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A typical South End townhouse sports the neighborhood’s signature ironwork and bow-fronted exterior.

Photo: Della Huff.

South End Exposure:
The South End’s historic, bow-fronted architecture evokes the late-afternoon light. Refer to story, page 14.

Photo by Della Huff.
Cost-Free Culture

The only thing better than going to a museum and expanding your mind is doing so without contracting your wallet. That’s why Bostonians and Cantabridgians are justifiably excited about Bank of America’s Museums on Us program. This nationwide program—which allows anyone holding a Bank of America ATM card free admission to participating museums—has expanded from past years, and is now in effect the first full weekend of every month for a full year.

That means that on June 7 & 8, visitors to the Museum of Fine Arts (pictured above) and the Harvard Museum of Natural History are admitted gratis, giving guests a chance to see the MFA’s world-renowned art collections from the four corners of the globe or marvel at specimens from the natural world at HMNH. You can’t put a price on the opportunity to see such one-of-a-kind delights—and thanks to Museums on Us, now you don’t have to! Refer to listings, pages 26 & 28.

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THE SCOOP FROM CITY HALL

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. And when that ice cream is all-you-can-eat, featuring some of the most insanely delicious flavors by all of the region’s top ice cream makers, now you’re really talking something worth screaming about.

That’s the fantastic frozen fun to be found at the annual Scooper Bowl, taking place June 10–12 at City Hall Plaza. The event—a fundraiser for the children’s cancer charity The Jimmy Fund—allows you to indulge your sweet tooth by sampling as much delicious ice cream as you can handle from desertmakers like Baskin-Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery and Ben & Jerry’s. And this year, the event is running a few hours later than in the past—as late as 8 pm. on June 11—giving you even more time to stuff your face...er, we mean, “to do some good.” Refer to listing, page 22.

BOSTON SHOWS ITS PRIDE

The first week of June is traditionally Boston’s annual Pride Week, celebrating the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and this year is no exception. A week of special festivities, parades and performances (visit www.bostonpride.org for a complete schedule of related events) culminates this year with the June 14 Pride Festival. The event features a parade, beginning at noon at the corner of Tremont and Clarendon streets, and ending at City Hall Plaza, where participants can peruse more than 100 merchandise and food vendors and enjoy musical performances from local and national acts. It’s one heck of a block party celebrating inclusion, diversity, and, above all, good times. Refer to listing, page 22.

ALLSTON-YOU-CAN-EAT

Just beyond Boston University sits the multicultural neighborhood of Allston, a student mecca that’s also one of the city’s best spots for diverse, delicious and often inexpensive cuisine. Gourmands looking to explore this diversity and soak up some rays at the same time can head to Christian Herter Park along the Charles River on June 15 from noon–3 p.m., as the Allston Village Main Streets organization hosts the 11th annual Taste of Allston event (pictured above). This delicious day features food from dozens of Allston’s top restaurants—a veritable United Nations of tasty treats from China, Brazil, Italy, India, Colombia, the U.S. and more—all for $20. It’s a great chance to tour the world without ever leaving Boston. Your taste buds will thank you for it. Visit www.allstonvillage.com for more information.

Tuesday, June 3–Saturday, June 7

J.D. Drew (pictured) and the Boston Red Sox take on a divisional rival—the surprisingly improved Tampa Bay Rays, led by Carl Crawford and B.J. Upton—at Fenway Park. Refer to listing, page 23.

Thursday, June 5

Two generations of amazing vocalists cross paths at Bank of America Pavilion when bluegrass singer Alison Krauss and Led Zeppelin frontman Robert Plant join forces. Refer to listing, page 20.

Saturday, June 7

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water, Harvard Square’s Brattle Theatre unrolls a New England summertime classic—Steven Spielberg’s terrifying 1975 blockbuster Jaws. Refer to listing, page 20.

Tuesday, June 10

An annual tradition celebrating Asian culture returns to Boston as the popular Dragon Boat Festival takes place along the banks of the Charles River. Refer to listing, page 22.

Tuesday, June 10

Three vignettes illustrating the human need to interact with others come to life when North Shore Music Theatre mounts its production of Susan Stroman’s haunting, award-winning show Contact. Refer to listing, page 23.

Wednesday, June 11

One of modern R&B’s top talents comes to Boston as multiple Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and pianist Alicia Keys plays the TD Banknorth Garden. Refer to listing, page 21.

Saturday, June 7

Stand-up comedy doesn’t come any more vital, energetic and hilarious than from the one and only Chris Rock, who comes to the Wang Theatre for two shows. Refer to listing, page 19.
The Boys of Spring

The story of She Loves Me—the acclaimed Joe Masteroff/Sheldon Harnick/Jerry Bock musical that premiered in 1963—has been told and re-told many times over the years, including in the non-musical films The Shop Around the Corner and You’ve Got Mail. This romantic tale of a pair of bitter rivals by day—unaware that they’re also romantic, anonymous penpals by night—closes Huntington’s 2007–08 season, as well as outgoing Artistic Director (and She Loves Me director) Nicholas Martin’s tenure at the helm of the Huntington. A cast of stellar actors (including Brooks Ashmankas, Kate Baldwin and Jessica Stone) adds to the fun as Martin wraps up his days at the Huntington with a play brimming with nostalgia, romance and great songs. Refer to listing, page 24.

Love Letters

Shakespeare 2.0

Considering that the words, “Wanna go see the new Shakespeare play tonight?” haven’t been uttered since around the year 1616, one would have to consider American Repertory Theatre’s production of Cardenio a pretty big deal. Okay, so technically the play was written by Shakespeare scholar Stephen Greenblatt and contemporary playwright Charles L. Mee, but Cardenio is inspired by an actual play by the Bard himself—one that was lost to history shortly after its first performance back in the days of Queen Elizabeth I. The play, which takes place at a wedding in Umbria, places familiar Shakespearean romantic-comedic confusion and stirring verse into a modern setting, bringing Old Will into a whole new era. Refer to listing, page 23.

Top left photo by Mike Lovett; top right photo by Eric Antoniou
Inspirational Italian

**BENATTI**
1128 Cambridge St.
Cambridge
617-492-6300

Some restaurants burst on the scene with such overwhelmingly positive reviews that you know there’s something special going on in the kitchen. By all accounts, Benatti—the small Italian eatery named for its chef, Andrea Benatti, that recently opened in Cambridge’s Inman Square—is that sort of restaurant. Boasting a small menu reflecting the chef’s Modena heritage, the tiny eatery—Inman Square—is that sort of restaurant. Boasting a small chef, Andrea Benatti, that recently opened in Cambridge’s all accounts, Benatti—the small Italian eatery named for its

Hold the Cracker Jack

**AROA FINE CHOCOLATE**
1951 Washington St.
617-425-4988

Attention chocolate lovers: Throw out those Whitman’s Sampers left over from Mother’s Day or (gulp) Easter, and get to the South End immediately, where you’ll find Boston’s newest nirvana for fans of all things chocolate—chef Alejandro Luna’s exquisite sweet shop, Aroa Fine Chocolate. The former executive pastry chef at the Langham Hotel has opened an emporium filled with high-end European-style desserts, nougats, marshmallows, macaroons, hot chocolate and everything else a chocoholic could imagine, including Aroa’s specialty bonbons in flavors like mango coriander, spicy tuna and avocado, enrobed in raw mango and garnished with gold leaf at Haru (55 Huntington Ave., 617-536-0770) and the Dice K Sake Cocktail, a mixture of sake and pomegranate juice, at Privus Lounge (165 Brighton Ave., 617-787-7483).

Cocktail of the Week

**THE NAKED I**
Johnnie’s on the Side
138 Portland St.
617-227-1588

Back in Boston’s good old days (or bad old days, if you ask Mayor Thomas Menino), The Naked I was the name of a strip club in Boston’s infamous adult district, affectionately dubbed “The Combat Zone.” These days, such unsavory venues have all but vanished—but new restaurant Johnnie’s on the Side is keeping the memory of a saucier period in Hub history alive with its Naked I cocktail. This potent libation is a mixture of Triple 8 vanilla vodka, Mozart white chocolate liqueur, white Crème de Cacao and a splash of raspberry liqueur. This Naked I packs a pleasant kick and, best of all, doesn’t require a thick wad of singles to be enjoyed.

Here Comes the Bridezilla

**MY BIG FAT RASHOMON WEDDING**
ImprovBoston
June 6 & 13 at 8 p.m.

W edding season is in full swing, but it’s a safe bet you won’t attend a set of nuptials this year as funny as My Big Fat Rashomon Wedding, taking place Fridays at ImprovBoston’s Central Square theatre. Each week, audiences get to experience a hilariously improvised wedding ceremony from the perspective of a different character—be it the groom, the best man or even the not-to-be-trifled-with bride herself (pictured). This multi-perspective show modeled on Akira Kurosawa’s film Rashomon is a hilarious exploration of the emotions and chaos that goes on behind the scenes of any wedding. Best of all, you don’t even have to bring a gift! Refer to listing, page 19.

Garden Party

**BRIGHTON BEER GARDEN**
388 Market St., Brighton
617-562-6000

During the summer months, one of Boston’s prime nighttime activities is watching our hometown hardball team, the Boston Red Sox. Although best enjoyed as a communal experience, tickets to games at Fenway are hard to come by and bars around the park fill up fast. That’s why sports fans are stoked about the arrival of Brighton Beer Garden, a new nightspot that combines an expansive beer menu with a whopping 40 HD televisions to create a perfect spot for catching every inning of Sox action. And if you’re not a baseball fanatic, fear not—the BBG also features live music and a delicious menu which ensures a night out that’s a home run for all.

**TOP LEFT PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SAS； TOP RIGHT PHOTO BY JONATHAN DAISY； BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SAS； BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO BY ETHAN B. BACKER**
THE SCRUMPTIOUS SOUTH END
One of the first developments that truly put the South End on the map as an up-and-coming neighborhood was the emergence of some top restaurants. The city’s best chefs found their way here, and led city dwellers and visitors to the South End by their stomachs. And today, the scene continues to explode with what seem to be new restaurant openings each month, allowing new blood to go toe-to-toe with established culinary players in a win-win situation for Boston gourmands.

