamps, quaint stores, romantic restaurants and cozy cafes tucked away on every level of the brownstones make this one of the most charming areas in the city.*

**Black Ink**, 101 Charles St., 617-723-3883; 5 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-497-1221. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Trendy knick-knacks, from silk change purses to sensual candles to sushi-eating accessories, and nostalgic memorabilia such as tin lunch boxes can be found at this quirky, fun gift shop.

**Devonia Antiques**, 43 Charles St., 2nd floor, 617-523-8313. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5 p.m., closed Wed & Sun.* Perched on "Antiques Row," this unique, 1,200-foot showroom specializes in antiques for the dining room, including an array of English porcelain, European stemware circa 1880 and hand-painted cabinet plates.

**Helen's Leather**, 110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. *Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu noon–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Closed Tue.* For more than 30 years, Helen's Leather has been supplying New Englanders with one of the area's largest selections of quality Western boots. Boot makers include Lucchese, Liberty, Tony Lama, Justin, Nocona and Frye. Along with the boots, Helen's also has a great selection of Western belts, buckles, shirts and Stetson hats, as well as a great selection of leather jackets and bags.

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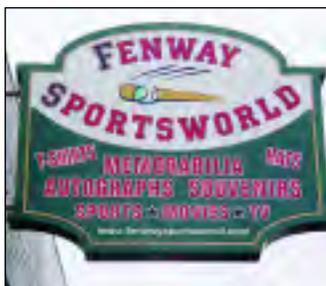
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**Wish**, 49 Charles St., 617-227-4441. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu ‘til 8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Proving you can find hip couture off Newbury Street, this fashion boutique is home to designers like Nanette Lapore, Rebecca Taylor and Jean Yu. The chic yet welcoming shop offers cashmere sweaters, pink chiffon dresses, rhinestone-detailed turtle-necks and beaded purses—all perfect for a night on the town.

## DOWNTOWN CROSSING

*Dynamic Downtown Crossing is jammed with stores and services of every conceivable nature. Streets are bricked over to form a pedestrian walkway where cars are not permitted during business hours. The area offers outdoor benches, street vendors and fast-food eateries that create a convenient shopping district.*

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**Bill Rodgers Running Center**, 353 North Market Place, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-723-5612. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8:45 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Owned by four-time Boston Marathon winner and legend Bill Rodgers, this footwear retailer is committed to helping runners of all levels choose the most suitable shoes, not just the bestselling or most expensive. Features include a vast selection of shoes, apparel and accessories along with an experienced, knowledgeable staff.

**Haymarket**, near Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall. *Open Fri and Sat from dawn to dusk.* A local institution, this open-air market harkens back to the pre-supermarket days when Bostonians bought their fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood and other foodstuffs from roadside stalls. Those pampered by the modern-day supermarket experience may experience culture shock from the loud and chaotic atmosphere and the throngs of shoppers, but the bargain prices are hard to beat and the character is distinctly old-school Boston.

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**The Coop at Harvard Square**, 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-499-2000. Harvard Book Building: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Brattle/Palmer Building: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m.* Founded by Harvard students

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**The Garment District**, 200 Broadway, Cambridge, 617-876-5230. *Sun–Tue 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Wed–Fri ‘til 8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–7 p.m.* A vintage clothing-lover’s paradise, this two-level thrift warehouse is a local institution. The offerings include an array of corduroys, painter pants and vintage Levi’s; knock-off designer dresses; ironic old-school T-shirts; ‘70s go-go boots; and more polyester than at a convention of used-car salesmen. The ambitious (or desperate) among you can sift through the mounds of clothing at the downstairs Dollar-A-Pound.

**Stonestreets**, 1276 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-547-3245. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* This sophisticated men’s clothier is one of the area’s most revered establishments. You’ll discover a casual-yet-refined collection of Italian and American designers. The knowledgeable staff will make sure that you find the proper garment, superbly tailored to your specifications.

**Tower Records**, 95 Mt. Auburn St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-876-3377. *Sun–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat ‘til midnight.* This music superstore features everything from CDs, tapes and records to videos, books and periodicals. Its music selection runs the gamut from classical to country to current pop, rock and soul sounds.

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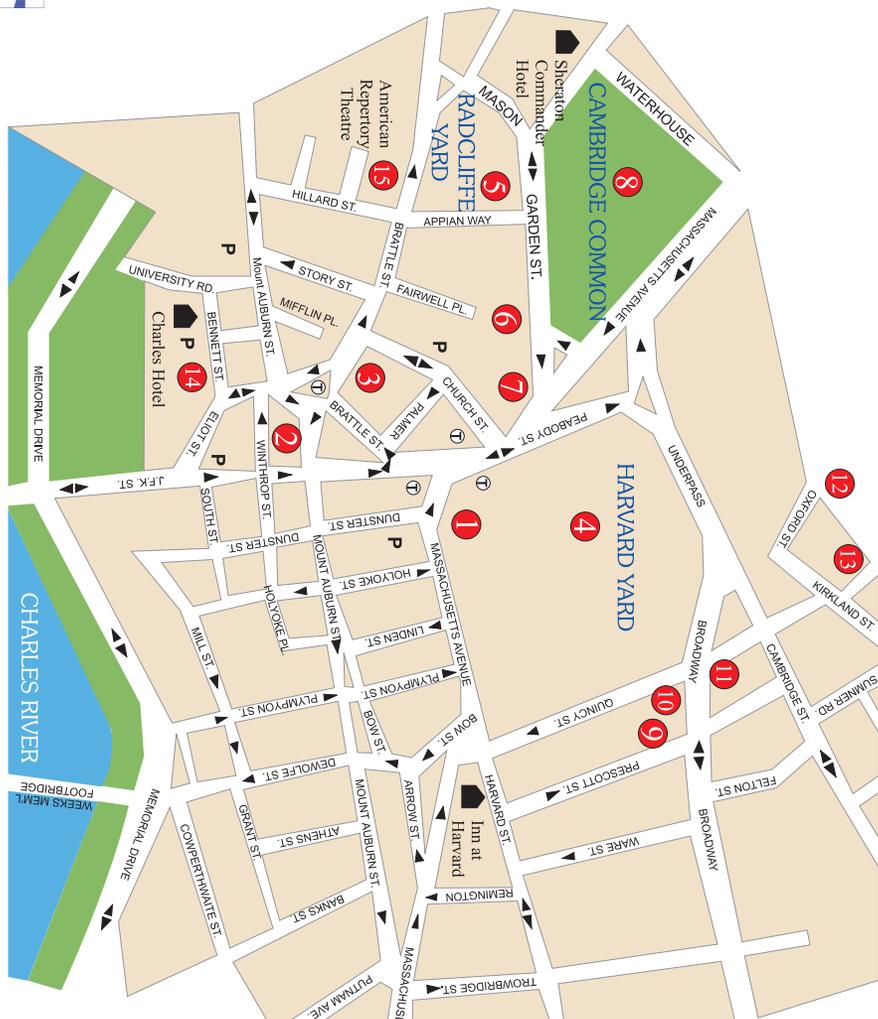
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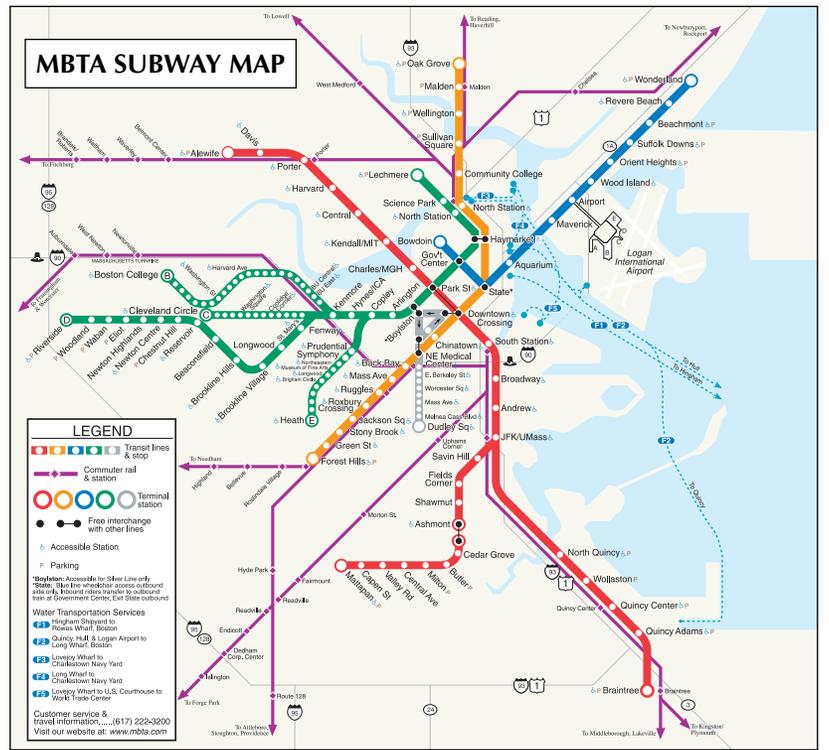
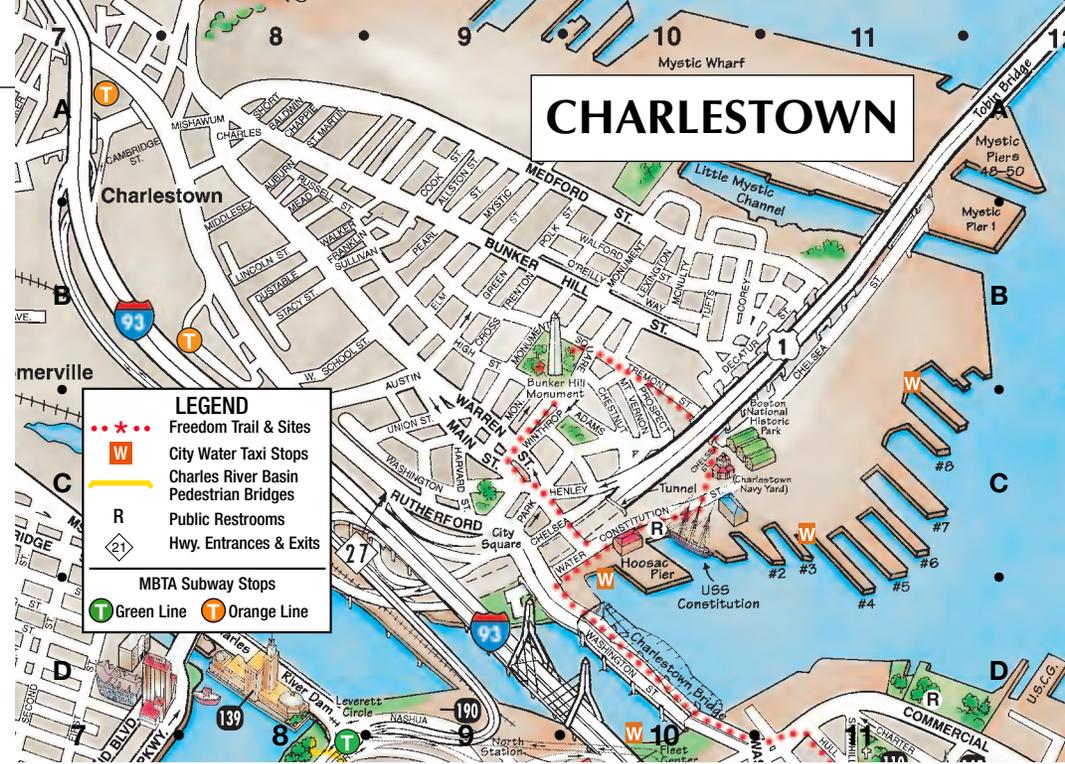
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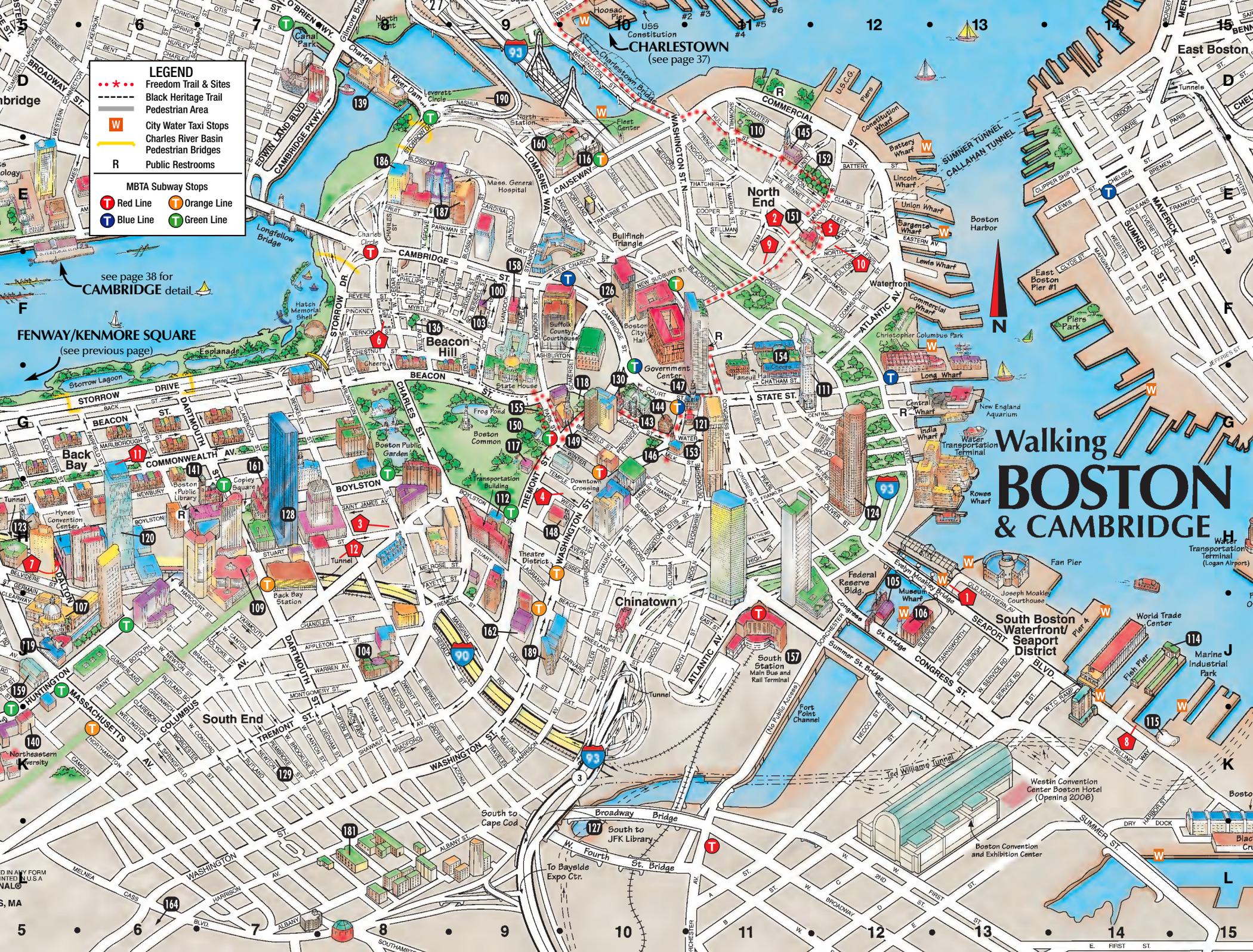
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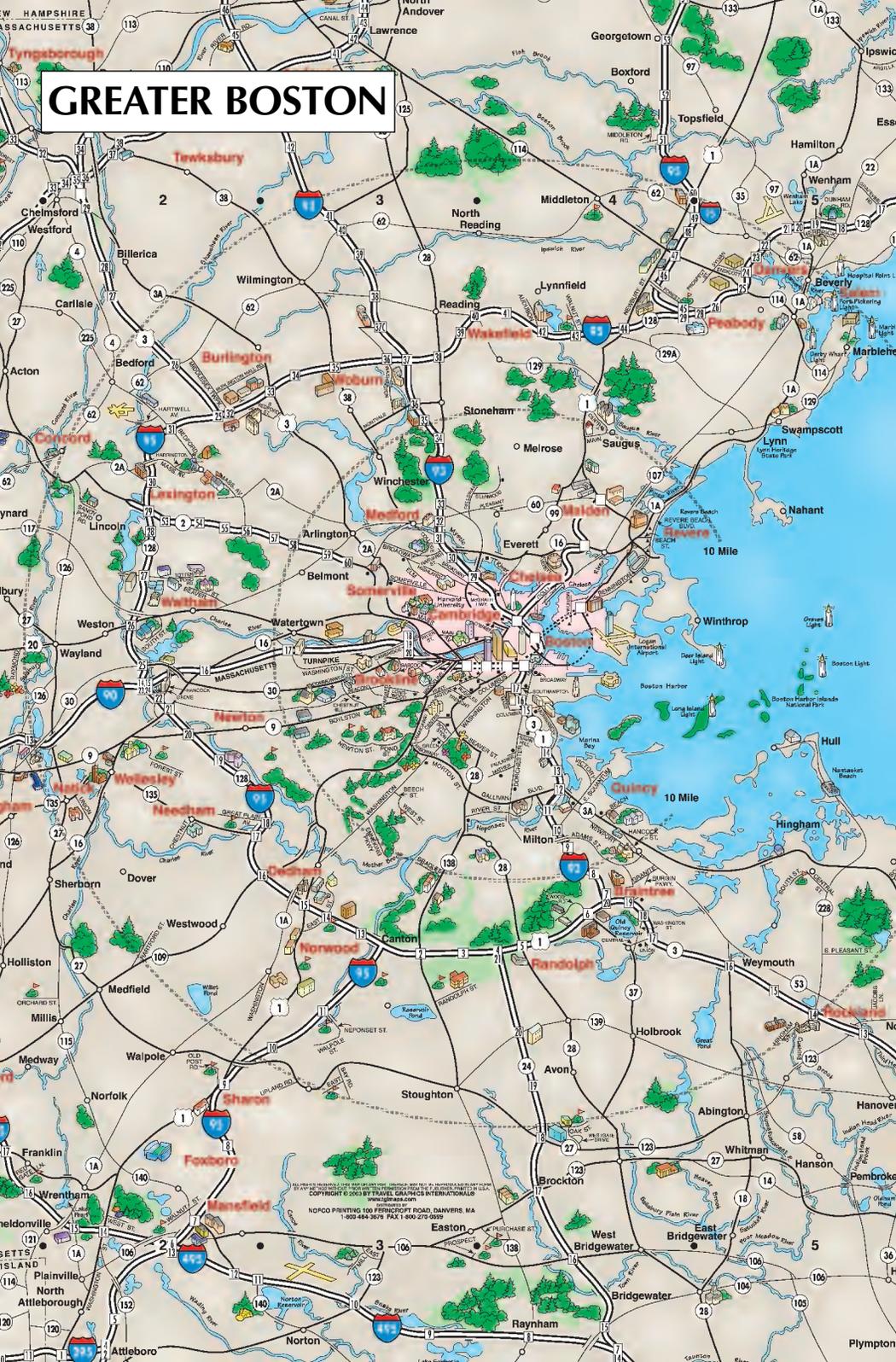
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## PANORAMA'S PICK



