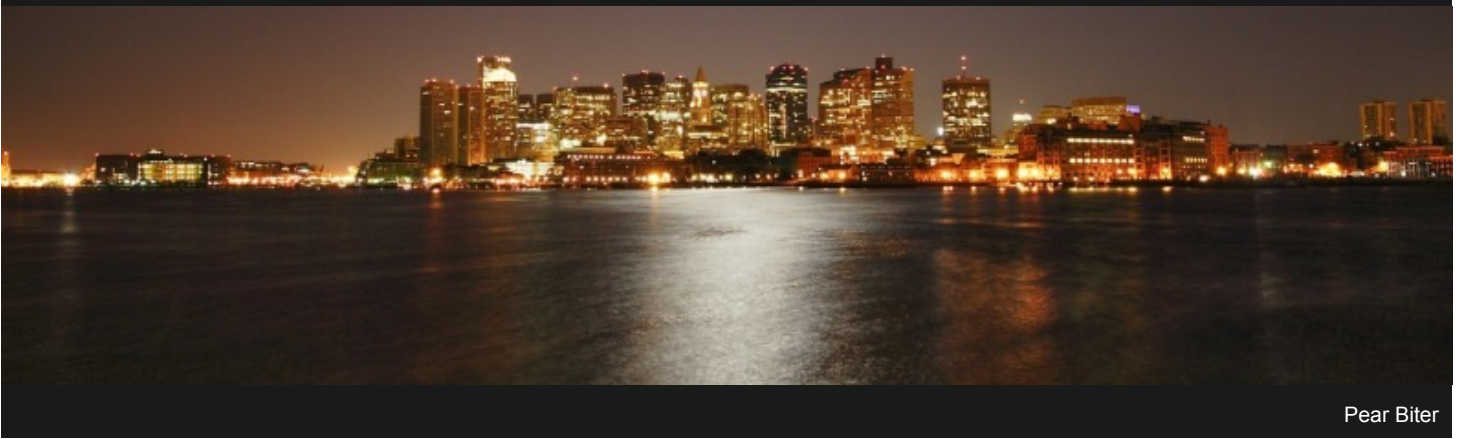




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Sail Boston 2009

Boston, 6 Days

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Itinerary Overview

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Barking Crab

Waterfront Crab Shack

Day 3 - Boston



Beacon Hill

Historic elegance



Boston Common

Oldest public park in the United States



Boston Public Garden

Large and lovely park

Day 4 - Boston



Old North Church

Revolutionary war landmark



Paul Revere House

Boston's oldest building

Day 5 - Boston



Freedom Trail

Walking tour of the American revolution

Day 2 - Boston



QUICK NOTE

contact:
tel: 617/426-2722
fax: +1 617 350 5062
www.barkingcrab.com

location:
88 Sleeper St
Boston MA 2110

hours:
Sun-Wed 11:30am-11pm,
Thurs-Sat 11am-1am

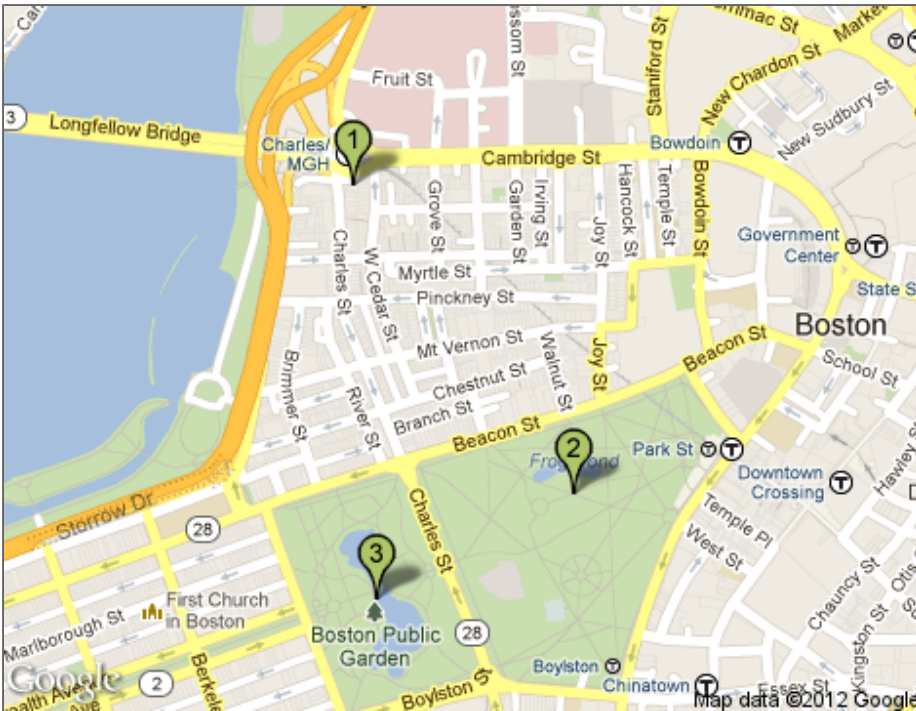
1 Barking Crab

DESCRIPTION: The Barking Crab is a clam shack overlooking the water. That wouldn't be a big deal on the coast of Maine or the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, but in downtown Boston, it's beyond cool. A wooden building perched above Fort Point Channel (which separates downtown from South Boston), this extremely casual restaurant has a colorful interior, a lively bar scene, and a clientele of regulars from local offices and families visiting the nearby Children's Museum. The place to be in the summer is at a picnic table on the deck, which might require a wait at busy times; in the off season, the indoor dining room, which has a cheery wood-burning stove, is a cozy oasis. The menu includes the usual clam chowder, fried-seafood plates, and lobsters, with a handful of more creative options (such as spicy fried calamari and a yummy crab-cake burger) and enough non-seafood dishes to keep vegetarians from starving. The food is fine, and overall quite good, but that's not really the point. This is a downtown clam shack -- what a concept. © Frommer's