Chef Gordon Hamersley was one of the pioneers of the South End dining scene when he and his wife Fiona opened Hamersley’s Bistro (refer to listing, page 61) almost 20 years ago. The much-acclaimed eatery is notable for providing exquisite gourmet food in a comfortable atmosphere devoid of stuffiness and pretension.

Hamersley is far from the only “celebrity” chef that’s looked to the South End to express his culinary talents. The red-hot Ken Oringer, who has eateries sprinkled around the city, chose the South End for his Spanish tapas bar Toro (refer to listing, page 62), which boasts a diverse menu of hot and cold small plates perfect for sharing with fellow diners. Chef Barbara Lynch has two eateries in the neighborhood: B&G Oysters (refer to listing, page 61), her collaboration with Garrett Harker specializing in fresh seafood delicacies, and The Butcher Shop (552 Tremont St., 617-423-4800), an authentic Parisian-style charcuterie that’s all about exploring the bold flavors of meat. And Boston restaurant giant Christopher Myers (Radius, Great Bay, Via Matta) and his...
fiancée, pastry goddess Joanne Chang of Flour Bakery + Café, have fired up taste buds with their delicious joint project Myers + Chang (145 Washington St., 617-542-5200), a trendy spot specializing in modern takes on traditional Asian cuisine.

Dining in the South End isn’t just about the big names in the kitchen, however. The diversity of cuisine is really what sets the neighborhood apart as one of the best dining districts in Boston. Lovers of upscale French cuisine can find themselves in restaurant heaven at spots like Gallic brasserie Gaslight (560 Harrison Ave., 617-422-0224), while those who favor Italian can delight at Chef Anthony Susi’s Sage (1395 Washington St., 617-248-8814), a recent transplant from the North End. The visually impressive Banq (1375 Washington St., 617-451-0077), which opened earlier this year in a former bank building, offers a fusion of French, Indian and Asian flavors with dishes like veal and basmati rice croquettes and tea smoked quail and date cigars.

And when you’re in the mood for something more casual, but every bit as delicious, try neighborhood spots like Pops (560 Tremont St., 617-695-1250), with its wide assortment of sandwiches and upscale take on comfort food; Anchoovies (433 Columbus Ave., 617-266-5088), which attracts loyalists with its low-key Italian-American fare, and the affordable and diverse Franklin Café (278 Shawmut Ave., 617-350-0010).

SHOPPING, ARTS & CULTURE
The number of artists living in the South End—once a significant population that helped to revitalize and reinvigorate the neighborhood—is dwindling somewhat as the neighborhood grows more affluent, but the gallery scene in the South End is still one of the strongest in the city. Galleries like the Mills Gallery inside the Boston Center for the Arts and the Boston Sculptors Gallery (refer to listings, page 29) represent one of the largest and most diverse artists’ collectives in the city—with more than 15 galleries and 50 artist studios linked together—and hosts regular events like seasonal art walks and monthly First Friday gatherings (with the next one taking place June 6) and exhibitions.

The South End is also home to a number of small theatres that produce some of Boston’s most challenging and exiting dramatic works, like SpeakEasy Stage Company, which presents Alan Bennett’s The History Boys at the Boston Center for the Arts through June 7, and the BCA itself, a four-acre, non-profit organization that boasts four resident theater companies and acts as a venue for productions large and small on a regular basis—including, this month, Gurnet Theatre Project’s Essential Imagination Beasts’ re-imagining of the works of Lewis Carroll, Impossible Things (June 5–14). And on the western edge of the South End, the Factory Theatre (791 Tremont St.) hosts some of Boston’s edgiest theater in its 49-seat venue, including David Mamet’s Glengarry Glen Ross through June 15. Refer to listings, pages 23 & 24.

Fashionistas seeking a refuge from the high-end chains of the Back Bay also flock to the South End to explore a wide range of funky, independent boutiques like Leokadia (667 Tremont St., 617-247-7463), with its selection of high-end footwear; artsy housewares purveyor Michelle Willey (8 Union Park St., 617-424-6700); gourmet dog treats and accessories shop Polka Dog Bakery (256 Shawmut Ave., 617-338-5155); and much more.

THE SOUTH END SOCIAL SCENE
If you’re in search of a prime spot for lounging with a cocktail while you listen to music, scouring out the singletons or just chilling with friends, the South End offers plenty of options. Flash’s Cocktails (310 Stuart St., 617-574-8888) serves up both classic libations and cutting-edge creations. The ultra-smooth 28 Degrees (1 Appleton St., 617-728-0728) is a sleek and seductive hangout offering tasty cocktails and a diverse beer selection. Clery’s (113 Dartmouth St., 617-262-9874) has a neighborhood pub feel that draws in big crowds on the weekends for food, drink and revelry. And Wally’s Café (427 Massachusetts Ave., 617-424-1408) is one of the city’s most venerable nightspots, opened back in 1947, and the last survivor of the South End’s once-impressive array of jazz clubs. Wally’s proudly continues to feature live music 365 days a year, all without charging a cover.

With a thriving gay community calling the South End home, it’s no surprise that the neighborhood boasts a few of the city’s most popular gay bars, including Club Café (209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966), a usually packed nightclub with a video bar, regular evenings devoted to ‘80s music, karaoke and dance nights, and a tasty restaurant (209 Boston) serving up grub, and Fritz Lounge (26 Chandler St., 617-482-4428), which bills itself as “Boston’s Gay Sports Bar,” and boasts six flat screen plasma TVs, dartboards and a convivial and relaxing after-work atmosphere.

The biggest new addition to the South End nightlife scene is The Beehive (541 Tremont St., 617-423-0069), a 300-seat bar/restaurant/live music venue which opened last May. According to co-owner Settles, the Beehive (named for an early 20th century artists’ colony in Paris) is a place where “mature audiences can come and enjoy themselves. Whatever they want to do—whether it’s eat dinner, come and see live music, just hang out and have a drink—they can stay out late doing it.” ❤
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CLASSICAL

BOSTON POPS, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-2378. The Boston Pops were created in 1885 by Boston Symphony Orchestra founder Henry Lee Higginson, who wanted to provide lighter musical concerts for the summertime. Led by Keith Lockhart, now in his 14th season as conductor, the Pops are a quintessentially American tradition. June 10 & 11 at 8 p.m.—JazzFest unites the Pops with Afro-Cuban virtuoso Arturo Sandoval; tickets: $19–87.

June 12–14 at 8 p.m.—The Pops welcomes guest actors Christine Ebersole, Ron Rainie and Mary Louise Wilson for three performances of Stephen Sondheim’s musical A Little Night Music; tickets: $19–87.

COMEDY

CHRIS ROCK, Oh! Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 800-447-7400. June 14 at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets: $45.50–75.50. One of comedy’s most lauded performers returns to Boston for two shows, when Chris Rock brings his incendiary brand of stand-up to the Wang. The star of film and television’s No Apologies tour—his first tour in three years—features all-new material from this masterful vet.

BOSTON POPS: Keith Lockhart leads the famed orchestra as its spring season at Symphony Hall gets into full swing. Refer to listing, left.

PHOTO BY MIRO VENTONIV

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France, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Singapore, the United Kingdom and many more.

**THE BRAITHELE T 40, 40 Bartle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.50; students & matinees $7.50; seniors & children $6.50. Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. Now showing: June 6 & 7 at 3:15 and 7:30 p.m.—From the Earth, Touch of Evil. June 7 at 10 a.m.—Inferno; June 8 at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Zelig; June 9 at 11:30 a.m.; June 12 at 8:30 p.m.—The Austin Powers: International Man from Another Place.**

**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 25 5th St., Cambridge, 617-426-6500. Call for showtimes and complete schedule.**

**The Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., Cambridge, 617-496-2222. June 13 at 8 p.m.—The Dave Brubeck Quartet, tickets: $32.50 & 40.**

**MUGAR OMNI THEATER, 160 Chestnut St., Cambridge, 617-495-4700.**

**PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATER, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-371-6400. Tickets: $10. The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening, entertaining and educational.**

**HARPERS FERRY, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-863-5099.**

**June 5 at 3:15 and 7:30 p.m.—The Hungry Caterpillar and Other Tales.**

**THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-868-4930. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $12.50; students $10; children $7.50. This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was opened in 1977 by the late Jack Kornbluth and is renowned for showcasing the best in alternative/indie rock bands.**

**PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800.**

**June 6 at 8 p.m.—Eric Clapton with Robert Randolph & The Family Band, tickets: $49.50–125. June 7 at 7:30 p.m.—R.E.M. with Modest Mouse, tickets: $22; June 8 at 9 p.m.—The Breeders, tickets: $22; June 9 at 9 p.m.—James Hunter, tickets: $15; June 10 at 8 p.m.—Jakob Dylan, tickets: $25; June 11 at 9 p.m.—The Kooks, tickets: $20; June 12 and 15 at 8 p.m.—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers with Steve Winwood, tickets: $20.**

**SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, 40 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. Showtimes: Sat & Sun at 8 and 10 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10 p.m., Sun at 7 and 9 p.m.**

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK, 2000.**

**June 15 at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—The Wild Magnolias, tickets: $22; June 7 at 7 p.m.—Angels Band, tickets: $25; June 8 at 9 p.m.—Lododo Gallery Trio, tickets: $15; June 13 at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—The Puppini Sisters, tickets: $25.**

**SANDERS THEATER, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617-496-2222. June 13 at 8 p.m.—The Dave Brubeck Quartet, tickets: $32.50 & 40.**

**TWEETER CENTER, 1040 Bennington St., 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. June 4 at 7:30 p.m.—Eric Clapton with Robert Randolph & The Family Band, tickets: $49.50–125; June 6 at 7:30 p.m.—Tim McGraw with Jason Aldean and Halway to Hazard, tickets: $22; June 6 at 9 p.m.—R.E.M. with Modest Mouse and The National, tickets: $25–75; June 14 at 7:30 p.m.—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers with Steve Winwood, tickets: $20–95; June 15 at 7:30 p.m.—Rush, tickets: $28–110.**

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SPECIAL EVENTS

BOSTON PRIDE FESTIVAL, City Hall Plaza, 617-262-9405. June 14 beginning at noon. Visit www.bostonpride.org for a complete schedule of Pride Week events. The annual Boston Pride Parade begins at noon at the corner of Tremont and Clarendon streets, featuring dozens of floats, costumes and supporters of Boston’s gay community marching to the Pride Festival at City Hall Plaza, which features more than 100 merchandise and food vendors, as well as live music and a family area featuring carnival games and much more.