Jerry Beck, *The Secret Ark of Icon Park*, 2005.  
Photo: John Kennard

## A Walk in the **ARK** by Katrina Scanlan

Taking up residence among historical ships like “Old Ironsides” and the *U.S.S. Cassin Young* at the Charlestown Navy Yard, **The Secret Ark of Icon Park** is a new floating art exhibit that touches on everything from the biblical story of Noah to the visual styles of American carnivals and arcades. This is the fifth year the ICA and **Boston National Historical Park** have joined together to host an exploration into Boston’s history through public works of art. Ark creator and **Institute of Contemporary Art** artist-in-residence **Jerry Beck** has used recycled materials to create an environmental labyrinth addressing the impact the War on Terror and other acts of violence have had on American popular culture. Beck erected the ark to reflect a country that “lives in a constant state of fear and critical loss of innocence since the prevailing course of world events of September 11, 2001.” Also at the ark, Beck leads artistic workshops, including a scavenger hunt and an opportunity to write letters to President Bush. *Refer to listing, below.*

## BOSTON

**Boston Children's Museum**, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-8855. *Open daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m.* Admission: \$9; children (2–15) & seniors \$7; children (one-year-olds only) \$2; children (under 1) free; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) \$1. The museum features a variety of educational and entertaining activities for children, including interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture through hands-on experience. Special exhibits: Pattern Wizardry explores the wonderland of colors, shapes and sound; Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog; Boats Afloat allows kids to explore urban water environments; Boston Black: A City Connects celebrates Boston’s many black cultures; access/ABILITY educates people about living with disabilities. *Refer to Kids Corner in Currently for special events.*

**Boston CityPass**, www.citypass.com. Visit six of Boston’s best attractions for one low price. Save 50 percent and avoid ticket lines. *Booklet price: \$39; youth (3–11) \$19.50.* Ticket booklets are available at the first attraction visited and are valid for a year. The CityPass ticket booklet includes admission to six major attractions: the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, New England Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center and Harvard Museum of Natural History.

**Commonwealth Museum**, Massachusetts Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Blvd., 617-727-9268. *Mon–Fri from 9 a.m.–5*

*p.m., second and fourth Sat of the month 'til 3 p.m. (except holiday weekends). Free admission.* Across from the JFK Library, this museum houses the collection of the Massachusetts Archives and is ideal for fans of history or genealogy. Special exhibits: John Adams: Atlas of American Independence; Archaeology of the Central Artery Project: Highway to the Past.

**Gibson House Museum**, 137 Beacon St., 617-267-6338. *Open Wed–Sun for guided tours at 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Admission: \$7; students & seniors \$5; children \$2.* A National Historic Landmark, the Gibson House, completed in 1860, is an unspoiled, single-family Victorian row house in the Back Bay. Now a museum offering guided tours of its four floors, the house retains a perfectly preserved 19th century kitchen, scullery, butler’s pantry and water closets, as well as formal rooms and private family quarters filled with the Gibsons’ original furniture and personal possessions. Special exhibit: Nan Freeman, Drawings: Treasures from the Gibson House Museum. Special event: **July 27 at 5:30 p.m.**—Welcoming the Future: Technology and the Gibsons with historian Donna Halper, *tickets: \$15.*

**Institute of Contemporary Art**, 955 Boylston St., 617-266-5152. *Open Tue, Wed & Fri noon–5 p.m., Thu 'til 9 p.m.; Sat & Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7; students & seniors \$5; children (under 12) free; Thu 5–9 p.m. free.* Installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs change regularly. Special exhibits: Getting Emotional, expressive artwork

by 32 international artists, including Nan Goldin, John Currin, Andy Warhol and Barbara Kruger; Momentum 4: Roe Ethridge, the New-York based photographer explores genre and narrative; *On view at the Charlestown Navy Yard—The Secret Ark of Icon Park*, an installation by Jerry Beck, *refer to story, page 44.*

**Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. *Open Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$10; weekends \$11; seniors \$7; students with I.D. \$5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are admitted free.* Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including the works of Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special exhibit: Stray Dogs, Danijel Zelizel presents his contemporary poetic illustrations which explore life’s dark side.

**John F. Kennedy Library and Museum**, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 1-877-616-4599. www.jfklibrary.org. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$10; students & seniors \$8; children (13–17) \$7; children (under 12) free.* This museum portrays Kennedy’s life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: JFK in World War II, featuring a selection of materials from JFK’s military service in the South Pacific; Presents for a President and a First Lady, a display of 65 state gifts presented to the President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the world.

**Larz Anderson Auto Museum**, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students, seniors and children (6–18) \$3; children (5 and under) free. Admission to the Lawn events: \$7; children \$5. Fee includes admission to all museum exhibits.* The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner’s original home. Special exhibit: L’automobile—A Century of Innovation and Style celebrates the French automobile industry. Lawn events: **July 24 at 1 p.m.**—Inaugural Hot Rod Show; **July 31 at 1 p.m.**—New England Triumph Club’s Day of Triumph.

**McMullen Museum of Art**, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, 617-552-8100. *Open Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Sat noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Gallery tours held every **Fri at 12:30 p.m.** This museum is lauded for presenting interdisciplinary exhibits that spark new questions and is renowned for its European, Asian and American collections.

**The Museum of Afro-American History**, African Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-0022. www.afroammuseum.org. *Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission; donations welcome.* 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.

**The Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists**, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617-442-8614. *Open Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m.; by appointment for groups. Admission: \$4; students & seniors \$3.* Housed in the former Oak Bend Mansion, a neo-Gothic structure built in the early 1870s, this museum

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holds a slide archive and an extensive collection of African artifacts, prints and drawings; it also hosts national and international traveling exhibits. Special exhibit: **opening July 24**—Rhythmic Brushwork, featuring works by Peter Wayne Lewis, Stanford Watson, Enrico Riley, Tafa and Danny Simons.

**Museum of Fine Arts**, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Open Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 10 a.m.–9:45 p.m. (Thu & Fri after 5 p.m., west wing only). Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): \$15; college students & seniors \$13; Thu & Fri after 5 p.m., \$2 discount; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (under 18) \$6.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times. Separate ticketing for Gund Gallery exhibit.* The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, and boasts the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: The Quilts of Gee's Bend; Sounds of the Silk Road, musical instruments of Asia; American West: Dust and Dreams.

**Museum of Science**, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: \$14; seniors \$12; children (3–11) \$11; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: \$8.50; seniors \$7.50; children (3–11) \$6.50. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available.* Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Special exhibits: Brain: The World Inside Your Head, a traveling exhibit presenting the latest research on the brain; Beyond the X-Ray; Butterfly Garden, *ticketed separately: \$4*; Playing by the Rules: Fish, Fads and Fireflies. At the Mugar Omni Theater: Summer of Adventure Film Series: *Mystery of the Nile; Everest; Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure; Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West; and Coral Reef Adventure. Refer to Currently section under Film for complete Mugar Omni Theater listings.* Showing at the Planetarium: *Countdown to Supernova.* At the Wright 3D Theater: *Blue Magic; Bugs!*

**Sports Museum of New England**, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Banknorth Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. *Open daily 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission on the hour only, until 3 p.m. Hours altered during TD Banknorth Garden events, call ahead. Admission: \$6; seniors & children (6–17) \$4; children (under 6) free.* The Sports Museum showcases the rich sports heritage of New England through an unparalleled collection of artifacts, multimedia and works of art. Exhibits include the Boston Bruins Hall of Fame portraits, the Boston Garden Penalty Box, New England's Olympic Heroes and much more.