seafood

Day 3 - Boston



QUICK NOTE

contact:

tel: +1 617 523 9490
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<http://www.beaconhillonline.com/>

location:

Between Beacon Street and Cambridge Street
Boston MA 02114

1 Beacon Hill

DESCRIPTION: Beacon Hill is beautiful and old without being artificial. A historic neighborhood that houses politicians, statesmen, wealthy families and a handful of lucky college students, it is a regal mash-up of what makes Boston so poignant. Charles Street exists as its main hub, and boasts gourmet bistros, cafes, hotels and shops. The Freedom Trail begins here, the Boston Common lies at its feet, and the Real World Boston firehouse on Mt. Vernon St. still stands - now owned by a nonprofit organization. © NileGuide User



contact:

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(Tourist Information)
fax: +1 617 424 7664 (Tourist Information)
<http://www.cityofboston.gov/freedomtrail/bostoncommon.asp>

location:

Beacon Street
Boston MA 2203

hours:

2 Boston Common

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:
Check out the frog pond

DESCRIPTION: America's oldest park is the heart of Boston, offering recreation opportunities and a glimpse into history through numerous monuments to the past. Designated as public space in 1640, British soldiers later camped here during the Revolutionary War. Part of the Freedom Trail, the park adjoins the Massachusetts State House and Beacon Hill. A favorite spot is the Frog Pond, which doubles as an ice skating rink. The park is the beginning of the "Emerald Necklace," a seven-mile string of local parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. © wcities.com



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Mon-Sat 8:30am-5pm; Sun
9am-5pm

contact:

tel: +1 617 522 1966
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http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks/emerald/public_garden.asp

location:

