

Boston List
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Why Boston Matters

Boston is a great city for lots of reasons, but first and foremost, it is extremely comfortable with itself. It is mature with many stories to tell. There is quite a history, but with some great things to come. A lot of cities aspire to be something different or like somewhere else, but Boston is just fine with the way it is. "Beantown" has great neighborhoods and so many outstanding universities. It feels like a big college town. Bostonians are opinionated and educated, which always makes for lively conversation at the pub, tavern or bookstore. This city is a collection of unique neighborhoods and, as usual, the best way to experience urban life is on foot. Great walks abound. The brownstones in Beacon Hill are timeless, the shops and restaurants on Newbury Street are wonderful, the North End is historic and quirky, the waterfront is and exciting, the panoramic skyline view from the Haward Bridge is outstanding, the South End exemplifies gentrification and renewal, and the parks are some of the best in the country. The "Make Way for Ducklings" statue in the Public Garden is a must see. This was my favorite book as a child and it seemed so exciting that the ducks got to live in the bustling city. The "Big Dig" is complete and it was a huge infrastructure project that caused a mess, but the results were worth it. The Rose Kennedy Greenway is a great example of a new urban linear park and shows how you can take an old dysfunctional elevated highway and turn it into green space that is a public asset and urban jewel. In Cambridge, Kendall Square is a national model for an Innovation district anchored by a leading university. The Fort Point District, with Seaport Square anchored by District Hall, is the up and coming tech/creative neighborhood. I think Boston is an appealing mix of the old and new, rooted in history but with an eye towards the future. This city is "always learning". And, by the way, two final thoughts - baseball at Fenway and lobster rolls at Neptune Oyster or B & G Oysters. Perfect.

Hotels

Fifteen Beacon (CTU favorite)

15 Beacon Street
(617) 670-1500
xvbeacon.com

Fairmont Copley Plaza

138 St. James Avenue
(617)267-5300
fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston

Four Seasons

200 Boylston Street
(617) 338-4400
fourseasons.com/boston

Hotels (continued)

Hotel AKA Back Bay

154 Berkeley Street

(617) 266-7200

stayaka.com/hotel-aka-backbay

Lenox Hotel

61 Exeter Street

(617) 536-5300

lenoxhotel.com

Liberty Hotel

215 Charles Street

(617) 224-4000

libertyhotel.com

The Langham

250 Franklin Street

(617) 451-1900

langhamhotels.com/en/the-langham/boston

The Newbury Boston

1 Newbury Street

(617) 536-5700

thenewburyboston.com

Restaurants

Abe & Louie's Steakhouse

793 Boylston Street

(617) 536-6300

abeandlouies.com

Alibi and Liberty Bar at Liberty Hotel (drinks)

215 Charles Street

(857) 241-1144

alibiboston.com

Atlantic Fish

761 Boylston Street

(617) 267-4000

atlanticfishco.com

Restaurants (continued)

B & G Oysters

550 Tremont Street

(617) 423-0550

bandgoysters.com

Boston Chops

1375 Washington Street

(617) 227-5011

bostonchops.com

Eastern Standard

775 Beacon Street

(617) 530-1590

easternstandardboston.com

Contessa

3 Newbury Street (Rooftop)

(617) 741-3404

contessaristorante.com

Faccia a Faccia

278 Newbury Street

(857) 991-1080

facciabruttaboston.com

Grill 23

161 Berkeley Street

(617) 542-2255

grill23.com

Joe's American Bar & Grill on Newbury (lunch)

181 Newbury Street

(617) 536-4200

joesonnewbury.com

Legal Harborside

270 Northem Avenue

(617) 477-2900

legalseafoods.com/restaurants/boston-legal-harborside

Lolita Back Bay

271 Dartmouth Street

(617) 369-5609

lolitamexican.com

Restaurants (continued)

Mike's Pastry (afternoon sweets)

300 Hanover Street

(617) 742-3050

mikespastry.com

Mistral (CTU favorite)

223 Columbus Avenue

(617) 867-9300

mistralbistro.com

Moo at Fifteen Beacon (drinks)

15 Beacon Street

(617) 670-2515

moorestaurant.com

Nebo Italian

520 Atlantic Avenue

(617) 7236326

neborestaurant.com

Neptune Oyster (CTU favorite)

63 Salem Street

(617) 742-3474

neptuneoyster.com

No. 9 Park

9 Park Street

(617) 742-9991

no9park.com

OAK Long Bar + Kitchen at the Fairmont Copley Plaza (drinks)

138 St James Avenue

(617) 585-7222

oaklongbarkitchen.com

Ostra

1 Charles Street

(617) 421-1200

ostraboston.com

Porto

Ring Road

(617) 536-1234

porto-boston.com

Restaurants (continued)

Row 34 Seafood

383 Congress Street

(617) 553-5900

row34.com

Saltie Girl Seafood

279 Dartmouth Street

(617) 267-0691

saltiegirl.com

Sonsie (lunch)

327 Newbury Street

(617) 351-2500

sonsieboston.com

Stephanie's on Newbury (lunch)

190 Newbury Street

(617) 236-0990

stephaniesonnewbury.com

The Banks Fish House

406 Stuart Street

(617) 399-0015

thebanksboston.com

The Fed, The Langham Hotel (drinks)

250 Franklin Street

(617) 451-1900

langhamhotels.com/en/the-langham/boston/dine/the-fed/

The Street Bar, The Newbury Boston Hotel (drinks)

1 Newbury Street

(617) 536-5700

thenewburyboston.com/dine/street-bar

Trade Mediterranean

540 Atlantic Avenue

(617) 451-1234

trade-boston.com

Neighborhoods/Walks

- **Back Bay** - Newbury Street, Boylston Street, Copley Square
- **South End** — Tremont Street
- **Beacon Hill** - Charles Street, side streets with brownstones, Public Garden, Boston Common
- **North End**
- **Faneuil Hall, Rose Kennedy Greenway** — lineal park
- **Harbor Walk** — www.bostonharborwalk.org
- **Cambridge/Harvard Square**
- **Harvard Bridge/MIT/Stata Center, Kendall Square, Charles River Park**
- **Fenway Park, Red Sox Game, Kenmore Square**
- **Fort Point District** - Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) — www.icaboston.org, District Hall, The Lawn on D
- **Bluebikes bike share**
- **Commonwealth Avenue Mall** — lineal park
- **Ink Block** – mixed-use redevelopment