**U.S.S. Constitution Museum**, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Free admission.* The museum preserves the treasures of "Old Ironsides," the U.S. Navy's flagship and the world's oldest commissioned warship. Includes weapons, documents, journals and more. Interactive exhibits allow visitors to load and fire a cannon, try out a sailor's sleeping quarters and virtually command the *Constitution* in battle.

## CAMBRIDGE

*Due to limited parking, it's best to take the Red Line when traveling to Harvard, Central or Kendall*

*squares. The Cambridge Discovery Booth located at the Harvard Square "T" entrance provides additional information. Please note that numbered sites correspond to the map of Harvard Square on page 36.*

**Busch-Reisinger Museum (9)**, Werner Otto Hall, 32 Quincy St. (enter through the Fogg Art Museum), 617-495-9400. *Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Tours: Mon–Fri at 1 p.m. Admission: \$6.50; seniors & college students \$5; children (under 18) free; free Sat 10 a.m.* A museum devoted to promoting the enjoyment and critical understanding of Central and Northern European artists, with an emphasis on German-speaking countries. Special exhibit: Extra Ordinary Every Day: The Bauhaus at the Busch-Reisinger.

**Fogg Art Museum (10)**, Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 11 a.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* The museum displays European and American masterpieces from the Middle Ages to the present and hosts concerts and guided tours. Special exhibits: American Art at Harvard; 18th Century European Ceramics Painting.

**Harvard Museum of Natural History (12)**, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7.50; college students & seniors \$6; children (3–18) \$5; free Sun 9 a.m.–noon and Wed 3–5 p.m.* Among the museum's 17 galleries is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of over 3,000 glass flower models created between 1886 and 1936. Special exhibits: Dodos, Trilobites & Meteorites: Treasures of Nature and Science at Harvard; Romancing the Stone: The Many Facets of Tourmaline; Thoreau's Walden: A Journey in Photographs by Scot Miller.

**MIT List Visual Arts Center**, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue–Sun noon–6 p.m.; Fri 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists.

**The MIT Museum**, 265 Mass. Ave., 617-253-4444. *Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students, seniors & youth (5–18) \$2.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Special exhibits: InvenTeams Showcase, a display of selected inventions by high school students.

**Sackler Museum (11)**, Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 2 p.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* Designed by James Stirling, Britain's famous post-modernist architect, the museum houses ancient Oriental and Islamic collections. Special exhibit: Forging the New: East Asian Painting in the 20th Century.

## BEYOND BOSTON

**Concord Museum**, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$8; seniors & students with I.D. \$7; children (6–17) \$5; family rates*

*available. 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: David Sibley's Birds. Special event: **July 19 at 1 p.m.**—Summer museum story hour: A Little Bird Told Me, a family-friendly program featuring a different bird-related story and activity each week.

**DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park**, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. *Museum: Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$9; seniors, students & children (6–12) \$6. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, free admission.* Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibits: The 2005 DeCordova Annual Exhibition; Collection Highlight: Makoto Yabe; Abstract Elements: The Dr. Beatrice H. Barrett Collection of Art.

**National Heritage Museum**, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, 781-861-6559. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Devoted to presenting exhibitions on American history and popular culture as a way of preserving our national heritage. Special exhibits: Old Glory: July 1942 Magazine Covers; Teenage Hoboes in the Great Depression: Materials from the Uys Family Collection; Memories of World War II: Photographs from the Archives of the Associated Press.

**Peabody Essex Museum**, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$13; seniors \$11; stu-*

*dents \$9; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a brand-new wing with a 190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art; a maritime collection dating back to the museum's earliest days; and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: In Nature's Company; Air Lines; The Art of Shopping in China; Carved By Nature: Untamed Traditions in Chinese Decorative Art; Yin Yu Tang, the 16-bedroom home of a prosperous Chinese merchant of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911), *ticketed separately: \$4*; The Kingdom of Siam, The Art of Central Thailand 1350–1800, *refer to feature story, page 12.*

**The Rose Art Museum**, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3434. *Tue–Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$3; museum members and children (under 16) free.* The Rose boasts a collection of modern and contemporary art by artists including de Kooning, Rauschenberg and Warhol. Special exhibits: Xavier Veilhan: The Photorealist Project; Double Take: Photorealism from the 1960s and '70s; Anri Sala: Dammi i Colori.

**Salem Witch Museum**, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$6.50; seniors \$6; children (6–14) \$4.50.* Life-size stage settings and historically accurate narration recreate the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials and executions of 1692. Translations available in Japanese, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Special exhibit: Witches: Evolving Perceptions.

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PANORAMA'S PICK



Battle of **WITS**

by Josh B. Wardrop

If you've ever watched Indiana Jones, Lara Croft or some other intrepid adventurer confronted by an all-powerful bad guy's lethal death trap and thought, "Boy, that looks fun. I wish that were me!" then the folks at the Fenway's newest tourist attraction, **5WITS**, have got just the activity for you. It's **Tomb**, a 2,000 square-foot interactive adventure that combines the suspenseful "what's-around-the-corner?" thrills of a haunted house with the high-tech sets and production values of a Hollywood blockbuster. Visitors to 5WITS become members of an archaeological rescue mission to the center of a pharaoh's final resting place, and, once inside, must work with members of their group to solve brain teasers and other skill challenges in order to make their way back out to the safety of the lobby. Geared towards pre-teens, but surprisingly engaging for any age group, Tomb is a 40-minute diversion that encourages visitors not to spend the summer watching things happen to fictional characters in a movie theater, but to get into the action themselves. *Refer to listing, page 51.*

NEIGHBORHOODS

**Back Bay.** Once a low-lying harbor basin flooded at high tide, the Back Bay was transformed by the massive landfill projects of the 19th century. The project took some 50 years to complete, but the result was one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in the world. Marked by its regal brownstones, tree-lined thoroughfares and alphabetically arranged street names, the Back Bay is home to Newbury Street ("the East Coast's own Rodeo Drive"), Copley Square and the Boston Public Library.

**Beacon Hill.** The Hub's reputation as one of the most European of American cities is most likely earned by the neighborhood of Beacon Hill. Louisburg Square takes you back to London circa 1600, and the area's narrow cobblestone streets, brownstones and gas-lit streetlamps all add to its "old world" charm. Beacon Hill boasts the quaint shops of Charles Street, the nearby Boston Common and the Massachusetts State House with its eye-catching golden dome.

**Brookline.** The birthplace of former President John F. Kennedy, this Green Line-accessible borough, which is practically part of Boston, has also spawned such prominent personalities as Mike Wallace of "60 Minutes" fame and late night talk show kingpin Conan O'Brien. It is also home to the art-house movie palace Coolidge Corner Theatre, a wide range of dining

options and bucolic Larz Anderson Park, which contains an auto museum.

**Cambridge.** This city on the other side of the Charles River is home to two world-renowned institutions of higher learning: Harvard University, the oldest college in the country, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A bastion of American liberalism, Cambridge is also known for its diverse squares—Harvard, Central, Kendall, Porter and Inman—which boast a flock of cultural, historic, shopping and dining attractions.

**Charlestown.** This neighborhood's legacy dates back to the Revolutionary War, when it was the site of the Battle of Bunker Hill. The battle is memorialized by the Bunker Hill Monument, a towering white obelisk overlooking the harbor. Charlestown also hosts the *U.S.S. Constitution*, which is docked at the Boston National Historical Park. Long considered an insular Irish community, Charlestown has grown more diverse thanks to real estate developers and the opening of several popular bars and restaurants, such as Todd English's landmark eatery, Olives.

**Chinatown.** Once regarded as a pale version of the Chinatowns in New York and San Francisco, Boston's focal point for Asian and Asian-American culture contains a wealth of shops selling Asian imports and groceries, as well as countless

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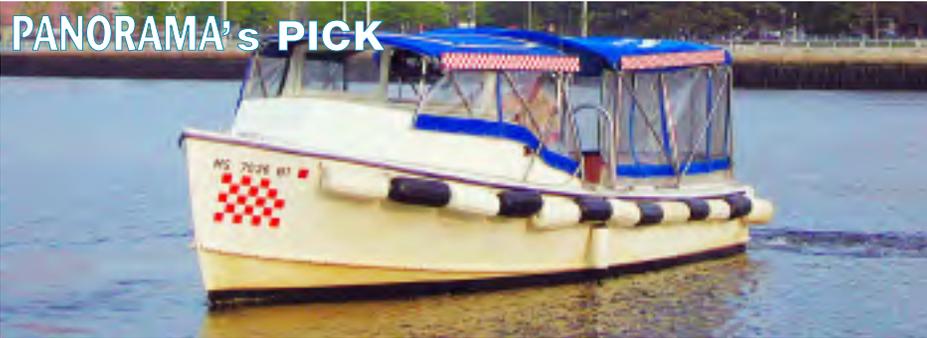
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Gridlock? What **GRIDLOCK?** by Katrina Scanlan

If you're sick of stoplights and traffic jams, feeling the onset of road rage or just want to see more of Boston than a subway tunnel, check out the city's newest taxi service. Local environmental advocacy group **Save the Harbor/Save the Bay**, in conjunction with **City Water Taxi**, recently launched a new seasonal weekend ferry service to help Bostonians and visitors negotiate downtown and harbor attractions in a whole new way. Departing from a new dock at the *U.S.S. Constitution* in Charlestown, stopping at tourist destinations like the North End, New England Aquarium and Boston Children's Museum, and ending at the World Trade Center in the South Boston Seaport District, the new **Boston By Boat** service makes for a captivating commute. For only \$10 per adult (\$5 for kids), passengers can use the service all day, and each ticket includes a package of discounts to attractions along the way. Boats run from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. every weekend until Labor Day, with pick-ups every 45 minutes. This summer, plot a new course for your travels and opt for a scenic sea commute rather than the congested city streets. Refer to listing, page 27.

eateries offering regional cuisine and late hours, making it one of the best places to go for an after-midnight meal.

**Downtown/Financial District.** One of Boston's most active urban centers, this area encompasses Government Center, the Financial District, Downtown Crossing and the newly dubbed Ladder District, an area known for its wide array of bars and restaurants that cater to the after-work and pre-theater crowds. Downtown Crossing is a blend of commerce and culture, with street vendors and shopping at department stores like Macy's and the world-famous Filene's Basement standing alongside historical sites such as the Old South Meeting House and Old City Hall. Government Center, home to the current City Hall and its surrounding Plaza, lies adjacent to historic Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

**The Fenway.** Named for the Fens, the green parkland that winds its way through the neighborhood, the Fenway is home to Fenway Park, the legendary ballpark that hosts Beantown's beloved Red Sox. It is also a mecca of clubs (on Lansdowne Street), sports bars and restaurants. Several of the city's prominent cultural institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and Symphony Hall, are located nearby.

**Jamaica Plain.** One of the city's most diverse areas, "J.P." contains thriving Latin-American, African-American, Irish and gay communities and is home to Jamaica Pond and Arnold Arboretum, two of the city's finest green spaces. Once a "coun-

try resort" area for Boston Brahmins, the neighborhood boasts striking 19th-century mansions on the streets closest to the Pond and eclectic shops and restaurants along Centre Street.

**North End.** Boston's own "Little Italy," the North End's uniquely European character is exemplified by narrow streets, cobblestone sidewalks and brick rowhouses. Although gentrification has changed the face of the neighborhood, the North End is still home to the best Italian dining in the city. The Old North Church, the Paul Revere House and Copp's Hill Burial Ground—all of which are stops on the Freedom Trail—are located here.

**Roxbury** is one of the city's earliest settlements, founded by English colonists in 1630. Today, it is the heart of Boston's African-American community and is home to such landmarks as Mission Church, a massive, Romanesque-style basilica built in 1876; Franklin Park, a vast greenspace designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted that contains a zoo and golf course; and the Museum of the National Center for Afro-American Artists, which displays a wide range of works by black artists.

**Somerville.** Just northeast of Cambridge, the city of Somerville has long attracted students, artists and musicians with its low rents, proximity to Tufts and Harvard universities and easy access to the "T," adding a creative flair to this traditionally blue-collar area. Activity focuses around two commercial centers, Union and Davis squares, which feature a wide array of ethnic restaurants, cafes, galleries and shops.

**South Boston.** "Southie," as this neighborhood is commonly called, is a community bordered by Boston Harbor, the Financial District and Dorchester. The popular recreational spot Castle Island is home to historic Fort Independence. The Fort Point Channel area is known as an artists' enclave and is also home to the Boston Children's Museum. The fast-developing Seaport District, including Fish Pier, contains seafood restaurants, the World Trade Center Boston and the new Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. But the heart of "Southie" is its boisterous Irish community, which hosts a renowned annual St. Patrick's Day parade along Broadway.

**South End.** Every city has a neighborhood that is a locus for cutting-edge art and culture. In New York, it's SoHo. In San Francisco, it's the Haight. In Boston, it's the South End. Brimming with art galleries, unique shops, bookstores and some of the hottest restaurants in the city, the South End is definitely where it's at.

**Six Flags New England,** 1623 Main St. (Rte. 159 South), Agawam, 413-786-9300. Open daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Tickets: \$41.99, seniors \$26.99, kids \$25.99; after 4 p.m., \$24.99. Part of one of the nation's top amusement park chains, Six Flags New England is the region's largest option for thrills and chills from humongous roller coasters, water rides and more—including the Superman: Ride of Steel and the brand-new Mr. Six's Pandemonium.