BUNKER HILL WEEK CELEBRATIONS, Bunker Hill Monument and other Charlestown locations, 617-242-5601. June 10–17. Join in the revelry of Bunker Hill Week, as Bostonians and visitors commemorate Boston’s Revolutionary War history with events including a doll carriage parade for kids, a two-mile road race, re-enactments and the traditional Bunker Hill Day Parade on June 17.

CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL, Riverbend Park along Memorial Drive, between Harvard Square and Central Square, Cambridge, 617-349-4380. June 14 from noon–6 p.m. Free and open to the public. All are invited to attend this one-day celebration of the arts along the banks of the Charles River. Visitors will enjoy multiple stages featuring live jazz, world, Latin and folk music, family art-making activities, specialty food and craft vendors, public art projects and much more.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, along the Charles River, corner of De Wolfe Street and Memorial Avenue, www.bostondragonturtle.org. June 8 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Dragon Boat Festivals traditionally commemorate the life and death of the great Chinese poet Qu Yuan. The first U.S. festival was held in Boston 27 years ago as a vehicle to promote Asian culture. This year’s festival includes Hong Kong Dragon Boat Races, Chinese arts and crafts, all varieties of Asian food, martial arts demonstrations, the Wah Lum Kung Fu Academy Lion Dance and musical performances throughout the day.

SPORTS

2008 VISA CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN’S GYMNASTICS

Agganis Arena, Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Ave.

June 7–9, 1:05 p.m.

Tickets: $25–$65. Men and women compete in this international competition.

BLUE MAN GROUP

American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. Performances through June 8. Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 2, 5, and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $49–$58. This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit features three mutated, blue-painted performers who spoof both contemporary 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.

CARDENIO

North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-922-7200. Performances beginning June 10: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $29–$39. This sparkling new romantic comedy based on a play by Shakespeare that was lost soon after its first performance has been woven into a contemporary story, now set at a wedding party on the terrace of a villa in Umbria. From the crisscrossing of suspicious lovers to soliloquies reimagined as wedding toasts, this reconstruction has Shakespeare’s fingerprints all over it.

CHINESE YUAN FEAST

Riverbend Park along Memorial Avenue, www.bostondragonboat.org.

June 10 & 12 from 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m., June 11 ’til 8 p.m. Admission: $8; children (3–10) $4; children (under 3) free; 3-day Scooper Pass: $15. The nation’s largest, all-you-can-eat charity ice cream festival benefits the Jimmy Fund for children’s cancer research. The extravaganza boasts live entertainment, music, prizes and enough ice cream from Baskin-Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery, Ben & Jerry’s, Brigham’s and many others to satisfy any sweet tooth.

ESSENTIAL SELF-DEFENSE

Gurnet Theatre Project, Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. Performances beginning June 13. Wed–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25. Disgruntled outcast Yul Carroll takes a job as an attack dummy
in a woman’s self-defense class and finds himself mysteriously drawn to Sadie. When local children start vanishing at an alarming rate, our hero, his lady friend and a motley assortment of poets, butchers and punk librarians prepare to battle the darkness on the edge of town in this Boston premiere by Adam Rapp (Nocturne, Red Light Winter).

GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS, Counter-Productions Theatre Company, Factory Theatre, The Piano Factory, 791 Tremont St., 666-811-4111. Performances through June 15: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $20. David Mamet’s Pulitzer Prize-winner revolves around the cutthroat world of small-time real estate salesmen trying to grind out a living by pushing plots of land on reluctant buyers in a never-ending scramble for their fair share of the American dream.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 866-437-7172. Performances through June 7: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $51 & 54. In Alan Bennett’s Tony Award winner, a British headmaster hires a hotshot young history teacher to groom students for their college exams, pitting the young instructor against the school’s maverick English teacher, who seeks to broaden the students’ horizons in sometimes unorthodox ways.

IMPOSSIBLE THINGS, Imaginary Beasts, Hall A, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. Performances Jun 5–14: Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–$44. Oscar Wilde’s stylish comedy of manners is the story of assumed names, mistaken lovers and preposterous enchantment. This delightfully witty and light-hearted romp through Victorian society follows two young bachelors pretending to be earnest—and Ernest—as they aim to win their ladies’ hearts.

OUR TOWN, Wellesley Summer Theatre, Ruth Nagel Jones Theatre, Alumnae Hall, 106 Central St., Wellesley, 781-283-2400. Performances Jun 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14 at 8 p.m., Jun 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25–$30. The game of politics turns deadly as played by an innocent prince, his desperate mother, capricious rulers, treacherous nobles and tricky King John in Shakespeare’s often-overlooked tragedy.

RUTHELESS!, Metro Stage Company, Cambridge Family YMCA Theatre, 620 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-524-6013. Performances June 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14 at 8 p.m., Jun 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets: $20. This hysterical and campy musical comedy traces the story of 8-year-old child actress Tina Denmark, her split-personality mother Judy and her stylish talent agent, Sylvia St. Croix, who has all the charm of Joan Crawford in a day care center.

SHE LOVES ME, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warren St., 617-426-5225. Performances: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6 and 9 p.m., and Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $40. Boston’s hilarious whodunnit where the audience takes a stab at catching the killer. Become an armchair sleuth in the longest-running play in U.S. history.

SHE LOVES ME, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-286-0800. Performances: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 5 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $25–$70. Inspiration for the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan film You’ve Got Mail, this romantic musical comedy is the story of two lovesick, anonymous pen pals who work together during the day, blissfully unaware that they are writing to each other at night.

TICKETS

BOSTIX, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square, 617-722-5181. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Faneuil Hall location 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. Log on to www.bostix.org to purchase discounted tickets and receive special e-mail updates. All ticket offers subject to availability.

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.
MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; students $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.


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. The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner’s original home. Special exhibit: Passion, Design, Performance: The Art of Italian Style. Lawn events: June 8—Corvette Day; June 15—German Car Day.

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY, 200 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-7000. Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors, students & youth (6–17) $4; children (under 6) free. The Library explores the life and achievements of Mary Baker Eddy, a New England woman who defined conventional 19th-century thinking to become an influential religious leader, publisher, teacher and businesswoman. The museum also houses the famous Mapparium—a three-story stained-glass globe, opened in 1935, which allows visitors to stand in the center, giving them a unique look at how ideas have the power to inspire individuals and change the world. Special exhibits: Through June 11—German Car Day.

McMullen MUSEUM OF ART, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, 617-552-8100. Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission. Gallery tours held every Sat at 12:30 p.m. This museum is housed for presenting interdisciplinary exhibits that spark new questions and renewed for its European, Asian and American collections. Special exhibit: Through June 8—Paradise: Jewish Mosaics from the Roman Empire.


MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. Sat–Sun 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 9:45 a.m. Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): $17; students & seniors $15; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $8.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times; children (6 and under) free. The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, as well as the most comprehensive collection of Asian art in the world. Special exhibits: Sumo: Japan’s Big Sport; Zhang Daqian: Painter, Collector, Forger; Kufic Korsan: Calligraphy in the World of Islam; The Brilliance of Bird-and-Flower Painting; Gems of Asian Art; Antonio Lopez Garcia; El Greco to Velázquez. Art during the Reign of Philip III. Ticketed separately: $23, seniors & students $21, children $7.50. Special events: June 7 at 7:30 p.m.—Music: Jenny Scheinman, tickets: $18; seniors & students $14; June 11 at 7:30 p.m.—Music: Mark Kozekel and Sun Kil Moon with Marissa Nadler, tickets: $20; seniors & students $16; June 14 at 8 p.m.—The Museum Council hosts The Summer Party, a black-tie evening of art and entertainment benefiting the MFA, tickets: $150.

THE MUSEUM OF THE NATIONAL CENTER OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617-442-8614. Tue–Sun 9 a.m.–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 holds a slide archive and an extensive collection of African artifacts, prints and drawings. It also hosts national and international traveling exhibits. Special exhibits: Works by Calvin W. Burnett (1927–2007); Reflections in Exile: Five Contemporary African Artists.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri til 9 p.m. Admission: $17; seniors $15; children (3–11) $14; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available. Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium, are featured. Special exhibits: Double Exposure: Photographing Global Climate Change; Planetarium Show: What Happened to Pluto?; beginning June 15—Baseball As America, featuring memorabilia from the Baseball Hall of Fame. Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Omni Theater schedule.

OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM, 206 Washington St., 617-720-1713. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $5; seniors & students $4; children (ages 6–18) $1. At the site of the Boston Massacre and the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston, explore exhibits on the American Revolution, Boston’s maritime history and the Boston Massacre. Special exhibits: The Old State House: A Hands-on History; Every Picture Tells a Story; Our Favorite Things; The Boston Massacre: A Sound and Light Show.

SPORTS MUSEUM OF NEW ENGLAND, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Banknorth Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. Daily 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission on the hour only, til 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 New England’s rich sports heritage through an unparalleled collection of artifacts, multimedia and artwork. Exhibits include the Boston Bruins Hall of Fame portraits, the Boston Garden Penalty Box and New England’s Olympic Heroes.

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. 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. Special exhibits: Old Ironsides in War and Peace; The Barbary War.

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.

BUSCH-REISINGER MUSEUM, Werner Otto Hall, 32 Quincy St., Harvard University Center, 617-495-3040. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Tours: Mon–Fri at 1 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $7; students $6; children (under 18) free. Central and Northern European artworks, with an emphasis on German-speaking countries. Special exhibits: Art and Design from Central and Northern Europe since 1880; A Taste of Power: 18th-Century German Porcelain for the Table.