CRUISES

**Bay State Cruise Company,** 200 Seaport Blvd. at the World Trade Center, 877-PT-FERRY. Visit [www.provincetownfastferry.com](http://www.provincetownfastferry.com) or call for ticket prices, reservations and departure times. Enjoy fast or traditional ferry service daily from Boston to Provincetown aboard the new and sleek *Provincetown III*.

**Boston Harbor Cruises,** One Long Wharf, 617-227-4321. Call for reservations and departure times. Boston's oldest and largest cruise company has something for everyone. Whether it's New England's only three-hour, high-speed catamaran whale watch, a sunset or lunch cruise, a historic sightseeing tour or a visit to Boston's unique Harbor Islands, BHC's variety of cruises and convenient scheduling make it easy to fit a harbor cruise into your plans.

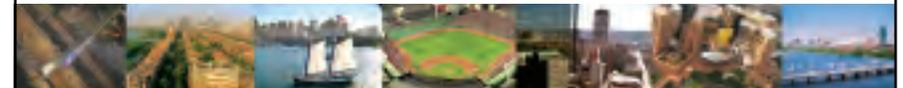
**Charles River Boat Tours,** depart from CambridgeSide Galleria and The World Trade Center, 617-621-3001. Call for full

AMUSEMENT PARKS

**5Wits,** 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. Sun & Mon 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Wed & Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m. to midnight. Tickets: \$12–20. Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5Wits provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. Current show: *Tomb*, which allows players to journey to the center of a buried pharaoh's final resting place, facing challenges and obstacles along the way. Refer to story, page 48.



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**Gondola di Venezia Tours**, Charles River Esplanade, 1-866-2-VENICE. *Tours: Wed–Sun 2–11 p.m. Tickets: Traditional Tours \$69 for two; Sunset Tours (without accordion player) \$99 for two, (with accordion player) \$139 for two; Bellissimo Tours \$219 for two; all tours \$15 each additional person.* Tours depart from beneath the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge on the Esplanade. With authentic Venetian gondolas and an Old World approach to romance, these picturesque rides along the Esplanade Lagoon feature complementary snacks.

**Liberty Fleet of Tall Ships**, departs daily from Long Wharf, 617-742-0333. *Daily sails at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets: \$30, children \$18.* Come aboard to relive the days of Boston Tall Ships. Take the wheel, set the sails or just sit back and enjoy the sights and beauty of Boston Harbor and her islands. Full cash bar available.

**Massachusetts Bay Lines**, depart from 60 Rowes Wharf, 617-542-8000. *Call for full schedule and ticket prices.* Take a tour of the harbor as the captain narrates a 55-minute cruise. Observe the colorful Boston skyline on a sunset cruise, dance the night away on a music cruise *Thu–Sat*, or swoon under the stars on a moonlight cruise *Fri–Sat*. Private charters also available.

**Odyssey Cruises**, departs daily from Rowes Wharf, 1-888-741-0281. *Brunch: Sat & Sun daily noon–2 p.m. Tickets: \$42–48. Lunch: Mon–Fri noon–2 p.m. Tickets: \$37. Dinner: Mon–Thu 7–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 8–11 p.m., Sun 6–9 p.m. Tickets: \$78–92. Boarding begins one hour prior to departure. Prices include meal. Midday and moonlight cruises also available.* Cruise historic Boston Harbor while enjoying lunch, brunch or dinner aboard this elegant cruise ship. Three lavish decks offer a myriad of entertainment choices, from jazz to contemporary music, and every on-deck stroll reveals the glorious Boston skyline.

## SIGHTS OF INTEREST

**Adams National Historical Park**, 1250 Hancock St., Quincy, eight miles south of Boston, 617-770-1175. Take the “T” to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. *Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Trolley tours: depart every 30 minutes from 9:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m. Tickets: \$5; children (under 16) free.* This off-overlooked historical gem offers insight into the lives of U.S. presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams. Tours stop at the birthplaces of both presidents, as well as “The Old House,” which was home to five generations of the Adams family. Stop by the Visitor Center to register and purchase tickets. Special event: **July 29**—National Landmarks Orchestra Concert.

**Arnold Arboretum**, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. *Grounds open year-round, sunrise to sunset. Free admission. Visitor Center open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun noon–4 p.m.* This 265-acre tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum and its gardens contain more than 7,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers, all labeled for your perusal.

**Boston Athenaeum**, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Member hours: Tue–Fri 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon ‘til 8 p.m. Public tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required.* One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the Athenaeum 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.

**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 Labor Day, and a suspension bridge designed as a miniature replica of the Brooklyn Bridge.

**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 offered Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., 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 Ship and Museum**, Congress Street Bridge, 617-338-1773. **Temporarily closed due to fire damage.** This replica of the famous ship, being repaired off-site, remains an indelible token of patriotism on the site of the “single most important event leading to the American Revolution.” On a cold evening in 1773, a group of colonists led by the Sons of Liberty snuck aboard a British ship and threw hundreds of chests of tea into Boston Harbor in protest of taxation without representation.

**Bunker Hill Pavilion**, Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center, Charlestown, 617-242-5601. Located yards from the U.S.S. Constitution. *Visitor center and bookstore open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monument open daily from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Free admission.* Check out “Whites of Their Eyes,” a dramatic multimedia presentation of the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the first major battles of the Revolution. Or climb the nearby Bunker Hill Monument, a 221-foot granite obelisk.

**Charles River Esplanade**, 617-635-4305. This tree-lined park along the Charles River basin is a popular spot for leisurely strolls and picnics as well as recreational activities. Sports enthusiasts are drawn to the 17-mile biking, jogging and walking path between the Museum of Science and Watertown, while others flock to the water to sail, windsurf, canoe or kayak. The nearby DCR Hatch Shell frequently hosts concerts and films, as well as performances by the world-famous Boston Pops.

**Custom House Tower**, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Free historical tours daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tours may be cancelled due to weather conditions, call ahead.* Boston’s first skyscraper, the Custom House 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 epitomizes the preservation of Boston’s historic architecture. Today, the Marriott Corporation operates this landmark.

**Emerald Necklace**, parks throughout Boston, 617-635-7487. *Free guided tours by appointment only.* This world-famous string of parks that runs through the city was the brainchild of renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, and took almost 20 years to complete. The six green spaces—Back Bay Fens, Riverway, Olmsted Park, Jamaica Pond, Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park—stretch five miles from the Charles River to Dorchester and make up over 1,000 acres of parkland. Although not officially part of the Emerald Necklace, Boston Common and the Public Garden are sometimes considered the starting points, and are connected to the Necklace by the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

**The First Church of Christ Scientist**, 175 Huntington Ave., 617-450-3790. *Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed at noon and 7:30 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. *Also see listing for the Mary Baker Eddy Library.*

**Forest Hills Cemetery**, 95 Forest Hills Ave., 617-524-0128. *Open daily from dawn to dusk.* Created in 1848, this cemetery serves as the final resting place of Eugene O’Neill, Anne Sexton, e.e. cummings, William Lloyd Garrison and former Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis. The 275 acres of twisting paths also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum, a “library” of life stories and an open-air museum.

**Harrison Gray Otis House**, 141 Cambridge St., 617-227-3956. *Tours: Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m. every 30 minutes. Admission: \$8; seniors \$4; students \$2.50; free for kids, Historic New England members and Boston residents.* Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, Sally, this grand mansion is a brilliant example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite.

**John F. Kennedy National Historic Site**, 83 Beals St., Brookline, 617-566-7937. *Open Wed–Sun 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3; children (17 and under) free. Guided tours every half-hour.* This modest frame house is the well-preserved 1917 birthplace and childhood home of the 35th president of the United States, and also the first home shared by the president’s father and mother, Joseph P. and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. Includes a collection of household furnishings, photographs and significant mementos personally collected and arranged by the president’s mother.

**John Hancock Tower**, 200 Clarendon St., 617-572-6429. Rising 62 stories into the sky, this I.M. Pei-designed, sliver-of-glass skyscraper is New England’s tallest building and is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful skyscrapers in the world. The building houses the headquarters of its namesake, insurance giant John Hancock Financial. Unfortunately, the observatory on the 60th floor was closed after September 11, 2001.

**Longfellow National Historic Site**, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-4491. *Wed–Sun 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Park ranger-guided tours: 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Admission: \$3, children (under 16) free.* This 1759 Georgian mansion was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow from 1837 to 1882 and a central gathering place for writers and artists in the 19th century. It also served as George Washington’s headquarters during the siege of Boston in 1775–76. Original furnishings, books and art from around the world are on display.

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**The Mary Baker Eddy Library**, 200 Mass. Ave., 617-450-7000. *Open Tue–Sun from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: \$6; seniors, students with ID and youth (6–17) \$4; children (under 6) and members free.* Home to the world-famous Mapparium, a three-story stained-glass globe depicting the world as it existed in 1934, which guests can walk through. Visitors to the library can follow Mary Baker Eddy's quest for insight and embark on one of their own through interactive exhibits in the Quest Gallery, or try out a "desk job" at the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Christian Science Monitor*.

**Minute Man National Historical Park**, Concord and Lexington, 978-369-6993. Minute Man Visitor Center is located on Route 2A West; North Bridge Visitor Center is at 174 Liberty St. *Both open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of over 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge. The park also preserves The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Margaret Sidney.

**New England Holocaust Memorial**, Congress Street near Faneuil Hall. This haunting memorial features six luminous glass towers etched with the six million prisoner numbers of those who perished in the Holocaust. Visitors can walk under the towers and read the dramatic stories of the victims and heroes of this tremendous human tragedy.

**The Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center**, 617-859-0648. *Open daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): \$9.50; seniors \$7; children (under 12) \$6.50. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions, please call ahead.* Enjoy spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Boston and beyond and learn about the city's 375 years of culture and history on the new Antennae Audio Tour. Recently added displays include "Dreams of Freedom," featuring the Boston immigrant experience; an exhibit overlooking Fenway Park dedicated the legendary Red Sox slugger Ted Williams; and a new theater showing "Wings Over Boston," a spectacular aerial tour of the entire city. **SEE LOCATOR #11 ON CENTER MAP.**

**Trinity Church**, Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Open daily from 8 a.m.–6 p.m.; tours available.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture. The building is located in Copley Square adjacent to the I.M. Pei-designed John Hancock Tower, itself a contemporary architectural masterpiece. The church is currently in the midst of a \$53 million preservation initiative.

## TOURS AND TRAILS

**Black Heritage Trail**, 617-742-5415. *Tours: Mon–Sat at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations.* 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 Afro-American History.

**Boston Art Tours**, 617-732-3920. *Call for full tour schedule. Tickets: \$25; teens \$15; children (under 12) free.* Boston Art Tours offers various excursions to area museums and galleries that highlight different historical time periods. Families may choose from age-appropriate tours offering lively descriptions of works to help further the understanding of art.

**Boston Bike Tour**, 617-308-5902. *Tours: Sat & Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: Sat tour \$20 (w/o bike rental, \$15), Sun tour \$25 (w/o bike rental, \$18).* Tours make stops at various sites while your guide shares history and pokes playful fun at the city and its heritage. Tours leave from the Boston Common Visitor Center at Park Street Station (bikes and equipment are provided).

**Boston By Foot**, 617-367-2345 or 617-367-3766. Guided 90 minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. *Tickets: \$10, children (6–12) \$8, unless noted. Call for tour locations.* The Heart of the Freedom Trail, *every day at 10 a.m., tickets: \$11, children (6–12) \$8;* Victorian Back Bay, *Fri, Sat & Sun at 10 a.m., Tue & Thu at 5:30 p.m.;* Literary Landmark Tour, *Sat at 2 p.m., tickets: \$11, children (6–12) \$9;* Beacon Hill, *Mon–Fri at 5:30 p.m., Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m.;* North End, *Fri & Sat at 2 p.m.;* Boston Underground, *Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: \$11, children (6–12) \$9;* Boston By Little Feet, *Mon & Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: \$8.*

**Boston Duck Tours**, Prudential Center and Museum of Science. [www.bostonducktours.com](http://www.bostonducktours.com). *Tours: seven days a week, 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset. Tickets: \$25; seniors, students & military \$22; children (3–11) \$16; (under 3) \$3; special needs \$10. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular water view.

**Boston Movie Tours**, departs from the Shaw Memorial in front of the State House on Beacon Street. 866-MOVIE45. [www.bostonmovietours.net](http://www.bostonmovietours.net). **Beginning July 22.** *Tours: daily at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20; seniors and students \$17; children (6–12) \$10. Reservations strongly encouraged.* Experience the city of Boston the way Tinseltown has through such films as *A Civil Action*, *Good Will Hunting*, *Mystic River* and others. This 90-minute walking tour takes movie buffs to 30 spots where some of Hollywood's biggest stars have come to film. Tour guides also offer up behind-the-scenes stories and Hollywood gossip.

**Fenway Park Tours**, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours daily each hour from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. or until three hours before game time. Tickets: \$12; seniors \$11; children (under 14) \$10.* Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. Have you dreamt of walking across the field where Red Sox legends spent their glory days? This tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a glimpse behind the famed "Green Monster."