FOGG ART MUSEUM, 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: Modern Art, 1865–1905; American Art at Harvard; 18th-century European Ceramics and Paintings; Long Life Cool White: Photographs by Moya Davye; Renzo Piano’s Art Museum for Harvard.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-465-3045. Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors & students $5; children (under 18) free. Among the museum’s 17 galleries is the internationally acclaimed Wac Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of over 3,000 glass flower models created between 1850 and 1893. Special exhibits: Nests and Egg; Dodos; Trilobites and Meteorites; Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule; Carl Linnaeus: A 300-Year Legacy; Sea Creatures in Glass; Looking at Leaves: Peabody Essex Museum, 922 Salem Street, 978-745-1876. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Tours: Mon–Fri at 10 a.m. Admission: $10; seniors & students $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 event: June 6 & 7—Garden Affairs Tour, a tour of eight outstanding Concord gardens, departing from the museum, tickets: $35.


GALLERIES

APRIL 23–JUNE 1, 2008

ARTARDEN GALLERY, 169 Newbury St., 617-262-4490. Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. The Barbara Krakow Gallery attracts top contemporary artists from around the world, showcasing work that focuses on minimalism and conceptualism. Special exhibit: Perimeter: Michael Beatty.

AXELLE FINE ARTS, 91 Newbury St, 617-450-0700. Daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m. This gallery specializes in displaying the finest in contemporary French representational painting. Special exhibit: In Paris by Fabienne Delacroix.

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY, 10 Newbury St, 617-262-4490. Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. The Barbara Krakow Gallery specializes in cutting-edge contemporary art by artists of international repute. Special exhibit: Taste of Power: 18th-Century German Porcelain for the Table. Special exhibit:it: Works by Fabienne Delacroix.

BERNARD TOALE GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-482-2477. Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. This gallery, established in 1992, specializes in cutting-edge contemporary art by both established and emerging artists from the world over. Special exhibits: Abolardo Morell: Pictures in Nature; Naoki Honjo: Small Planet. BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7181. Mon–Wed noon–6 p.m. The sculptors’ cooperative has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibit: MCC Grant Recipients in Sculpture.

CHASE GALLERY, 129 Newbury St, 617-859-7222. Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Since 1990, Chase Gallery has been one of the city’s top galleries for the exhibition of contemporary artists, both representational and abstract. Special exhibit: beginning June 4—Works by Michael Zigmond.

CHILD 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-runn- ing of the commercial Newbury Street galleries, Childs has one of the largest inventories of oil paintings, drawings, watercolors and prints in the U.S. Special exhibits: Molly Luce: American Scene to American Green; Sing of America: Wood Engravings by Bernard Brussel-Smith.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m. This acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters.

JUDI ROTHENBERG GALLERY, 130 Newbury St, 617-437-1518. Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. The Judi Rothenberg Gallery is one of the longest-standing independent galleries in Boston and is committed to both established and emerging talent in all media. Special exhibit: beginning June 5—Cal Lane: Sweet Crude.

L’ATTITUDE GALLERY, 218 Newbury St., 617-927-4400. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m. This gallery boasts contemporary sculpture, crafts and art for the home, garden and commercial environments, as well as an outdoor sculpture garden. More than 75 U.S. and international artists are represented in various mediums, including glass, ceramics, wood, stone, mixed media and textiles. Special exhibit: Anges and Angels: Works by Robert Cipriani and Rob Lorencen.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8833. Sun, Wed & Thu noon–5 p.m., Fri & Sat til 9 p.m. The BCA presents exciting contemporary works by established and emerging local, regional, national and interna- tional visual artists, mounting approximately six large-scale exhibitions in the 2,200 square foot Mills Gallery each year. Special exhibits: through June 15—Artadia Boston 2007, an exhibition of Artadia Award winners; Per-versions by Vasco Araujo.

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.

PEPPER GALLERY, 38 Newbury St., 617-236-4495. Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Committed to pre-senting contemporary representational and abstract works by living artists, the gallery rotates its exhibitions every five weeks to showcase different members of the artistic com- munity, both established and up-and-coming.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-975-0600. Tue, Wed & Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu ‘til 8 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; students & seniors $2; children (under 18) free. PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the use of photography as a means of self expression that endorses the study & use of photo- graphy with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: Exposure: The 13th Annual PRC Juried Exhibition.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Features works by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. The Boston Phoenix writes, “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 exhibits: through June 8—Timeliness Beauty: Korean Ceramics by Sung Jae Choi; Recent Reflections: New Photographs by Paul Cary Goldberg; beginning June 14—Enduring Satire: New Works by Zezz Blum; Burning Tradition: Ken Matsuzaki.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-286-1810. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting-edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: Political Craft.

VOSE GALLERIES, 238 Newbury St., 617-536-6176. Mon–Fri 9 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. Its new contemporary wing, expanding the collection to living artists, opened in 2001. Special exhibit: through June 14—James Jeffrey Grant: The Lure of Gloucester.
SIGHTSEEING

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: The venerable Boston landmark in Copley Square not only offers a circulating collection of millions of books but also features Art & Architecture tours and free activities for kids. Refer to listing, below.

CRUISES

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 5-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 RIVERBOAT COMPANY, depart from Canal Park at CambridgeSide Galleria, 617-621-3001. Call for full schedule and ticket prices. Enjoy 60-minute sightseeing tours of Boston and Cambridge along the Charles River, or venture out into Boston Harbor for a view of the city. Private charters also available.

LIBERTY FLEET OF TALL SHIPS, departs daily from Long Wharf, 617-742-0333. Daily sailings at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets: $30, children (12 and under) $15. 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.

ODYSSEY CRUISES, departs daily from Rowe’s Wharf, 888-741-0281. Brunch: Sat & Sun daily noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $52.90. Lunch: Mon–Fri noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $44.90. Dinner: Mon–Thu 7–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 6–11 p.m., Sun 6–8 p.m. Tickets: $64.90–99.90. 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 Harlock St., Quincy, eight miles south of Boston, 617-770-1175. Take the “T” to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. This oft-overlooked historical gem offers insight into the lives of U.S. presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams. Tour the birthplaces of both presidents, as well as “The Old House,” which was home to five generations of the Adams family.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. Grounds open year-round dawn to dusk. 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 free sanctuary designed by Emerlad 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 for your perusal. Special exhibit: The Magnificence of Trees: Photographs by Maria Muller, displayed in the Hunnewell Building Lecture Hall.

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10 Beacon St, 617-227-0270. Mon 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Tue–Fri 9:30 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required. One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the 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. Special exhibit: Always Delightfully Cool: Summer Vacations in Northern New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

FOREST HILLS CEMETERY, 95 Forest Hills Ave, 617-524-0128. Daily from 8:30 a.m. 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 215 acres of twisting paths also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum, a “library” of life stories and an open-air museum. Special event: June 8 at 2 p.m.—Walking Tour: The Language of Flowers, tickets: $9.

HARRISON GRAY OTIS HOUSE, 141 Cambridge St, 617-227-3956. Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., tours every half hour. Admission: $8; seniors $7; students & children (5–18) $4; children (under 5), Historic New England members and Boston residents free. $24 maximum per family. Built in 1768 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, this grand mansion is an example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite.

NEW ENGLAND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, Congress Street near Fanueil Hall, 617-457-8755. Tours available. 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, 617-859-0646. Daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $11; seniors & students $9; children (under 12) $7.50. 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 378 years of culture and history on the Antenna Audio Tour. Displays include Dreams of Freedom, about the Boston immigrant experience, and a theater showing Wings Over Boston, a spectacular aerial tour of the entire city.

TRINITY CHURCH, Copley Square, 617-536-0944. Sun 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Tue–Sat 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Tours available for $5; seniors & students $4; children (under 16) free with an adult. Guided tours: most weekdays at 1 and 2 p.m., Sun at 12:15 p.m. (free). Self-guided tours: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. 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.

TOURS AND TRAILS

ANTEQUE LIMOUSINE, 781-308-1921. www.AntiqueLimousine.com. Tours by appointment only. Enjoy historic Freedom Trail tours in a 1939 Cadillac seven-passenger limousine, just like the Godfather’s car. Get close to the sights where the trolley and duck tours can’t. The drivers dress, speak and act the part. Just don’t mess with them or you might be riding in the trunk. They’ll make you an offer you can’t refuse. Ask about their specials. Call to schedule a pick up.
BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-742-5415. Free tours by appointment only. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations. Visit www.africamuseum.org for site descriptions. A guided tour through the north side of Beacon Hill, including the homes of politicians and entrepreneurs, the African Meeting House, built in 1806; the oldest standing house built by an African-American (1797); and the home of Lewis and Hamlit Hayden, who harbored runaway slaves. Maps are available at the Museum of African-American History.

BOSTON BY FOOT, 617-367-2345 or 617-367-3766. Tickets $12, children (6–12) $8, unless noted. Call for tour locations. Guided 90-minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. The Heart of the Freedom Trail, every day at 10 a.m.; Victorian Back Bay, Mon at 5:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 10 a.m.; Literary Landmark Tour, Sat at 10 a.m., 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., Sun at 1 p.m.; Boston Underfoot, Sun at 2 p.m., tickets $14; Boston By Little Feet, Fri & Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m., tickets $8.

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, www.bostonducktours.com. Tours: Daily 9 a.m. ‘til one hour before sunset. Tickets: $29; seniors & military $25; children (3–11) $19; (under 3) $5; special needs $15. 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 IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL, various sites Downtown and in the Back Bay, 617-696-9880. Maps available at Boston Common and Prudential Center Visitor Information Centers. www.irishheritagetrail.com. Free and open to the public: A self-guided, three-mile walking tour that covers 300 years of history as it takes you through Boston’s downtown, North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods. Learn about famous politicians, artists and war heroes and the rich tradition of rebellion, leadership and triumph that personifies the Boston Irish.


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FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. or ‘til three hours before game time. Tickets: $12; seniors $11; children (4–15) & military personnel $10. Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. This tour offers an inside look at America’s oldest active Major League ballpark, including a visit to the top of the famed “Green Monster” and stories from Boston Red Sox history.

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. Tours depart daily every 20 minutes 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $34; seniors & students $31; children (4–12) $13. With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, USS Constitution/Museum and the Trolley Stop Store on the corner of South Charles and Boylston streets, patrons can enjoy a 110-minute, fully narrated sightseeing tour of more than 100 points of interest aboard the orange-and-green, all-weather trolley.

PHOTO WALKS, 617-851-2273. Tours: daily at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. depending on tour. Call for reservations and departure locations. Tickets: $25–$30; students $20; children (12–17) $12. Explore
AMUSEMENT PARKS

SWITS, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-8717. Wed–Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: $20; children (12 and under) $16. Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, SWITS 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.

PROVINCETOWN FERRIES

BAY STATE CRUISE COMPANY, 200 Seaport Blvd. at the World Trade Center, 877-PT-FERRY. Visit www.provincetownferry.com or call for ticket reservations, departure times. Enjoy fast or traditional ferry service daily from Boston to Provincetown aboard the new and sleek Provincetown III.

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES PROVINCETOWN FERRY, Long Wharf, 617-973-5206. Thu–Sun at 9 a.m.; June 9–13: daily at 9 a.m.; beginning June 14: Mon–Wed at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Thu–Sun at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $71, children (ages 4–10) $60. Travel between Boston and Provincetown in speed and style, aboard the largest and fastest passenger-only catamaran in the U.S. In just 90 minutes, you’ll journey from Boston to Provincetown, enjoying full creature comforts.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 413-781-6500. Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $16.99; seniors $13.99; children (5–11) $11.99; (4 and under) $9.99. In 1891, James Naismith developed the game of basketball and its original 13 rules in Springfield, Mass. Now Springfield is home to the Hall of Fame, an edifice that pays homage to the greatest to play and coach the game, like Bill Russell, Michael Jordan and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Hall of Fame also includes interactive basketball fun for visitors and numerous exhibits.

ELM BANK RESERVATION, Wellesley, 617-698-1802. Reservation is open to day use, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. By reservation only. Elms Bank Reservation is 162 acres of woodlands, fields and old estate property. Deer and other wildlife live along the river banks of the reservation, which also contains areas for hiking, playing soccer, canoeing, kayaking and picnicking.

MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, Concord and Lexington (North Bridge Visitor Center, 174 Liberty St., Concord), 978-369-6993. The Opening Day is set for June 17, 1775. The park grounds open sunrise to sunset. Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of 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.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3562. Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $20; seniors $16 (under 13 free). Take a trip back in time at this recreation of an early 19th-century New England village where costumed educators show visitors what life in the early days of America was really like. Visit a tin shop, a cider mill and a blacksmith, while touring restorations of period New England homes and marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone era.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION: This re-creation of the Pilgrims’ 17th century settlement includes the Mayflower II, a replica of the settlers’ original ship. Refer to listing, below.

WHALE WATCHES

BOston harBOur CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 617-222-4321. Mon–Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $36; seniors $22; children (4–12) $30. 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.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $35.95; children (11 and under) $29.95. Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium’s whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran Voyager II. 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.

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CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS. One of the nation’s most beloved tourist destinations, Cape Cod has 559.6 miles of coastline for swimming, kayaking, sailing and snorkeling. There is also the uber-wealthy islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket, which provide the perfect balance of risky indulgence and traditional old New England whale watching and merchant culture.

NORTH SHORE. Just north of Boston, the North Shore encompasses Cape Ann, Beverly, Salem, Swampscott, Marblehead, Newburyport and many of Massachusetts’ other well-kept secrets. The area offers sandy beaches, deep sea fishing trips, historical houses and art festivals. Less than an hour from the city of Boston, the North Shore is the living region where visitors can sample Massachusetts’ rich maritime heritage.

PLYMOUTH. The site of the Pilgrims’ 1620 landing is still marked by Plymouth Rock, and the surrounding area is dotted by historical museums that celebrate the town’s origins. Plimoth Plantation offers visitors a chance to step into a Pilgrim village from 1627 and explore the Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that dropped anchor in Plymouth Harbor nearly four centuries ago. Other favorite stops for history buffs include the 1749 Court House & Museum and the nearby town of Plymouth.

SOUTHERN MAINE. Contrary to its image as a far-flung, moose-filled wilderness, Maine has many points of interest within a couple of miles. The state is renowned for its abundance of fresh lobster and beautiful beaches, including Kennebunk Beach and Ogunquit Beach. Within 365 days a year, Salem is a charming place to explore and enjoy. Salem Witch Museum or Witch Dungeon Museum. On Halloween, the Cape transforms into one giant party for ghosts and ghouls, but 365 days a year, Salem is a charming place to explore and enjoy.

SALEM. This North Shore town will always be known for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, but Salem also boasts a bustling whale watching for those looking to escape the busy city.

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The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a guide map, rent a self-guided audio tour or take a walking tour with an 18th-century costumed guide. (Ticket sales of Freedom Trail Foundation tours help preserve the historic sites.) Boston National Historical Park (National Park Service) tours begin at State and Devonshire streets. Please call 617-357-8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org for additional information.

**BOSTON COMMON.** 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.** Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except holidays. Guided tours 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The famous golden dome of the State House marks the government seat of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Samuel Adams laid the cornerstone, and the building stands on land bought from John Hancock. The red brick portion was designed by legendary architect Charles Bulfinch.

**PARK STREET CHURCH.** Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 4 and 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.** Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-536-4100. 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.** Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. Chapel open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m.; Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Still an active house of worship, King’s Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston. 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.** On School Street, marked by a column and commemorative plaque. On April 13, 1635, the town voted to establish the first public school in the country. Nearby is Benjamin Franklin’s statue, built in 1856, the first portrait statue erected in the United States.

**SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE.** School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.

**OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE.** 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students & seniors $4; children (6–18) $1. This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which was the 1773 Tea Party.

**OLD STATE HOUSE.** Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. Daily 9 a.m.–5 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.

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

**FANEUIL HALL.** Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-242-5689. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Historical talks given every half hour from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., when hall is not in use. “The Cradle of Liberty” combines a free marketplace on the first floor with the town meeting hall upstairs, the site of fiery revolutionary debate.

**PAUL REVERE HOUSE.** 19 North Square, Hanover Street, 617-357-2338. Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: $3; students & seniors $2.50; children (5–17) $1; under 5 free. The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

**USS CONSTITUTION.** Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. Thu–Sun 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Tours every half-hour 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. This 44-gun frigate is the world’s oldest commissioned warship, christened “Old Ironsides” during the War of 1812 when the cannonballs of a British warship literally bounced off her triple hull.

** USS BOSTON.** 350 Commercial Street, 617-424-1090. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. This former naval training facility for the War of 1812 now offers a variety of nautical exhibits, including the Mather family crypts at Copp’s Hill.

**COPP’S HILL BURYING GROUND.** 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. Daily 9 a.m.–6 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. Two lanterns were hung here April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats’ departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.

**PAUL REVERE HOUSE.** 19 North Square, Hanover Street, 617-725-2338. Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: $3; students & seniors $2.50; children (5–17) $1; under 5 free. The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

**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. One of America’s largest booksellers boasts all the bestsellers, plus an extensive selection of back titles, audiobooks, magazines, CDs and more.

**FANEUIL HALL.** Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-242-5689. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. This acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters.

**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 also displayed and sold a wide range of art by international artists, including works by Chagall, Picasso and Hundertwasser.

**ARTS & CRAFTS BOOKS**

**BARNES & NOBLE.** 800 Boylston St. (Prudential Center), 617-247-6959. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m. One of America’s largest booksellers boasts all the bestsellers, plus an extensive selection of back titles, audiobooks, magazines, CDs and more.

**BORDERS.** 10–24 School St., 617-557-7188; 511 Boylston St., 617-236-1444; CambridgeSide Galleria, Cambridge, 617-679-0887. School Street: Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Boylston Street: Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–11 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Galleria: Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. This major retailer provides readers with seemingly limitless options regarding books and periodicals, as well as an extensive music section.

**CLOTHING**

**BARBOUR BY PETER ELLIOT.** This Newbury Street retailer offers a variety of British outdoor clothing—including jackets, sweaters, shirts and accessories—for men, women and children. Refer to listing, left.

**FILENE’S BASEMENT.** 479 Boylston St., 617-424-5520. Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. For decades, the original Basement at Downtown Crossing provided shoppers with huge deals, thanks to its automatic markdown system which guarantees greater discounts the longer an item remains on the selling floor. Now the Back Bay location offers a more upscale version of bargain hunting. Whether you need a party dress at the last minute, a designer bag at an affordable price or fashionable accessories to impress your friends, you will find it all at Soodee. Show Panorama ad (page 47) and get 10% off.

**H & M.** 350 Washington St., 617-482-7081; 100 Newbury St., 617-859-3192. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. This youthful, cutting-edge department store’s mission of “fashion and quality at the best price” translates to inexpensive, trendy clothes for men and women, as H & M boasts the freshest, most up-to-date fashion trends in color, material and style.
Macy’s, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3185. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. This famous New York-based department giant features floor after floor of the latest culinary tools, bed and bath items, incredible gifts and hot fashions. Choose from your favorite designers—Polo, Liz Claiborne, Jones New York and DKNY—or Macy’s exclusive labels.

Marshalls, 500 Boylston St., 617-262-6066. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9:30 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.

T.J. Maxx, 350 Washington St., 617-696-2424. Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m. This discount retailer offers brand name and designer fashions for men, women and kids, as well as accessories, fine jewelry and items for the home. Prices are slashed 20–60% off most department store rates. T.J. Maxx offers current trends of the highest quality.

Furniture & Home Goods

Comptoir De Famille, 127 Newbury St., 617-266-7070; Natick Collection, Natick, 508-651-0511. Newbury Street: Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Natick: Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m. This French home furnishings retailer boasts decorative accessories, furniture and tableware inspired by familial French design gleaned from a Parisian bistro or grand-mère’s kitchen, all displayed in a general store-type ambiance.

Fiddlehead, 292 Newbury St., 617-247-1120. Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. This “green emporium” offers stylish gifts, accessories and home goods with an earth-friendly advantage, including natural and organic bath and body products; recycled glassware and dinnerware; sustainable tabletop linens; bamboo and organic cotton towels; recycled-paper stationery; eco-friendly jewelry; organic baby skin care; baby toys and gifts made from organic cotton and sustainably harvested woods; and bags and totes made from reclaimed materials.

Gifts & Stationery

Teddy Ballgame’s, 1 South Station, 617-330-1230. Located at the South Station concierge desk, Teddy Ballgame’s offers tours of Boston that leave right from South Station, a wide variety of Red Sox souvenirs, T-shirts and books about the history of Boston.