**The Freedom Trail Foundation's Freedom Trail Players**, departs from the Visitor Center on Boston Common, 617-357-8300. *Tours daily at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Tickets: \$12; children (12 and under) \$6.* Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis,

Abigail Adams and William Dawes in this 90-minute tour. Stops include the Park Street Church, the Boston Massacre Site, the Old State House and Faneuil Hall.

**Ghosts and Gravestones Tour**, 617-269-3626. *Tours daily at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: \$30; children: \$18.* Step aboard the trolley of doom for a tour of the dark side of Boston. Your host, a 17th century gravedigger, tells the tales of the Angel of Death, the Boston Strangler and other infamous characters from Boston's past. After completing your sojourn into the macabre, step off the trolley for a walk through two of the oldest burying grounds in the city.

**Harpoon Brewery Tour**, 306 Northern Ave., 888-HARPOON ext. 522. *Tours: Tue–Sat at 3 p.m., Fri & Sat at 1 and 3 p.m. Free admission.* This waterfront institution is one of Boston's only microbreweries. Visitors gather at the Tap Room, which overlooks the brewery, for 30- to 45-minute tours of the plant.

**The Literary Trail**, departs from the Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-350-0358. *Call for full tour schedule. Tickets: \$30; children (under 12) \$26. Group tours also available. Tickets include entrance to all museums on the trail.* This 20-mile tour includes stops at the Boston Athenaeum; the Omni Parker House; Cambridge's Longfellow House; the Concord Museum, which houses Ralph Waldo Emerson's study; and famed Walden Pond.

**North End Market Tour**, 64 Cross St., take the T to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. [www.northendmarkettours.com](http://www.northendmarkettours.com).

*Wed & Sat 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 2–5 p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: \$49 per person.* Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts award-winning culinary walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

**North End Secret Tours**, North Square (across from The Paul Revere House), 617-720-2283. *Fri & Sat 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: \$30 per person.* This two-hour guided walking tour explores some of the hidden courtyards and passageways of the North End, visits the birthplace of Kennedy matriarch Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, and tells unusual tales of Boston's oldest neighborhood.

**Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston**, 617-269-7010. *Departs every 15–20 minutes daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: \$29; seniors & students \$26; children (under 12) free.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, U.S.S. Constitution Museum, the Trolley Stop Store on the corner of South Charles and Boylston streets, and most major hotels (see your concierge), patrons can enjoy a 100-minute, fully narrated sightseeing tour of more than 100 points of interest aboard the orange-and-green, all-weather trolley.

**Samuel Adams Brewery Tour: Drink in a Little History**, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-368-5080. *Tours: Wed & Thu at 2 p.m.; Fri at 2 and 5:30 p.m.; Sat at noon, 1 and 2 p.m.; one-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: \$2;*

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**Swan Boats**, Public Garden Lagoon, 617-522-1966. Rides: daily from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets: \$2.50, children (2–15) \$1, seniors \$2. One of Boston's oldest and most treasured traditions, these pedal-powered boats glide around the Public Garden and under the smallest suspension bridge in the world.

## CAMBRIDGE

Due to limited parking, it is best to take the Red Line when traveling to Harvard, Central or Kendall squares. The Cambridge Discovery Booth located at the Harvard Square "T" entrance provides additional information. Please note that numbered sites correspond to the map of Harvard Square on page 36.

**Cambridge Common/Old Burying Ground (8)**. 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 (6)**. This 1761 Tory house of worship was utilized as a Colonial barracks during the American Revolution.

**First Church Unitarian/Universalist (7)**. Harvard College provided the pews for its students in this 1833 building erected for the then-newly founded Unitarian Church.

**Harvard and Radcliffe Yards (4 & 5)**. The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

**Harvard Square/Old Cambridge (1)**. The center of Cambridge activity since the 17th century, the Square is home to Harvard University, historic buildings, bookstores, cafes, restaurants and shops.

**Mount Auburn Cemetery**, 580 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, 617-547-7105. Open daily from 8 a.m.–5 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) (3)**. One of the nation's most beautiful residential streets, Tory Row is the site of Loyalist mansions and their elegant neighbors from every period of American architecture.

## WHALE WATCHES

**Boston Harbor Cruises**, One Long Wharf, 617-222-4321. Mon–Fri at 10 a.m. and noon, Sat & Sun at 8:30 a.m., 10:30

a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$31, seniors \$28, children \$25. Cruise on high speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank, the East Coast's most famous destination for whale watching. Catch sight of humpback, finback and minke whales from the deck or from the comfort of a full modernized cabin boasting snack and beverage services. The tour is three hours, and free tickets on a future cruise are guaranteed if you don't spot one of these magnificent creatures.

**Massachusetts Bay Line Whale Watches**, Departing from Rowes Wharf behind The Boston Harbor Hotel, 617-542-4321. Mon–Fri at 10:30 a.m. Sat & Sun at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$29, children \$23. Get out on the open water in search of the sea's most majestic creatures on this four-hour tour of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. On board, professional marine biologists will be onhand to share their knowledge of whales and other marine wildlife.

**New England Aquarium**, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. Mon–Fri at 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: \$29, seniors \$26, children \$20. Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran *Voyager III*. Search for a variety of whales, including humpback, finback and minke. Interactive exhibits include microscope stations, electronic navigation, computer whale programs, meteorological instruments and movies.

## WILDLIFE

**Franklin Park Zoo**, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. Open Mon–Fri from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: \$9.50; seniors \$8; children (2–15) \$5.50; children (under 2) free. Home to more than 210 species, including many endangered animals. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with wallabies and kangaroos; explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas; marvel at the lions at Kalahari Kingdom; and visit zebras, ostriches, ibex and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

**New England Aquarium**, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. Open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat & Sun 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission: \$15.95; seniors \$13.95; children (3–11) \$8.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Currently section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available. Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this outstanding aquatic zoo features a 187,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life. Be sure to check out the popular penguin habitat. Special exhibit: Amazing Jellies. The adjacent Simons 3D IMAX Theater is the first theater of its kind in the Boston area. Refer to Film in Currently for complete IMAX theater listings.

**Stone Zoo**, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. Open daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7.50; seniors \$6.50; children (2–15) \$4.50; children (under 2) free. Highlights include Snowy Owl creek, Mexican gray wolves, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas and miniature donkeys, as well as educational programs at the Animal Discovery Center. The Zoo is also home to the nation's first "Earth Park." Special exhibit: Lord of the Wings: Birds of Prey, an ongoing educational show.

# PROVINCETOWN

Despite being bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on three sides, P-Town (as the locals call it) at the very tip of Cape Cod is far more than just the sum of its beaches and shores. Established in 1727 as the fishing and commerce center of the Cape, the area has grown to be culturally diverse, from the Portuguese fisherman that were early settlers to its current reputation as a popular vacation spot for the gay and lesbian community. P-Town offers visitors top-notch dramatic arts, galleries and a hopping nightlife scene during the summer months. And yes, it also has some of the Northeast's most spectacular beaches.

If you go, start your day with a stroll and some people watching on Commercial Street. The area's main drag is lined with eclectic shops, candy stores and, well, drag queens! For a high-speed tour of the nearby beaches and the famous dunes, check out Art's Dune Tours (Commercial and Standish Streets, 1-800-894-1951). The one-hour tour takes you through the National Seashore Park and by the dune shacks, once inhabited by shipwrecked sailors and later by literary figures such as Jack Kerouac and Eugene O'Neill.



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**THE REDCOATS ARE COMING**—Men costumed as British loyalists march in formation along the Freedom Trail near Faneuil Hall.

*The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a free guide or rent a handheld self-guided audio tour complete with sound effects and anecdotes for \$15, \$12 for each additional adult and \$10 for children. Free 90-minute, park ranger-guided tours depart from the Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center at the corner of State and Devonshire streets, Mon–Fri at 2 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 & 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. First come, first serve. Arrive 30 minutes prior to tour. Call 617-242-5642 for more information. The number accompanying each site listed below refers to the site’s location as shown on Panorama’s map (see facing page).*

**Boston Common (1).** Set aside in 1634 as a military training field and grazing pasture, the Common is the oldest public park in America. The park 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.

**The State House (2).** Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. *Open Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., except holidays. Guided tours Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.* The famous golden dome of the State House marks the government seat of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The cornerstone was laid by Samuel Adams, and the building stands on land bought from John Hancock. The red brick portion was designed by the legendary architect Charles Bulfinch.

**Park Street Church (3).** Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. *Sunday services at 8:30 & 11 a.m. and 4 & 6 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.”

**Old Granary Burying Ground (4).** Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-635-7389. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* This historic cemetery, formerly the town granary, is the final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams, Peter Faneuil, and the victims of the Boston Massacre. A stone inscribed “Mary Goose” (a.k.a. Elizabeth Goose) allegedly marks the grave of Mother Goose.

**King’s Chapel and Burying Ground (5).** Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Ground open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tours: Mon and Thu–Sat 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Tue and Wed 1:30–4:30 p.m.* Visitors are reminded that King’s Chapel is a house of worship. The chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston. The second chapel, built in 1754, became the first Unitarian church in America after the Revolution.

**Site of the first public school and Ben Franklin’s statue (6).** 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 (the forerunner of the Boston Latin School). Nearby is Benjamin Franklin’s statue, built in 1856, the first portrait-statue erected in the United States.

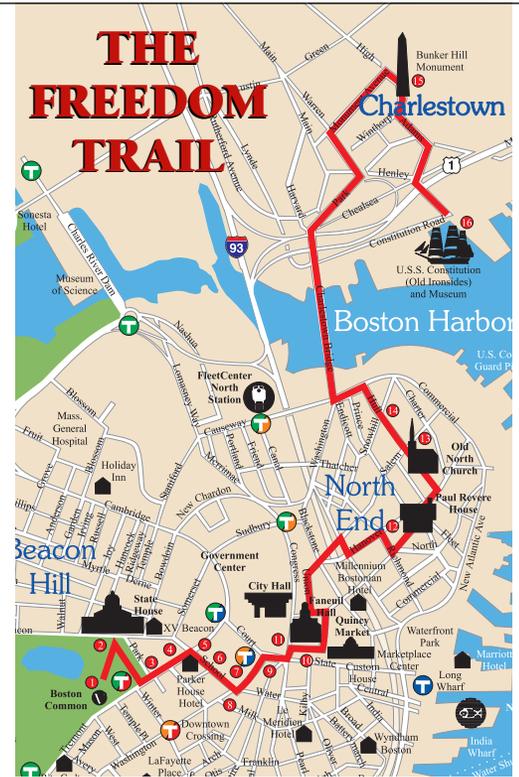
**Site of the Old Corner Bookstore (7).** School and Washington streets, 617-367-4000. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore that became the center of literary Boston and the meeting place of such notables as Emerson, Hawthorne, and Thoreau.

**Old South Meeting House (8).** 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. *Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students & seniors \$4; children (6–18) \$1; children (under 6) free.* This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which triggered the Boston Tea Party. Permanent exhibit: Voices of Protest.

**Old State House (9).** Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-3292. *Open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission: \$5; students & seniors \$4; children (6–18) \$1; children (under 6) 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 from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.

**Boston Massacre Site (10).** 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.

**Faneuil Hall (11).** Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-523-1300. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Historical talks given daily every half hour 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Military museum open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. “The Cradle of Liberty” combines in one building a free enterprise market on the first floor with a free marketplace for the exchange of ideas upstairs.*



**Paul Revere House (12).** 19 North Square, Hanover Street, 617-523-2338. *Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: \$3; students & seniors with I.D. \$2.50; children (5–17) \$1; (under 5) free.* The oldest home in Boston, built around 1680, was occupied by Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

**Old North Church (13).** 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sun services at 9 and 11 a.m.* Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston’s oldest standing church, where two lanterns were hung on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats’ departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.

**Copp’s Hill Burial Ground (14).** Hull Street. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Set out in 1660, Copp’s Hill was Boston’s second cemetery. Many remarkable people are interred here, including Increase Mather, his son Cotton, Cotton’s son Samuel Mather and Edmund Hartt, builder of the *U.S.S. Constitution*.

**Bunker Hill Monument (15).** Breed’s Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. *Climb the monument from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Lodge and museum open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

**U.S.S. Constitution (16).** Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Free guided tours Tue–Sun from 10 a.m.–3:50 p.m.* This 44-gun frigate is the oldest commissioned warship in the world. The *U.S.S. Constitution* Museum, located adjacent to the ship, is *open daily from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* Call 617-426-1812.