Gourmet Food & Beverage

Timeless Teas, 85 Newbury St., 2nd floor, 617-236-5772. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. This Back Bay tea shop offers more than a hundred varieties of tea from around the world, including green, black, white and Yerba Mate teas, as well as gift baskets, biscuits, gourmet jams and tea accessories.

Home Electronics

Bang & Olufsen, 30 Newbury St and 1 Design Center Place, Suite 643, 617-262-4849. Newbury Street: Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Design Center: Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Founded in 1925, this leading innovator in both technology and aesthetics offers everything from complete home electronics systems and home phones to headphones, cell phones and assorted accessories. www.bang-olufsen.com.

Jewelry/Accessories

High Gear Jewelry, 204 Hanover St., 617-523-5804. Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat ‘til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Merilee Wolfson’s platinum-drenched contemporary jewelry shop dazzles with an impressive selection of costume jewelry and semi-precious pieces. Whether you’re looking for eco-friendly “green” jewelry from South America or looks fresh from the pages of the world’s top fashion magazines, this is the go-to spot in Boston.

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 for more than 30 years. Using only solid precious metals and natural stones, Lewis’ aim is “to make jewelry at a reasonable price, of excellent workmanship and uncommon beauty.”

Shreve, Crump & Low, 440 Boylston St., 617-267-9100. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu ‘til 7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Serving Bostonians since 1796, this Boston institution boasts of being the oldest continuously operating luxury business in the U.S. Its new location is filled with glittering diamonds, fine jewelry and watches. The galleries also offer silver, china, porcelain, stationery, antiques and more.

Malls/Shopping Centers

Cambridgeside Galleria, 100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge, 617-621-8666. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. This three-level mall features department stores such as Filene’s, Sears and Best Buy, as well as more than 100 other stores and specialty shops including the largest Gap in Boston, J. Crew, Old Navy, Borders, Victoria’s Secret and more.

Copley Place, Copley Square, 617-369-5000. The magnificent Copley Place features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Gucci and Williams-Sonoma. A variety of restaurants, including Legal Sea Foods, offer shoppers numerous dining options. To receive a free Ultimate Shopping Excursions card, stop by one of the customer service kiosks.

The Corner Mall, corner of Winter and Washington streets. One-stop shopping in Downtown Crossing. You’ll find the latest styles at shops like Discovery Imports, Bath & Body Works, Champs, Wet Seal and Aldo Shoes. In addition, the Corner Mall features an international food court to please every palate, including Sakkio Japan and India Entrées.

Marketplace Center, located between Faneuil Hall and the Waterfront. Twenty-four distinctive shops surround an open court known as the Exedra, where you will always find a wide range of unusual pushcarts and entertainment events unique to this wonderful area. Within walking distance are literally hundreds of other shops, restaurants, pubs and nightspots.
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, Hermès, Exhale Spa and Anne Fontaine.

THE SHOPS AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., 800-SHOP-PRU. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m. The Shops at Prudential Center features over 75 stores and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Sake Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor and J. Jill. It is also the launch spot for the city’s renowned tourist resource, the Boston Duck Tours.

MUSIC/VIDEO

NEWBURY COMICS, 332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat till 11 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Also: Government Center, 1 Washington Mall, 617-248-9992; 38 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; 211 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-491-7711. You’ll have a “wicked good time” at this upstart local chain, which boasts the cheapest CD prices in town, including import, indie and major label releases, as well as T-shirts, comics and other pop culture kitsch items.

SHOES

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. For more than 35 years, Helen’s Leather has supplied New Englanders with quality Western boots by makers like Lucchese, Tony Lama, Justin, Nocona and Frye. In addition, Helen’s sells Western belts, buckles, shirts and Stetson hats, as well as leather jackets and bags.

JOHN FLUEVOG, 302 Newbury St, 617-266-1079. Mon–Sat noon–6 p.m., Sun 1–6 p.m. This funky footwear retailer features shoes created by the mavrick designer, ranging from mind-bending platforms to the classic black boot and his tried-and-true “Angels.” The Newbury Street locale is the only place in Boston to find a wide range of his cutting-edge styles.

SPORTING GOODS

BILL RODGERS RUNNING CENTER, 333 North Market Blvd., Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-723-5612. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Owned by the four-time Boston Marathon winner, the Bill Rodgers Running Center boasts the most experienced running staff in Boston. Since 1977, they have been helping fellow runners find the best shoes for their individual needs.

SPORTS MEMORABILIA

FENWAY SPORTSZONE, 306 Newbury St, 617-437-1010. Daily 11 a.m.–7 p.m., with extended hours on game days. Boasting “The most balls in Boston,” Fenway Sportzone is Boston’s largest memorabilia shop, featuring the city’s biggest selection of autographed items. They also have all your fan gear and souvenir needs as well as a huge selection of apparel from Majestic, MLB Authentic, Sully’s Tees and many others. See location #5 on center map.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

BIG CITY PIZZA KITCHEN & POOL HALL, 138 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-3200. In this renovated, two-floor bank building, you’ll find one-of-a-kind “retro-metro” décor featuring life size murals, as well as 15 champion-size pool tables, 6 foosball tables, 80 beer taps and outrageous thin crust pizzas that always keep customers coming back. L, D, LS, Sat & SS. $–$$

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 entrees too, with award-winning steam beer burgers, famous curty fries, buffalo wings and giant nachos. L, D, C, LS, SB. $

BACK BAY

AUJOUR’D’HUI, Four Seasons Hotel Boston, 200 Boylston St., 617-351-2037. An elegant eatery with the Public Garden as a backdrop, and a perennial recipient of the AAA Five Diamond Award. Enjoy exquisite modern French cuisine, accompanied by a selection from an 1,800-bottle wine library. Reservations recommended. D Mon–Sat 5:30–10:30 p.m., Sun 6–10 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. $$$$

AZURE, The Lenox Hotel, 61 Exeter St., 617-933-4800. Azure’s menu and concept are designed to be as clear and understated as the color palette itself. Nationally recognized executive chef Robert Fathman, known for his innovation and playful risk-taking in the kitchen, creates contemporary American cuisine with a sophisticated edge and an emphasis on fresh seafood. B, D. $–$$

BANGKOK BLUE, 651 Boylston St., next to the famous Old South Church near Copley Place, 617-266-1010. The experienced chefs at Bangkok Blue prepare authentic Thai food, with each dish individually suited to your taste, from mild to spicy, using fresh, quality ingredients. Low carb programs can be requested. Complement your food with a Thai beer or a glass of wine. Seasonal outdoor seating is available. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5–10 p.m. $–$$

BRASSERIE JO, The Colonnade Hotel, 120 Huntington Ave., 617-425-3240. 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 made in the French tradition complete this Gallic experience. Seasonal outdoor patio. B, L, D. $$$–$$$$

CROMA, 269 Newbury St., 617-247-3200. One of “Boston’s Best” by both Boston magazine and The Improper Bostonian, this restaurant and pizzeria offers up a variety of delectable dining options, from their diverse range of Neapolitan-style pizzas to seafood calamari and filet mignon. Croma also boasts a weekend brunch menu served with your choice of mimosa or Bloody Mary. L, D, BR, C. $–$$

ZOÉ’S: This popular eatery near Harvard Square in Cambridge is known for its delicious Greek and American specialties, as well as for serving delicious breakfasts all day. Refer to listing, page 56.
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David’s Northern Italian Steakhouse, 75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810. Enjoy fine steaks, pasta and seafood, or lighter fare in the spacious bar. L Mon-Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Sun-Tue 5–10 p.m., Wed-Sat ’til 11 p.m. C, VP. www.davios.com. $$$$. SEE LOCATOR #2 ON CENTER MAP.

Douzo, 131 Dartmouth St., 617-859-8886. This casual eatery serves traditional Japanese cuisine and an eclectic mix of original fare such as duck tataki and salmon-kiwi rolls, as well as creative cocktails. Known for its ultra-fresh ingredients and its artistic presentation of dishes, Douzo has become one of the city’s trendiest dining destinations. L, D. $$$.

Exelsior, The Hermitage on the Garden, 272 Boylston St., 617-426-7876. This culinary masterpiece delivers bold and contemporary American cuisine at its stunning Back Bay location. An impressive collection of 500 wines, representing all regions of the world, is displayed in Boston’s only climate-controlled glass wine tower. Pre- and post-theater dining available. D, C, LS. $$$$. SEE LOCATOR #17 ON CENTER MAP.

Jasper White’s Summer Shack, 50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500; Logan Airport, Terminal A, 617-569-9695. Top-notch fare such as pan-roasted lobster, award-winning fried chicken and an impressive raw bar in a casual setting. Boston: Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Thu–Sat ’til 11 p.m., raw bar Thu–Sat ’til 1 a.m. Cambridge: Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat ’til 1 a.m., Sun 3–9 p.m. $$$$. SEE LOCATOR #9 ON CENTER MAP.

L’Aroma Cafe, 85 Newbury St., 617-412-4001. This Italian cafe offers delicious soups, sandwiches and European pastries and desserts, as well as Italian coffee and assorted teas. Relax in its spacious interior or enjoy outdoor patio dining from April through October. B, L, S.

The Oak Room, 138 St. James Ave., Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 617-267-5300. This sophisticated spot offers a traditional steakhouse menu of prime steaks and chops and fresh seafood. Replete with stately wood paneling, rich draperies and wall ornaments for a comfortable yet elegant feel. B, L, D daily. The adjoining Oak Bar offers martinis, raw bar and full Oak Room menu. $$$$. SEE LOCATOR #12 ON CENTER MAP.

Sasso Restaurant, 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400. The newest endeavor from the restaurateurs behind popular North End eatery Luca, Sasso offers contemporary and upscale regional Italian cuisine. Executive chef David Ross serves delicious dishes complemented by an extensive wine list, as well as a menu of lighter fare for the after-hours crowd and C ’til 2 a.m. Reservations accepted. D beginning nightly at 5 p.m.; late-night menu available ’til 1:30 a.m. VP. $$$$. SEE LOCATOR #16 ON CENTER MAP.

Shino Express Sushi, 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530. If your day of shopping has left you craving sushi, this tiny, subterranean sushi bar specializes in freshly prepared maki rolls and...
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**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, creative takes on classic American cuisine and a colorful dining room. The restaurant also boasts a downstairs candlelit wine bar, an intimate and lovely brick-walled spot in which to enjoy items from a 250-bottle menu. L, D, C, LS. VP. $$$  

**STEVE’S GREEK CUISINE**, 316 Newbury St., 617-267-1817. For more than 20 years, this family-run restaurant has offered Greek hospitality and masterfully prepared Greek cuisine. Serving specialties like spanakopita, pastelicio, shish kebabs and gyros, Steve’s is a favorite. B, L, D. $  

**THE TAJ BOSTON**, 15 Arlington St., 617-536-5700. This 1927 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. $$  

**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, L, S. Live jazz seven nights a week. $$$  

**TURNER FISHERIES**, Westin Hotel Copley Place, Stuart and Dartmouth streets, 617-424-7425. Winner of several regional awards, Turner Fishery is known for its fresh seafood, as well as the décor designed by Peter Niemitz, which features seven-foot-high French windows, banquettes, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. Private dining rooms accommodate 10–140 guests. VP available on Dartmouth Street. B, L, D, C, LS. $$$  

**THE UPPER CRUST**, 222 Newbury St., 617-262-0096; 20 Charles St., 617-723-9800; 266 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-4900; 41 Waltham St., Lexington, 781-574-0089. Traditional Neapolitan-style pizza (thin crust, chunky sauce) in an urban setting. Come sit with friends in the uniquely designed dining room, enjoy a specialty pizza and watch your favorite team on an HDTV screen. If you’re on the go, call ahead for take-out (allow 20–25 minutes) or just pop in for a slice. Delivery is available. $  

**BEACON HILL**  

**ANTONIO’S**, 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310. One of Boston’s finest Italian restaurants (across from Mass. 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 ’til 10:30 p.m. $  

**CHEERS**, 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-0150. Both the original Beacon Hill pub and its spinoff offer a tasty selection of traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection, including their award-winning Bloody Mary and a variety of draft beers. Live entertainment Thu–Sat nights, and officially licensed Cheers merchandise sold on site. L, D, C, LS. $  

**CLINK**, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 617-234-4004. Clink offers diners a menu of tapas-style small plates, tasting pours of wine and exotic cocktails in an energetic, social environment—an adaptable place where dinner at the bar or just cocktails at a table is the norm. L 6:30–11 a.m., L 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., D 5–11 p.m. $$$  

**HUNGRY I**, 717 Charles St., 617-227-3524. In a two-story townhouse with three working fireplaces and an outdoor patio, Chef Peter Barlarin delights patrons with French country cuisine and creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre and braised rabbit a la mouard. 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 rooms available. $$$$. SEE LOCATOR #7 ON CENTER MAP.  

**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. $$$  

**CAMBRIDGE**  


**DANTE**, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd, Cambridge, 617-497-4200. Chef Dante de Magistris dishes out playful, rich fare with Italian, French and Spanish influences. The sophisticated eatery boasts a seasonal patio and gorgeous views of the Charles River and the Boston skyline. B Mon–Fri 6:30–10:30 a.m., Sat & Sun 7:30–10:30 a.m.; L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; D Mon–Thu 5:30–10 p.m., Fri & Sat ’til 11 p.m. Sat & SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. $$$  

**HENRIETTA’S TABLE**, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5005. Nothing but locally grown and organic produce is used to create a lively, textured menu of reinterpretated New England classics. 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–Fri noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5:30–10 p.m. $  

**INDIA PAVILION**, 17 Central Square, Cambridge, 617-547-7463. One of the best traditional Northern Indian cuisine restaurants in the area, India Pavilion has been a Cambridge staple for more than 25 years. A menu of lamb, chicken and vegetarian specialties is complemented by a selection of fine music and entertainment Thu–Sat nights, and officially licensed Cheers merchandise sold on site. L, D, C, LS. $
Spanish restaurant with a touch of class, offering a menu of delicious homemade Greek and Italian cuisine in a relaxed, elegant setting. B, L, D, C, LS. $$$$
of Dick’s sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn’t entertaining enough, there’s live music every night with no cover. L, D, C. www.dickslastresort.com. $$

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FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

BRAVO, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-

369-3474. Chef Jacqueline Kelly brings her creative touch to an eclectic and contemporary menu. The restaurant’s bold decor, created by famed restaurant designer Peter Niemitz, meshes with a rotating selection 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. $$

EASTERN STANDARD, Hotel Commonwealth, 528

Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100. This brasserie in the heart of Kenmore Square resembles an old hotel dining room with its decor, but the restaurant attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. Its menu caters to both crowds, with offerings ranging from the Good Plate of Offal to veal schnitzel to sandwiches. 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 seafood and raw bar concepts. This eclectic space serves delectable fare such as fish tacos and the acclaimed baked stuffed lobster. L, D, SB, C, LS. $$

NORTH END

ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733. Antico Forno (Italian for “old stove”) features brick-oven classics such as roasted chicken with garlic and herbs; pizza with artichoke hearts, porcini mushrooms and buffalo mozzarella; and linguini with clams, mussels, calamari and shrimp, sautéed in a plum tomato sauce and baked in parchment. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Thu 3:30–10 p.m., Fri & Sat ‘til 10:30 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m. $-

ASSAGGIO, 25–29 Prince St., 617-227-7380. This wine bar and bistro offers nightly specials from its mesquite-wood grill, as well as some of the best traditional Italian cuisine imbued with an artful, contemporary taste. Complement your dinner with one of 110 wines or a unique international beer or microbrew. Reservations accepted. L, D, LS daily noon–midnight. $$

CAFFE POMPEI, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562. Pompei features a wide assortment of coffees, 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 6 a.m.–11:30 a.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; LS ‘til 3:30 a.m. $-$
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 till 12:30 a.m. NC. $ $

FLORENTINE CAFE, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents for decades, this historic cafe is one of Boston’s culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with tomatoes and lobster cream sauce and seared veal with grilled shrimp in Frangelico mushroom sauce are just two of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon–1 a.m. L, D, C. $$$ SEE LOCATOR #6 ON CENTER MAP.

MASSIMINO’S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959. Owner/chef Massimino was formerly head chef of Naples’ Hotel Astoria and Switzerland’s Metropolitan Hotel. His eatery’s specialties include veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, amongst other delights. L, D, LS, C. Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat till 11 p.m. Sun noon–9 p.m. $ $

RISTORANTE BELLA VISTA, 286 Hanover St., 617-367-4999. Located in the heart of the historic North End, this casual yet elegant family-style restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine, from escarole soup to lobster fra diavolo. Open daily noon–10:30 p.m. $ $

RISTORANTE SARACENO, 286 Hanover St., 617-227-5888. Neapolitan cuisine served in an intimate atmosphere complete with charming, beautifully decorated exposed brick walls. Reservations recommended, L noon–3 p.m.; D 3–10:30 p.m. VP, C. $$$

STANZA DEI SIGARI, 292 Hanover St., 617-227-0285. This classic cigar parlor in the North End serves fine food, cigars and liqueurs. Open daily 5 p.m.–1 a.m. $ $

TERRAMIA RISTORANTE, 98 Salem St., 617-523-3112. Since opening in 1993, Terramia has aimed to convince North End diners that there was always more to Italian food than red sauce. Specializing in creative interpretations of Italian classics, Terramia offers seasonally based dishes and an extensive wine list in a cozy, rustic atmosphere. D Sun–Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat ‘till 11 p.m. VP. www.mammamaria.com. $$$ SEE LOCATOR #10 ON CENTER MAP.

B&G OYSTERS, 550 Tremont St., 617-423-0550. This sophisticated South End raw bar from James Beard Award-winning chef Barbara Lynch (No. 9 Park) and partner Garrett Harker features bivalves from Wellfleet to the West Coast, as well as signature dishes like the lobster BLT and the Maine lobster roll. L, D, LS, VP. $ $

HAMERSLEY’S BISTRO, 533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700. This pioneering French-American classic, helmed by the husband and wife team of Gordon and Fiona Hamersley, 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. $$$$$

ICARUS, 3 Appleton St., 617-426-1790. Chef Chris Douglass’ Icarus has been a South End staple since 1978. Enjoy New American cuisine like seared sea scallops or roasted rack of lamb complemented by an extensive wine list, perfect for celebrating or a nice evening out. Mon–Thu 6–9 p.m., Fri ‘till 10 p.m., Sat 5:30–10 p.m., Sun ‘till 9 p.m. $$$$$

MASA, 439 Tremont St., 617-338-8884. Bringing the Southwest to the South End, chef Philip Aviles serves up specialties such as roasted salmon with chiptole and horseradish crust and chili rubbed cowboy cut steaks. Masa also serves Sunday brunch, a variety of margaritas and other cocktails, and a $1 tapas menu. D, BR, C. $$$

SAGE, 1385 Washington St., 617-248-8814. Acclaimed chef Anthony Sui’s modern Italian restaurant in the hip SoWa district of the South End features delectable gourmet appetizers like Kobe carpaccio along with enticing, innovative entrees like rice-smoked duck breast and spring pea ravioli in its dining room, cafe and bar. D 5:30–10 p.m., C ‘till 1 a.m. $ $$

SOUTH BOSTON

AURA, Seaport Lane, One Seaport Lane, 617-385-4300. The newly expanded and renovated waterfront restaurant features chef Rachel Klein’s global, Asian-influenced menu, as well as steakhouse offerings such as the Painted Hills Farm all-natural sirloin and the Brandt all-natural filet. L, D, CP. $$$

LTK BAR AND KITCHEN, 225 Northern Ave., 617-330-7430. LTK (Legal Test Kitchen) is just that—a test kitchen that ventures into uncharted waters and pushes the boundaries of innovation in both its bar and restaurant menus. With inspired, seasonal cocktails, an award-winning wine list and multicultural, non-coursed dining options, LTK offers a cutting-edge yet comfortable environment. L, D, LS, C. $$$

SOUTH END

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Enjoy renowned dining in a legendary setting at Taj Boston, with a menu of classic favorites and innovative offerings at The Café and The Bar. With a prime location on Newbury Street overlooking the Public Garden, the spectacular view will be the perfect accompaniment.