## PANORAMA'S PICK



### Meatball MADNESS

by Amy Bass

**MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY** 4 Columbus Ave., 617-542-3456 / \$

Takeru Kobayashi of Japan has won worldwide acclaim for his ability to eat hot dogs in numbers that would make most people turn green. ESPN plans to air “the U.S. Open of Competitive Eating” at the end of this month. And now, Boston has the event that could put it on the competitive eating map—**Maggiano's Little Italy's** first-annual **meatball-eating contest**. On **July 19 at 6:30 p.m.**, the person to eat three of the Italian bistro's large signature meatballs the fastest will win the coveted title of “Meatball Master”—as well as a case of the restaurant's favorite wine and a private party for 15 guests. Those with weak stomachs need not apply. No current speed record exists in the “sport” of meatball-eating, so history could well be in the making. If you yourself are more into actually *chewing* your food before you swallow it, and draw the line at consuming any portion of meat larger than your head... well, heck, there's still some fun to be had in watching these gustatory gladiators go at it. Or simply retire to the eatery's outside patio and dine at your own personal pace. We hear the meatballs are good... *Refer to listing, page 60.*

**B** = Breakfast  
**L** = Lunch  
**D** = Dinner  
**BR** = Brunch  
**SB** = Sunday Brunch  
**C** = Cocktails  
**LS** = Late Supper  
**VP** = Valet Parking  
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#### AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

**\$** — Most entrees less than \$12  
**\$\$** — Most entrees \$12-18  
**\$\$\$** — Most entrees \$19-25  
**\$\$\$\$** — Most entrees more than \$25

*Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations. Restaurants listed accept major credit cards unless otherwise specified.*

## AMERICAN

**Apropos**, Sheraton Boston, 39 Dalton St., 617-375-6500. Drawing its influences from American regional cuisine with a strong New England flair, the menu at Apropos offers hearty, satisfying dishes ranging from pan-roasted Chilean sea bass to grilled New York sirloin and herbed roasted chicken. The menu, created by executive chef Joseph Nartowicz, exudes the flavors of Boston. B, L, D, SB. \$\$\$

**Aura**, Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, 617-385-4300. Aura's seasonal menus showcase chef John Merrill's passion for using fresh, local ingredients in his recipes. Chef Merrill partners with local farmers and fishermen to select freshly harvested vegetables, seafood that is just off the boat and specially aged meats and cheeses to create his award-winning meals. B, L, D, SB. \$\$\$

**\*Avenue One**, Hyatt Regency, Financial District, 1 Ave. de Lafayette, 617-422-5579. Enjoy Boston's most extensive fondue menu in a relaxed atmosphere. Live jazz every Thu. B, L, D, C. \$\$\$

**\*Cheers**, 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605. Also: Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-0150. Both the original Beacon Hill and Faneuil Hall locations offer a mouthwatering selection of traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection, including their award-winning Bloody Mary and a variety of draft beers. Live entertainment is offered Thu–Sat nights. Pick up officially licensed Cheers merchandise at the gift shop. L, D, C, LS. \$

**Daisy Buchanan's**, 240A Newbury St. (corner of Fairfield St.), 617-247-8516. For more than 30 years, this popular sports-oriented get-together spot in the heart of the Back Bay has provided a comfortable place to mingle and meet new and old friends and enjoy a menu of pub specials. L, D, C daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m. \$

**\*Dick's Last Resort**, Prudential Center, 55 Huntington Ave., 617-267-8080. This is the joint your mama warned you about. Dick's serves buckets of barbecue pork ribs and chicken, as well as lobster, shrimp and crab legs, steak and salads. There are also 74 kinds of beer. Dick's has SB 10 a.m.–3 p.m., which includes Belgian waffles, omelets, crab cake Benedict, breakfast burritos, fresh fruit and a make-your-own Bloody Mary bar. Live music, no cover, no dress code and definitely no class. Open daily, Dick's Last Resort is billed as “The Shame of Boston.” L 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; D Sun–Thu 4 p.m.–midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 1 a.m. www.dickslastresort.com \$\$\$

**Excelsior**, The Heritage on the Garden, 272 Boylston St., 617-426-7878. This modern restaurant features chef Eric Brennan's focus on unique, pure and fresh ingredients. An impressive, award-winning collection of 600 wines, representing all regions of the world, is showcased in a climate-controlled, three-story wine tower. Pre- and post-theater dining available. D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

**Finale**, One Columbus Ave., behind the Four Seasons Hotel, 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797. One of the only dessert restaurants in America, Finale features items like the caramel carnivale and its signature “molten chocolate cake.” Chef Nicole Coady's menu is complemented by its luscious drink menu of ports, champagnes, cordials and its well-known “Finale Favorites.” A light dinner menu is available. L & D. \$\$\$

## HIGH 5: WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

*Hot, salty and golden brown, nature's perfect food, the French fry, goes with just about everything you can imagine. And now that our nation's put that ugly “Freedom Fries” foolishness in the past, it's time to celebrate the finest, funnest fries Boston has to offer.*



**1 BOSTON BEER WORKS**, 61 Brookline Ave., 617-536-1337; 110 Canal St., 617-896-2337. BBW offers enough delicious variations of rough-cut, skin-on fries to satisfy everyone in your dining party: fiery fries, cheese fries, chili fries, sour cream and chive fries, gravy fries, sweet potato fries, and, my favorite, the classic steak fries.

**2 SUNSET GRILL & TAP**, 130 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-1331. Primarily known for its many beers from around the world, Sunset also has some delicious fries to soak up all that brew. The sour cream and chive fries are a popular choice, but it's the fun-to-look-at (and eat) curly fries that score highest.

**3 LEGAL'S TEST KITCHEN**, Logan International Airport Terminal A, 617-568-1888. Wait a second—going to the airport for fries? It makes more sense when you consider that's where Legal's Test Kitchen is, and that one of the new tasty recipes they've worked up is for the delicious rosemary parmesan French fries.

**4 STELLA**, 1525 Washington St., 617-247-7747. A hip Italian joint may not seem the logical place to find French fries. But consider that Stella's Tuscan fries are hand-cut Idaho potatoes served with pequinillo peppers, parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, garlic and vinegar, and you've got a vibrant taste you're unlikely to find anywhere else.

**5 McDONALD'S**, various locations. Gourmets can decry this selection all they want, but can anything compare to the salty, greasy crispiness of a good batch of McDonald's fries? There's a reason they've sold about 80 bazillion of them, folks. —Josh B. Wardrop

**The Federalist**, Fifteen Beacon Hotel, 15 Beacon St., 617-670-2515. The menu at this powerbrokers' haven offers artistic imagination in the preparation of dishes ranging from Colorado rack of lamb to skillet-roasted French Dover sole, in an atmosphere that evokes the stately traditions of the world's most private clubs. A rooftop herb garden and in-kitchen fish tanks help to ensure culinary perfection. B, D, Sat & SB, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

**The Foggy Goggle**, 911 Boylston St. (across from the Hynes), 617-266-3399. "If you don't know how to have fun, stay home," is the motto of this Back Bay hot spot. The crazy decor, the enthusiastic staff and the "Foggy Fish Bowl" emphasize fun above all. Late night pizza and pub food available. D, LS, C Tue-Sat 4 p.m.-2 a.m. \$

**\*Hard Rock Cafe**, 131 Clarendon St., two blocks from Boylston St., 617-424-ROCK (7625). HRC Boston serves up the best down-home American food possible, seasoned with a healthy dose of rock 'n' roll. Try the infamous "Pig" sandwich, excellent burgers and chicken sandwiches. Memorabilia highlights include "The Aerosmithsonian," the "Boston Wall of Fame," Phish's vacuum, Jim Morrison's leather pants and Madonna's bustier. L, D, C, LS. \$

**Jer-Ne Restaurant & Bar**, The Ritz-Carlton Boston Common, 12 Avery St., 617-574-7176. Chef Jason Adams sets an uncharted course of adventure in contemporary cuisine, featuring American favorites, seafood and steaks, all artistically presented. The artful menu is created from a palette of lush local

flavors. The restaurant also boasts an exhibition kitchen. B, L, D, SB, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

**Meritage**, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-439-3995. Fresh, seasonal cuisine is carefully matched to an appropriate vintage from the 12,000-bottle wine collection. The restaurant's interior combines slate, marble, exotic wood and leather, creating a luxurious atmosphere to accompany a hearty meal. All menu items come in appetizer and entree sizes. D, LS. \$\$\$\$

**Parker's Restaurant**, Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-725-1600. Executive chef Jerry Tice celebrates nostalgic cuisine with a contemporary flair. The stately dining room reflects the rich culinary heritage that lives on at the birthplace of Boston cream pie and the Parker House roll. B, L, D. \$\$\$\$

**Perdix**, 560 Tremont St., 617-338-8070. A New American bistro in the South End run with flair by chef Tim Partridge and his wife Nini Diana. Elegant and charming, this welcome newcomer has been acclaimed for such whimsical signature dishes as "Today's steak with whatever Tim wants" and the dessert staple, "Really freakin' good chocolate torte." D. \$\$\$

**Speeder & Earl's**, Copley Square Hotel, 47 Huntington Ave., 617-536-9000. Boston's "quirkiest" breakfast and coffee bar, serving traditional and innovative favorites such as eggs Benedict and malted waffles. Boston's best pastries and premium blends of gourmet coffee from Speeder & Earl's of Vermont are also featured. B, L, Sat & SB, D. \$



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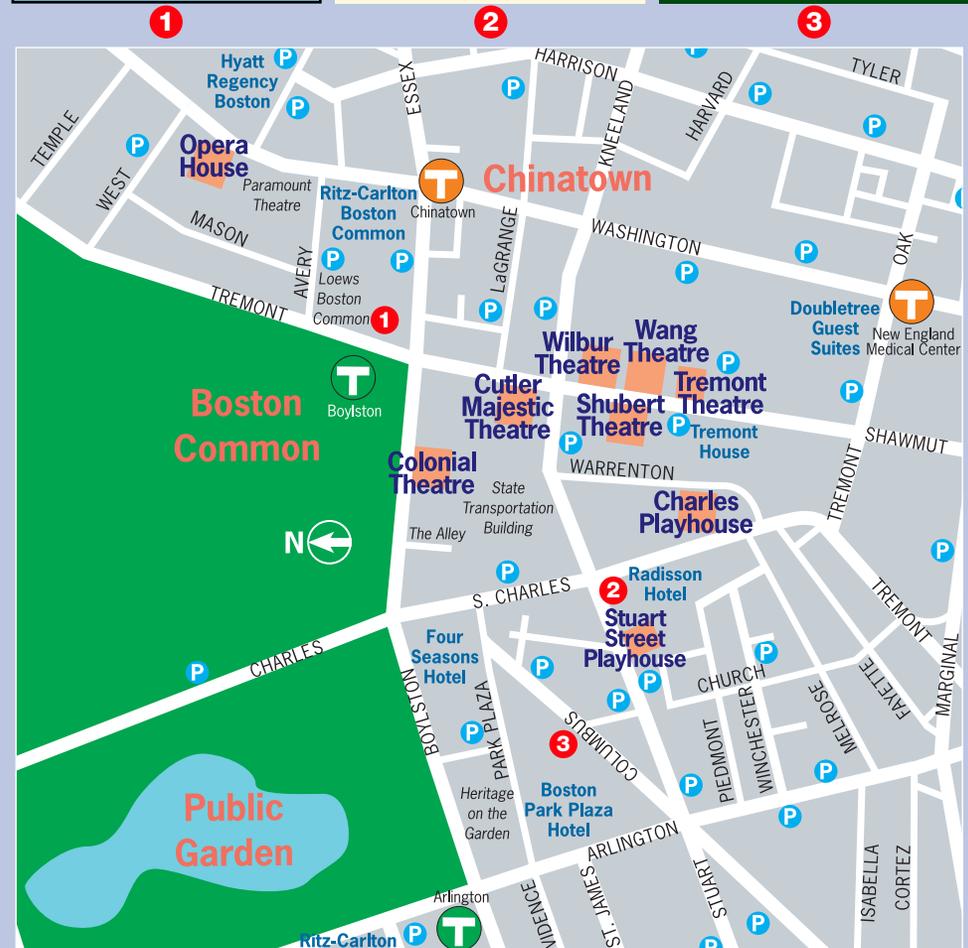
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**Stephanie's on Newbury**, 190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990. Recommended by *The New York Times*, chef/owner Stephanie Sidell's eatery showcases sophisticated American cooking, including salads, grilled fish, chicken and comfort food, such as meatloaf. Casual elegance at its best with sidewalk cafe, club-like bar and skylit dining space. Mon-Sat 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–10 p.m. L, D, SB 10 a.m.–3 p.m., C, VP Tue-Sat evenings. \$\$\$

**The Sunset Grill & Tap**, 130 Brighton Ave. (corner of Harvard and Brighton avenues), Allston, 617-254-1331. This popular Allston hangout features Boston's best beer selection, with more than 112 beers on tap and over 400 microbrews. Its food entices too, with award-winning steam beer burgers, famous curly fries, buffalo wings and giant nachos. L, D, C, LS, SB. \$

**33 Restaurant and Lounge**, 33 Stanhope St., 617-572-3311. Featuring a popular contemporary American menu, this stylish establishment transforms into the exceptional through a unique fusion of traditional New England cuisine with hints of the exotic. Under the guidance of executive chef Anthony E. Dawodu, previously of the Four Seasons Boston, this flavorful menu has gained popularity for its vegetarian options as well as the ability of its dishes to cater to dietary needs. D Mon-Sat 5–11 p.m. Bar: Mon-Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m. Lounge: Tue-Sat 8 p.m.–2 a.m. **SEE LOCATOR #12 ON CENTER MAP** \$\$\$

**Theatre Cafe**, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 617-574-2752. Located in the heart of the theater district, this restaurant features traditional American fare in a comfortable atmosphere and is a great location for pre- and post-theater dining. Seasonal outdoor dining and discounted parking at on-site garage is available. Open daily for B, L, D. \$\$

**\*Top of the Hub**, 800 Boylston St., Prudential Center, 617-536-1775. There is nothing like sitting 52 stories above Boston for dining and a spectacular view of the city. The magnificent cuisine complements the breathtaking views. L, D, LS, C. Live jazz seven nights a week. \$\$\$