**TARQ** 1704 Washington St., 617-536-4400. Chef Ken Oringer’s Spanish restaurant aims for a highly social dining experience. The seating is a series of communal tables and the small, perfect-for-sharing tapas dishes—such as salt cod fritters, rainbow beet salad and salty fried chilli peppers—blend a variety of vibrant styles and flavors. D, C, $$$

**209** 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. This casual eatery serves a diverse menu of modernized comfort food with a Southwestern flair, and is also a favorite of the Sunday brunch crowd. L, D, LS, C, SB.

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

### THEATRE DISTRICT

**AVILA MODERN MEDITERRANEAN** One Charles Street South, 617-267-4810. Enjoy flavors of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and Greece with a modern flair. The menu includes small plates of cod fritters, fried cheese and chicken livers, appetizers of tuna ceviche, onion soup and watercress salad, as well as the finest quality all natural beef and fresh seafood entrees, with breads, desserts and ice creams made fresh daily. L, D, C, $$$.

**FINALE** One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; 1306 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-232-3233. One of the only dessert restaurants in America, Finale features items like the caramel carnival and the “molten chocolate cake.” Chef Nicole Coady’s menu is complemented by a drink menu of ports, champagnes, cordials and “Finale Favorites.” A light dinner menu is available. L & D, $$. SEE LOCATOR #1 ON CENTER MAP.

**JER-NE RESTAURANT & BAR** The Ritz-Carlton Boston Common, 12 Avery St., 617-574-7175. This lively hot spot takes center stage in the Theatre District and features signature seasonal surprises as well as “common dishes” for patrons to share. B, L, D, SB, C, LS, $$$$. SEE LOCATOR #11 ON CENTER MAP.

**LEGAL SEA FOODS RESTAURANT** 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 25S State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-3115; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-296-6800; other locations. Legal Sea Foods, a Boston tradition for more than 50 years, features more than 40 varieties of fresh fish and shellfish as well as an award-winning wine list. There’s no doubt why legions of fans have fallen for Legal hook, line and sinker. L & D, $$. SEE LOCATOR #11 ON CENTER MAP.

**P.F. CHANG’S** 8 Park Plaza, 617-573-0821; Prudential Center, 617-378-9961. Enjoy unforgettable Chinese cuisine, attentive service and delicious desserts all served in a stylish bistro setting. Featuring an award-winning wine list, P.F. Chang’s offers an extensive wine-by-the-glass program as well as original cocktails like the Lucky Cat Martini. L, D & LS. Reservations accepted. Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat ‘til midnight. www.pfchangs.com. $$.

**THEATRE CAFE** Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 617-574-2752. Located in the heart of the Theatre 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. B, L, D, $$.
Warm and enchanting, Kennedy’s is an Irish pub and steak house offering all the comforts of a traditional pub with a touch of class. Old World-style dining rooms accented with historic photos and soft candlelight provide a classic setting, while the mahogany bar offers a relaxed experience. An upbeat piano bar is featured select nights and during brunch. Just steps from Boston Common, theaters and shopping, Kennedy’s is a welcome respite for all.

Let Chart House—the #1 rated seafood chain and waterfront restaurant by Zagat—take you to a place where time stands still, the historic Hancock Counting House. This Boston landmark once housed the offices of John Hancock, an American patriot. Experience their million-dollar renovations while savoring a seamless blend of high-quality seafood and steaks—including whole, steamed lobster cracked for you right at your table, and prime rib rubbed with aromatic herbs and spices and slow roasted to succulent perfection. Free valet parking is available.
One of the city’s most diverse areas, “JP” contains thriving Latino, African-American, Irish and gay communities that mingle within its ample green space—including Arnold Arboretum and the Jamaica Pond area—and among main drag Centre Street’s restaurants, bars and shops. Once a country resort for Boston Brahmins, it teems with 19th-century mansions while its current-day affordability attracts a younger generation of hipsters, artists and musicians.

**GET THERE ON THE T:**
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**ATTRACTIONS:**
- Boston Center for the Arts/Cyclorama
- SoWa Galleries

**ATTRACTIONS:**
- Jamaica Pond
- Arnold Arboretum
- Forest Hills Cemetery
- Boston Beer Museum
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Renowned as Boston’s “Little Italy,” the North End is Boston’s oldest neighborhood, having given birth to the American Revolution from its narrow, cobblestone streets. Known today for its abundance of Italian bakeries, cafes and restaurants as well as a growing number of boutiques, visitors should be sure not to miss its Freedom Trail sites: Paul Revere’s House, Copp’s Hill Burying Ground and the Old North Church.

Attraction:
• Paul Revere House
• Old North Church
• Copp’s Hill Burial Ground

Get there on the ↗:
Orange or Green Line to Haymarket

ShoPPing

A Matter of Face
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This boutique boasts a small hand-selected collection of vintage classics that offset boutique favorites such as Level 99, Plastic Island and Kensie. 424 Hanover St., 617-557-4359

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This multi-award winning shop has jewels that are inspired by top designers and trendy pieces from around the world at great prices.

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Michèle Topor/
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www.foodtoursofboston.com

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Italian food lovers rave about the "creative and substantial" cooking at this North End "keeper" that's a "new star," providing "classy modern Italian food." The ever-changing menu incorporates seasonal vegetables and the catch of the day, and features homemade pasta dishes prepared in unconventional styles.

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Boston’s chic Back Bay is home to classically beautiful brownstone residences, glamorous retail space and a plethora of dining options, spa services and nightlife. Its crown jewel is Copley Square, home to the John Hancock Tower as well as historic landmarks the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church. But its pulse centers primarily around the bustling commercial districts of Boylston and Newbury streets.

**ATTRACTIONS:**
- Trinity Church
- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower

**GET THERE ON THE T:**
Orange Line to Back Bay; Green Line to Arlington, Copley or Hynes Convention Center

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BEACON HILL

The Hub’s reputation as one of the most European cities in the U.S. is evidenced by a visit to this neighborhood. Home to the State House and tucked between the Charles River Esplanade, Boston Common and the Public Garden, Beacon Hill’s picturesque cobblestone streets are lined by impeccable brownstones and gas-lit street lamps. To experience firsthand what it’s like to live in one of our priciest neighborhoods, stroll the shops and restaurants of Charles Street or pass through Louisburg Square, the historic home to legions of Boston Brahmins and the present home of Senator John Kerry.

GOLDEN OLDIE: Massachusetts’ seat of government, the gold-domed State House, sits atop Beacon Hill.

FALLEN HEROES: A tribute to the Massachusetts 54th Regiment, the nation’s first all-black regiment, sits on Boston Common across from the State House.

ATTRACTIONS:
- Louisburg Square
- Massachusetts State House

GET THERE ON THE T:
- Red Line to Charles Street or Park Street
- Blue Line to Bowdoin.
The people of Cambridge would like to inform the world that their fine city is not a neighborhood of Boston. Although it often gets lumped together with Beantown, Cambridge stands alone with all the sustaining qualities of an international city center. Throughout its diverse squares, nearly 100,000 residents share a spirited range of cultural influences.

Central Square sets a swift pace as the social center for Cambridge, with its coffee shops, burrito joints, down-home music stores, great restaurants and outstanding music venues such as the Middle East Cafe, T.T. the Bear’s Place and The Cantab Lounge. Harvard Square, the grand cultural and geographical nucleus of Cambridge, boasts performing arts theaters, movie theaters, museums, restaurants and retail stores along with its storied history as the home to Harvard University.

Just north of Central Square, the quieter, more residential Inman Square boasts ethnic food shops, bars and restaurants along with acclaimed comedy at ImprovBoston and local and national jazz acts at Ryles Jazz Club.

Kendall Square, home to MIT and many modern, sleek bio-tech firms and research labs, also is host to foreign and independent films at Kendall Square Cinema and the shopping mecca CambridgeSide Galleria, which houses over 100 stores.

The young, artistic crowd influences the stretch of Cambridge just beyond Harvard Square. Porter Square is full of eclectic second-hand shops and restaurants, as well as an avant-garde arts scene and live music at the Lizard Lounge.

Above left photo by Bob Perachio

ATTRACTIONS:

- Harvard Yard
- MIT Museum
- MIT Stata Center
- Fogg Art Museum
- Sackler Museum
- Longfellow House
- Sanders Theatre
- Zero Arrow Theatre
- MIT List Visual Arts Center
- American Repertory Theatre
- CambridgeSide Galleria
- Busch-Reisinger Museum
- Mount Auburn Cemetery
- Harvard Museum of Natural History
- Harvard Film Archive

GET THERE ON THE 🚊:

Red Line to Kendall, Central, Harvard and Porter, Green Line to Lechmere.
Clinton Kelly
by Josh B. Wardrop

Style expert Clinton Kelly is best known to fashion-forward types as co-host of the popular TLC show "What Not to Wear." On June 5 at 6 p.m., Kelly appears at Macy's in nearby Chestnut Hill (55 Boylston St., Newton, 617-243-4600) for a special "Finding Your Fit" style seminar. The Boston College alumnus talked to Panorama about fashion trends both good and bad.

Q: What will you be talking about at the Macy's fashion event?
A: We'll be looking at wardrobe essentials—helping people figure out how to get the most for their money and pick out pieces that work for day, evening, work and the weekend. I'll also answer any and all questions people have for me—it's pretty rare anyone stumps or surprises me anymore, but I encourage trying! (laughs)

Q: What are some key fashion trends you're seeing for summer?
A: There are a ton right now—too many to follow, really. But bright citrus colors—lime green, yellow, orange—are in this season. Bold prints and florals are big right now, as are tribal looks like batik prints and gladiator sandals.

Q: What's the worst fashion trend at the moment?
A: Well, I think Crocs are just ridiculous, unless you're a child or you're working in the garden. And I've seen more leggings than I'd care to lately.

Q: Do the subjects on "What Not to Wear" ever curse you and co-host Stacy London out for trashing their wardrobes?
A: Who knows? After we trash the clothes we get the heck out of there! (laughs) Most people get that we're trying to help them, so it doesn't generally get ugly.

Q: You're a BC grad—planning to hit any old haunts during your visit?
A: Well, I still love to walk down Newbury Street—it's so beautiful, and the shopping's amazing. Boston was a great place to go to school—when you turn 21, there's plenty of places to celebrate and people to celebrate with!
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