**UpStairs on the Square**, 91 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this lush urban oasis features everything from gourmet pizza to Colorado rack of lamb, created by renowned chefs Amanda Lydon and Susan Regis. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$

## CHINESE

**New Shanghai Restaurant**, 21 Hudson St., Chinatown, 617-338-6688. Specializing in Shanghai and Cantonese cuisine, this much-lauded Chinatown destination features a menu chock full of Chinese favorites, such as General Gau's chicken and Peking duck, as well as delectable seafood dishes, like the crispy whole fish and scallops with black peppercorn glaze. L, D, LS. \$\$

**Peking Tom's Longtang Lounge**, 25 Kingston St., 617-482-6282. This hip, funky downtown eatery specializes in gourmet makeovers of traditional Cantonese and Polynesian dishes such as kung pao chicken and the ubiquitous pu pu platter, as well as potent, colorful cocktails like the scorpion bowl and the innovative kumquat mojito. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$

**P.F. Chang's**, 8 Park Plaza, Theatre District, 617-573-0821. Traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality combine in this upbeat bistro. Specialties include Chang's chicken in soothing lettuce wraps, Dan Dan noodles and orange peel shrimp. An array of vegetarian dishes such as Sichuan-style long beans and stir-fried spicy eggplant are also available. Enjoy an impressive list of over 50 wines. Reservations accepted but not required. L & D Sun-Wed 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til midnight. C, LS. \$\$\$

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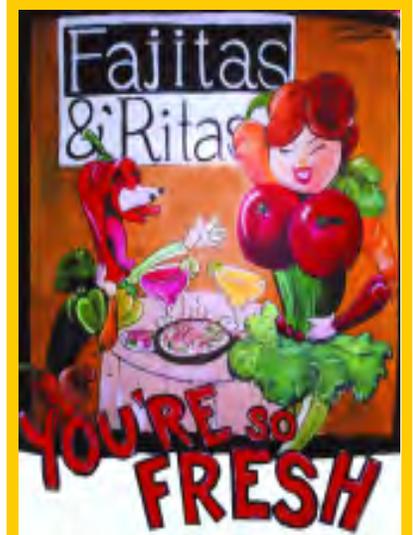
**Lala Rokh**, 97 Mt. Vernon St., 617-720-5511. Lala Rokh, the legendary princess immortalized in the 19th-century tale by Irish poet Thomas Moore, is honored by brother/sister team Babak and Azita Bina. Using their mother's home-style Persian recipes and unusual imported spices, they've created a unique dining experience in the only restaurant of its kind in New England. Elegant and affordable, it's a highlight of historic Beacon Hill. L Mon-Fri noon–3 p.m.; D nightly 5:30–10 p.m. Reservations recommended. VP. www.lalarokh.com \$\$\$

## FRENCH/FRENCH-AMERICAN

**Aujourd'hui**, Four Seasons Hotel Boston, 200 Boylston St., 617-351-2037. Featuring an ambiance of contemporary elegance with the Public Garden as a backdrop, this eatery is one of only two restaurants in the state to receive the AAA Five Diamond Award. With its recent re-opening and new look, Aujourd'hui welcomes chef de cuisine Jerome Legras, whose debut menu of modern French cuisine uses the freshest regional ingredients. To complement the flavors, sommelier Ted Davidson offers an award-winning selection of wine from an 1,800-bottle library. Reservations recommended. D Mon-Sat 5:30–10:30 p.m., Sun 6–10 p.m.; SB 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m. \$\$\$\$

**Brasserie Jo**, The Colonnade Hotel, 120 Huntington Ave., 617-425-3240. Regional French cooking in the classic brasserie style. The "sister" of chef Jean Joho's award-winning Chicago restaurant combines traditional favorites (coq au vin and steak frites) with unique specialties (Uncle Hansi's onion tart). Home-brewed beer, a wine list and desserts in the French tradition complete this Gallic experience. Seasonal outdoor patio. B, L, D. \$\$

**\*Café Fleuri**, Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. Feast under the stars in Mediterranean ambiance. Enjoy what *Boston* magazine hails as "the best Sunday brunch in Boston" or partake in a wonderful à la carte menu featuring Mediterranean fare, regional American specialties, and authentic French pastries and desserts—all within a beautiful sunlit garden atrium. B Mon-Fri 6:30–11:30 a.m., Sat 7:30–11 a.m.; L daily 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon-Sat 6–10 p.m., Sun 4–10 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. \$\$\$



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**Clio**, The Eliot Hotel, 370-A Commonwealth Ave., 617-536-7200. James Beard Award-winning chef Ken Oringer serves up French-American fare with some striking Asian influences in a sleek, sophisticated atmosphere that's styled after a Parisian supper club. Bacon-wrapped foie gras, caramelized swordfish au poivre and ginger-glazed oxtail keep customers coming back for more. D. \$\$\$\$

**Hammersley's Bistro**, 533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700. This pioneering French-American classic, helmed by the husband and wife team of Gordon and Fiona Hammersley, first put the South End dining scene on the map. Try the duck confit or the roast chicken with garlic, lemon and parsley. Long regarded as one of the city's top tables. D. \$\$\$\$

**\*Julien**, Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. The award-winning Julien offers creative contemporary French cuisine in a formal dining room of unparalleled elegance and intimacy. An ideal setting for pre-theatre dining, a private business dinner or a romantic celebration. D Mon-Sat 6-10 p.m. Tapas menu available at bar Mon-Fri 4-7 p.m. \$\$\$\$

**L'Espalier**, 30 Gloucester St., 617-262-3023. Situated in a historic Back Bay townhouse, this sophisticated French classic helmed by top chef Frank McClelland is a favorite of both power brokers and couples on a romantic night out. D. \$\$\$\$

**Locke-Ober**, 3 Winter Place, 617-542-1340. Helmed by local culinary innovator Lydia Shire (Biba, Excelsior), this downtown landmark has been refurbished and restored to its former glory. The menu of this Boston Brahmin bastion has been updated, but Shire has kept many of its classics, including the steak tartar and the legendary lobster Savannah. L, D, LS. \$\$\$\$

**No. 9 Park**, 9 Park St., 617-742-9991. Nationally acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch serves up French and Italian style dishes in a sophisticated bistro atmosphere atop Beacon Hill. Chef Lynch has a subtle hand in the kitchen, turning out inventive renditions of classic Italian and French fare such as fresh pasta and foie gras. L, D, LS. \$\$\$\$

**Pigalle**, 75 Charles St. South, 617-423-4944. This welcoming bistro in Park Square brings exquisite French cuisine to the Theatre District via the inventive culinary artistry and personally charming service of co-owners and husband-and-wife team Marc Orfaly and Kerri Foley. D, VP. \$\$\$

**Radius**, 8 High St., 617-426-1234. James Beard Award-winning chef Michael Schlow churns out impeccably prepared nouveau French fare such as foie gras-suffused Vermont pheasant and New Zealand loin of venison in an ultra-modern, minimalist setting. Pastry chef Paul Connors creates rapturously delectable desserts. The ambiance is powerbroker chic, and the service is top-notch. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

**Spire**, Nine Zero Hotel, 90 Tremont St., 617-772-0202. Alluringly ensconced in Boston's most fashionable luxury boutique hotel, Spire features a striking interior and chef Gabriel Frasca's cuisine, which combines flavors from France, Italy, Spain and Portugal with seasonal New England ingredients. Named one of "America's 50 Best Hotel Restaurants" by *Food and Wine*. B, L, D, LS, VP. \$\$\$\$

## FRENCH COUNTRY

**Hungry i**, 71 1/2 Charles St., 617-227-3524. This restored two-story Beacon Hill townhouse features three working fireplaces and a charming outdoor patio. Chef Peter Ballarin celebrates over 20 years of romancing patrons with French country cuisine and his flair for creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre, braised rabbit a la moutard and turbin of sole. L Thu and Fri only, noon-2 p.m.; D 5:30-9:30 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Private dining room available upon request. *SEE LOCATOR #6 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$\$

## INDIAN

**Gandhi**, 704 Mass. Ave., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-491-1104. Savor the scents and flavors of India and enjoy exceptional Indian cuisine in the heart of Central Square. Only the freshest produce, herbs and delicate spices are used to prepare the healthy fare. L daily noon-3 p.m.; D noon-11 p.m.; SB noon-3 p.m. L buffet daily noon-3 p.m., "All you can eat" \$5.95. Beer & wine. \$

## INTERNATIONAL

**Intrigue**, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-856-7744. Casual elegance surrounds this unique cafe. Beautiful decor and breathtaking harbor views are perfect for those who desire a cosmopolitan, relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy a global menu created by renowned chef Daniel Bruce. B, L, D, LS. \$

**\*Jacob Wirth**, 37 Stuart St., 617-338-8586. Opened in 1868, Jacob Wirth is the city's second-oldest restaurant and a Boston classic, serving European, American and traditional German fare, including wiener schnitzel, sauerbraten and a great selection of German beers. This Theater District mainstay still has the look of an old-time saloon, complete with an ancient mahogany bar, weathered hardwood floors and weekly piano sing-alongs. L, D, C, LS. \$\$

**Rialto**, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants features fine wines and cuisine from France, Italy and Spain. Chef Jody Adams lends her creative talents to seasonal dinner menu items such as grilled pork tenderloin with Ligurian potato-cheese pie, pine nuts and basil. D only. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$\$

**\*The Ritz-Carlton Hotel**, 15 Arlington St., 617-536-5700. This 1927 culinary landmark offers award-winning contemporary French cuisine. The historic Dining Room is available for special events only. The Cafe: B, L, D, Sat & SB. The Lounge: L, D, C, LS. The Bar: L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

**Sonsie**, 327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500. Recommended by *Boston* magazine as the place to "see and be seen." The lively restaurant features a streetside cafe, 50-foot mahogany bar, brick oven and colorful dining room. The menu by award-winning chef Bill Poirier includes tempura tuna roll with avocado, mizuna and tobiko caviar and herb pappardelle with asparagus. L, D, C, LS, VP. \$\$\$

**Zephyr on the Charles**, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, 617-441-6510. This restaurant serves small-

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## IRISH

**\*Black Rose**, 160 State St., next to Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-742-2286. Located in the Faneuil Hall Marketplace area, this popular pub features aged beef, chicken, fresh native seafood, light fare, hearty sandwiches and other American and Irish classics from the grill served in a casual, jovial atmosphere. Live Irish music nightly and weekend afternoons. L, D, LS, SB. Traditional Irish breakfast served. \$

**\*The Green Dragon Tavern**, 11 Marshall St., 617-367-0055. Boston's premier 18th-century tavern, located on the Freedom Trail, is home to Boston's only Guinness/Oyster Festival. Microbrews and a large selection of imported beers flow from its taps. Live entertainment nightly, with a traditional Irish seisiun (session) Sat 4-8 p.m. L, D, C, Sat & SB. \$

**\*Hennessy's of Boston**, 25 Union St., 617-742-2121. Located near Faneuil Hall, Hennessy's serves up items like wood-grilled Irish salmon, Kilmacalog chowder, shepherd's pie, burgers, soups, salads and a huge bar appetizer menu. An extensive beer and wine list, private snugs, farmer's tables and a turf-burning fireplace. Featuring live entertainment five nights a week and monthly performances by pop bands directly from Ireland. L, D, SB. \$

## ITALIAN

**Antonio's**, 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310. One of Boston's finest Italian restaurants (across from Massachusetts General Hospital on historic Beacon Hill). Traditional Italian food with nightly specials and complementing wine list. Specials include homemade fusilli, shrimp margarita and chicken/sausage vinegar peppers and potatoes. L, D Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. \$

**Caffe Pompei**, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562. Pompei features a wide variety of coffee, 160 wines by the glass, Italian cordials, pizza, Italian sandwiches, homemade cannoli and ice cream imported from Italy. Open daily 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; B 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; L 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; LS 'til 3:30 a.m. *SEE LOCATOR #2 ON CENTER MAP.* \$

**Caffe Vittoria**, 296 Hanover St., 617-227-7606. This popular European-style cafe in the North End offers a variety of desserts, cappuccino and espresso. Sun-Thu 8 a.m.-midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 12:30 a.m. \$

**Caliterra**, Wyndham Boston Hotel, 89 Broad St., 617-348-1234. Located in the heart of the Financial District, this casual, upscale restaurant features Cal-Ital cuisine with seasonal New England flavors. B, L, D. \$\$\$

**Ciao Bella**, 240A Newbury St., 617-536-2626. Modern Italian decor accented with marble and woodwork forms a graceful backdrop for the house specialty—chops. Fresh Alaskan king crab, tender lamb chops and veal chops head up the menu, accompanied by moderately priced wines. L, D, LS daily; SB 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$\$\$

**Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse**, 75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810; Royal Sonesta Hotel, 5 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge, 617-661-4810. *Refer to listing under Steakhouses for full description.* \$\$\$

**Florentine Cafe**, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents since its post-Prohibition debut, this historic North End cafe has become one of Boston's culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with fresh tomatoes and lobster cream sauce, seared veal with grilled shrimp in Frangelico mushroom sauce, and grilled prosciutto-wrapped Angus beef with alfredo risotto are just a few of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon-1 a.m. L, D, C. *SEE LOCATOR #5 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

**Lucca Restaurant & Bar**, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200. Winner of the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence 2002, *Zagat Survey's* "Top New Restaurant 2002" and winner of Best of Boston 2001, this new North End eatery is racking up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, award-winning wine list, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D nightly 5-11 p.m.; weekends 5-11:30 p.m.; bar menu 'til 12:15 a.m.; C 'til 1 a.m. VP. *SEE LOCATOR #9 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

**Mamma Maria**, 3 North Square, Prince and Garden Court streets, 617-523-0077. "Mamma Maria stands for what Italian food is. Simplicity, quality ingredients and fun...the food of love." (Emeril Lagasse, *Food Network*, 2004). "Best Italian Cuisine" (*Frommer's Boston 2005*). Set in a three-story, 19th-century brick row house overlooking North Square in the North End, Mamma Maria offers charming views of the neighborhood and city skyline, as well as a *Wine Spectator* Award-winning wine list. The seasonal menu features regional Italian dishes using local ingredients. Five private dining rooms available. D Sun-Thu 5-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. Reservations accepted. VP. [www.mammamaria.com](http://www.mammamaria.com). *SEE LOCATOR #10 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

**Massimino's Cucina Italiana**, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959. Owner/chef Massimino was formerly head chef of England's Birmingham Hotel, Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel. Elegant, comfortable surroundings. Specialties include: veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives; and Norwegian salmon stuffed with escarole and shrimp in a wild mushroom cream sauce. Parking nearby. L, D, LS, C. Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sun noon-9 p.m. \$

**Teatro**, 177 Tremont St., 617-778-6841. One of the hottest additions to the Theatre District, Teatro's reasonably priced Italian-influenced menu was created by executive chef Robert Jean with owner/chef Jamie Mammano. The restaurant has been praised by foodies and critics alike, dubbed "Best Pre-Theatre Dining 2003" (*Improper Bostonian*) and "Best Italian Restaurant 2003" (*Boston magazine*). D Mon-Sat 5 p.m.-midnight; Sun 4-11 p.m. Matinee L Sat & Sun from 11:30 a.m. Reservations accepted. [www.teatroboston.com](http://www.teatroboston.com) \$\$\$

## MEDITERRANEAN

**Bar 10**, The Westin Hotel, Copley Place, 10 Huntington Ave., 617-424-7446. This sleek, contemporary bistro serves creative Mediterranean cuisine and offers an exceptional wine list. Enjoy grilled Greek salad flatbread pizza or tagliarini provencale in a cosmopolitan atmosphere. L, D, C, LS. \$\$

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## MUSEUM DINING

**Bravo**, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-369-3474. Bravo is an exciting addition to the culinary offerings at the MFA. Chef Benjamin Cevolo brings the creative flair he developed while working with Wolfgang Puck, offering a light, eclectic and contemporary menu. The restaurant is a work of art itself, with bold colors and clean lines created by famed restaurant designer Peter Niemitz. The inviting, warm ambiance complements a rotating selection of some of the MFA's modern masterpieces. L daily 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Wed–Fri 5:30–8:30 p.m.; SB 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. \$\$\$

**Museum of Science**, Science Park, 617-723-2500. Dinner and a movie is old news—today it's brunch and a movie at the noon-time Skyline Sunday Brunch, offering views of the Charles River and the Cambridge and Boston skylines. The package includes tickets to the newest IMAX film in the Mugar Omni Theatre, admission to the exhibit halls and free parking. *Tickets: \$32; seniors \$31; children \$30.* Reservations recommended. The Science Street Cafe offers appetizers and drinks before or after viewing the exhibit hall, Fri from 6–10 p.m. \$

## NEW ENGLAND

**\*Durgin-Park**, 340 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-2038. A Boston landmark in historic Faneuil Hall (where your grandfather and great-grandfather may have dined) features steaks, chops and seafood in a New England tradition. Piano and oyster bars open late. L, D. \$

**Henrietta's Table**, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5005. "Fresh and Honest" is its creed. Nothing but locally grown and organic produce are used to create a lively and textured menu of reinterpreted New England classics. Daily specials feature the best available fruits, vegetables, fish, poultry and meats, prepared in an open kitchen. Private dining room available. B Mon–Fri 6:30–11 a.m.; Sat 7–11 a.m.; Sun 7–10:30 a.m.; Sat and SB noon–3 p.m.; L Mon–Sat noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5:30–10 p.m. \$

**Sheraton Commander Restaurant**, 16 Garden St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-234-1365. New England-style cuisine in a relaxed, elegant setting with a casual atmosphere. B, L, D, SB. \$\$\$

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**The Barking Crab**, 88 Sleeper St., 617-426-CRAB. No frills, just down-and-dirty dining at this ramshackle little clam shack that has become a Boston dining institution. You'll pluck mussels and steamers from plastic buckets and drink wine out of styrofoam cups under a red and yellow outdoor tent brimming with communal-style picnic tables. The fare includes fresh fish specials of the day, the Barking Crab cake burger and lobster and crabmeat rolls. L & D Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 1 a.m. *SEE LOCATOR #1 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$

**Chart House**, 60 Long Wharf, 617-227-1576. The Chart House boasts an impressive menu of fresh seafood, steaks and more. Surrounded by waterfront views, the eatery offers specialties like the crab, avocado and mango stack appetizer; shrimp fresca; macadamia crusted mahi-mahi; slow roasted prime rib; and its signature dessert—hot chocolate lava cake. Private parties for 30 or more by reservation only. L, D, C. \$\$\$

**Dolphin Seafood**, 1105 Mass Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-2937; 12 Washington St., Natick, 508-655-0669. Its motto is "Fish fresher than ours hasn't been served yet." These family-owned restaurants, which have served the local community since 1974, offer seafood hand-picked every morning from the Boston piers. Relax in a casual and friendly atmosphere. Specials include: salmon, scrod, seafood combination plates, clambake dinners and steamed lobsters, complemented by their famous "Dolphin tini" cocktail. L & D Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m. [www.dolphinseafood.com](http://www.dolphinseafood.com) \$\$

**Gourmeli's Seafood**, Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave., 617-236-5800 ext. 6741. Enjoy the sushi bar or indulge in fresh lobster, swordfish and more. Offering an array of fresh New England seafood and entrees. B, L, D. \$\$\$

**Great Bay**, Hotel Commonwealth, 500 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-5300. Christopher Myers and chef Michael Schlow (Radius, Via Matta) present their unique take on the seafood and raw bar concepts. This eclectic space in Kenmore Square serves delectable fare such as fish tacos and the acclaimed baked stuffed lobster. L, D, SB, C, LS. \$\$\$

**Harborside Grill**, Hyatt Harborside, 101 Harborside Drive, 617-568-6060. The Harborside Grill offers panoramic views of the Boston skyline from every seat in the dining room. During the day, the casual atmosphere makes it a welcoming location for a cup of coffee or bowl of chowder. In the evening, the Grill is transformed into a sophisticated dining room featuring fresh New England seafood. Open daily 6 a.m.–10 p.m. B, L, D, SB, C, LS, VP. \$\$\$

**Jasper White's Summer Shack**, 50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500. World-renowned chef, cookbook author and Boston foodie godfather Jasper White brings his extensive knowledge of seafood and New England fare to the Back Bay and Cambridge. For a casual night out, the restaurant offers the freshest seafood available, including the chef's famous pan-roasted lobster, hearty chowders, grilled fish, award-winning fried chicken and an unparalleled raw bar.

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from 3–5 p.m.; D Mon–Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun  
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p.m. VP. *SEE LOCATOR #8 ON CENTER MAP* \$\$\$

**Legal Sea Foods Restaurant**, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor  
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**McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant**, Boston Park  
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**Oceana**, Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 296 State St., 617-227-3838.  
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**Skipjack's Seafood Emporium**, 199 Clarendon St., Copley  
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**Turner Fisheries**, Westin Hotel Copley Place, corner of Stuart  
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**Wisteria**, Doubletree Hotel Boston, 821 Washington St., 617-956-  
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**Ye Olde Union Oyster House**, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750. Steps  
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Sat 'til 10 p.m. VP. www.unionoysterhouse.com \$\$\$

### SOUTHWESTERN

**Cottonwood Cafe**, 222 Berkeley St., 617-247-2225. Specialties  
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p.m. C, LS, VP. www.cottonwoodboston.com \$\$\$

**Fajitas & Ritas**, 25 West St., 617-426-1222; 1237 Hancock St.,  
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### STEAKHOUSES

**Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse**, 75 Arlington St., 617-  
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Sun–Tue 5–10 p.m., Wed–Sat 'til 11 p.m.; C, VP.  
www.davios.com. *SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP* \$\$\$

**\*The Oak Room**, 138 St. James Ave., Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel,  
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# The NORTH END

Renowned as Boston's "Little Italy," the North End is constantly brimming with the aroma of garlic and freshly cooked cuisine. But its storied history is also part of its charm. The oldest neighborhood in the city, it gave birth to the American Revolution on its narrow cobblestone streets and has been home to wave after wave of new immigrants. Today, the North End remains one of the most European neighborhoods in America. Here's a look at what you'll find:

## FOOD

The North End is widely known for its abundance of Italian restaurants. The cuisine is authentic and consistently delicious, whether Old World Sicilian, traditional Northern Italian or Mediterranean fusion. And though the ambience can be boisterous, romantic or somewhere in between, the setting is usually intimate, with patrons rubbing elbows with one another in crowded dining rooms—it's all part of the European feel.

## SIGHTSEEING

One of Boston's most well-known attractions is, of course, the Freedom Trail. Three of its sites are located in the North End. The **Paul Revere House**, Boston's oldest home built circa 1680, was occupied by the famed silversmith/patriot/midnight rider and his family (including 16 children!) from 1770–1800. Christ Church, a.k.a. the **Old North Church**, Boston's oldest standing church (built in 1723) served as the signal tower that spurred

Revere on his jaunt through the countryside. And **Copp's Hill Burying Ground**, founded in 1660 as the Hub's second cemetery, provided the final resting place of many famous colonials, such as the Puritan preachers of the Mather family, including Salem Witch Trial-era firebrand Cotton Mather, and Edmund Hartt, whose shipyard constructed the U.S. Navy's flagship *U.S.S. Constitution*.

## ENTERTAINMENT

In keeping with its Old World character, the North End observes many traditions imported from the shores of Europe. One such annual rite is the weekly **Italian feasts and processions**, kept alive by immigrants and their descendants, that take place throughout the summer and enliven this already spirited locale. These spectacles usually celebrate the patron saints of Italian villages and center around jubilant parades of the saints' statues through the North End's winding roadways. Food vendors, hawking everything from

sausage to calamari, add their own flavor to the scene.

If you're looking for belly laughs instead of a full belly, have a seat at the **Improv Asylum** on Hanover Street to take in the wild antics of this innovative comedy troupe. The Asylum offers off-the-cuff fun and hilarity at its original North End venue.

And if you haven't had enough of good old Paul Revere, check out **Paul Revere Tonight**, which runs at the Old North Church during the summer and fall. Award-winning actor David Conner re-creates this legendary figure and tells the oft-untold stories of Revere's upbringing and his midnight ride.

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## DAVIDE

326 Commercial St., 617-227-5745  
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An integral part of the North End's dining scene for over 20 years, Davide first opened in 1982. While reflecting the rich traditions of Northern Italy, the dishes amaze diners with their originality. Davide has earned numerous accolades over the years, including recognition as one of the nation's top 50 Italian restaurants, and boasts one of the finest wine lists in the city.



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Carre D'Angello all'Aglio e Rosmarino: Roasted rack of lamb with a roasted garlic and rosemary crust in Barolo wine

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**LUCCA**

During the heady days of the 1990s, the face of Boston's Old World neighborhoods began to change. Alongside traditional eateries, a deluge of new dining destinations sprouted like high-tech businesses along Route 128. The restaurants usually featured some sort of nouveau or fusion cuisine, and like so many dot-com dreams, many of these eateries never found a foothold.

Although the North End restaurant **Lucca** showcases decidedly nouveau leanings, its reverence for the traditions and techniques of northern Italian cuisine has helped to ensure its longevity in the neighborhood. The chic yet inviting Lucca has not only earned raves as one of the best eateries in the North End, it has also gained a reputation as one of the finest in the entire Boston dining scene.

The contemporary decor is soothing to the eye, with subdued lighting, stained glass windows, marble floors and white linen-adorned tables. The two most striking features in the

milieu are the mahogany bar and open-air French doors in the front.

Like its surroundings, the Tuscan-style fare possesses a confident swagger. The *torta d'anatra*—a rustic duck, spinach and goat cheese tart—is one of Lucca's most popular appetizers. Dressed in a rich berblanc and mustard sauce, the dish offers an intriguing contrast of flavors, with the sharp cheese serving as a counterpoint to the savory duck. Other noteworthy starters include *Prince Edward Island mussels* and a *warm potato and wild mushroom lasagna*.

The grilled halibut entree boasts earthy shiitake mushrooms, sweet tomatoes, juicy artichokes and pungent olives accenting and enlivening the light, tasty fish. The classic, perfectly cooked *beef tenderloin* is lathered in a roasted shallot demi-glaze and cooked in a wild-mushroom risotto. Don't miss desserts either, which include irresistible confections like warm *flourless chocolate cake* and the *zabione*, an Italian version of *creme brulee*. 

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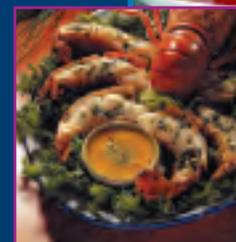
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