Arlington, Boylston, Charles
and Beacon streets
Boston MA 2116

3 Boston Public Garden

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

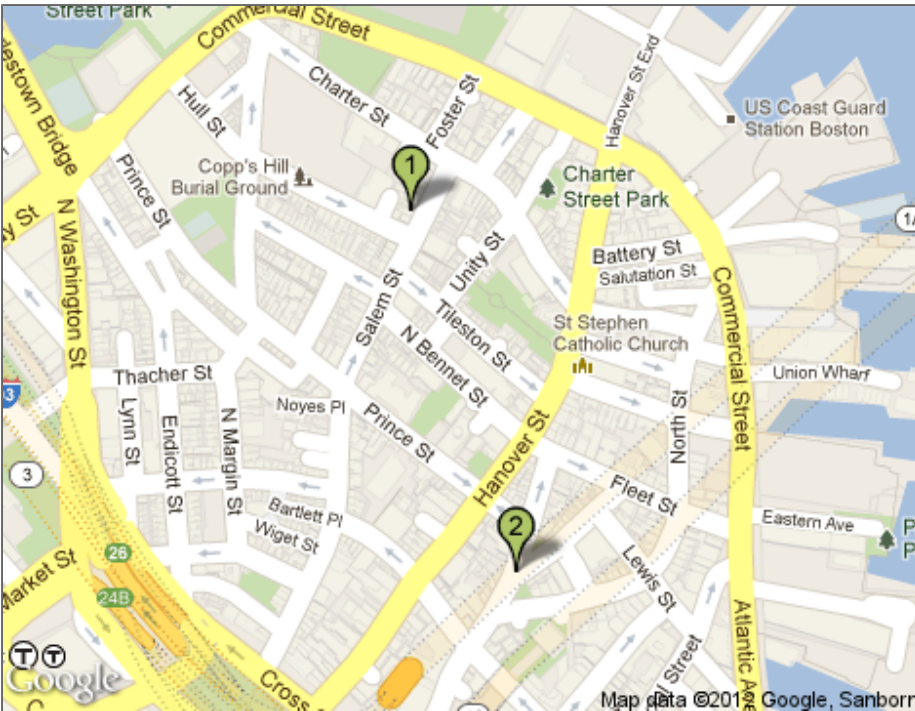
Don't walk on the grass!

DESCRIPTION: Travelers entering the Boston Common will see Beacon Hill to the north, bustling Tremont Street to the east, Emerson College to the south, and gated greenery to the west. Beyond those gates is a well-manicured, but still approachable public garden. Lagoons, walking paths, bridges, statues and flowers galore make it the perfect spot for an afternoon stroll (or simply a path from the Common to Newbury Street). If you're looking for things to do with the kids, take the Swan Boats, and check out the Make Way for Ducklings sculpture in the northeast corner. © NileGuide User



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Day 4 - Boston



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<http://www.oldnorth.com>

location:
193 Salem St
Boston MA 2113

hours:
Jan-Feb: M-F 10a-4p, Sa-Su 9a-5p,
Mar-May: daily 9a-5p,
Jun-Oct: daily 9a-6p, Nov-Dec: daily 9a-5p

1 Old North Church

DESCRIPTION: Still an active Episcopalian Church, this, the oldest religious structure in Boston, dates back to 1723 and occupies a special place in American history. On a fateful night in 1775, Paul Revere watched for the signal, "One if by land and two if by sea". After the church sexton hung two lanterns from the steeple he began his famous midnight ride to wake and warn the countryside of the British troops' arrival. Every April, members of the colonial militia begin a lantern service commemorating the event. Sunday services are at 9a and 11a. Admission is free. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: +1 617 523 2338
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<http://www.paulreverehouse.org>

location:
19 North Sq
Boston MA 2109

hours:

2 Paul Revere House

DESCRIPTION: In 1775, local silversmith Paul Revere left this house to warn fellow rebels Sam Adams and John Hancock that British troops were headed to Lexington to arrest them. That night was immortalized by Longfellow's poem, "Paul Revere's Ride." The home was built in the late 1600s and bought by Revere in 1770. It just escaped the wrecking ball when Revere's descendants recovered the property in 1902. Now a national historic landmark, the building is the oldest in downtown Boston. © wcities.com

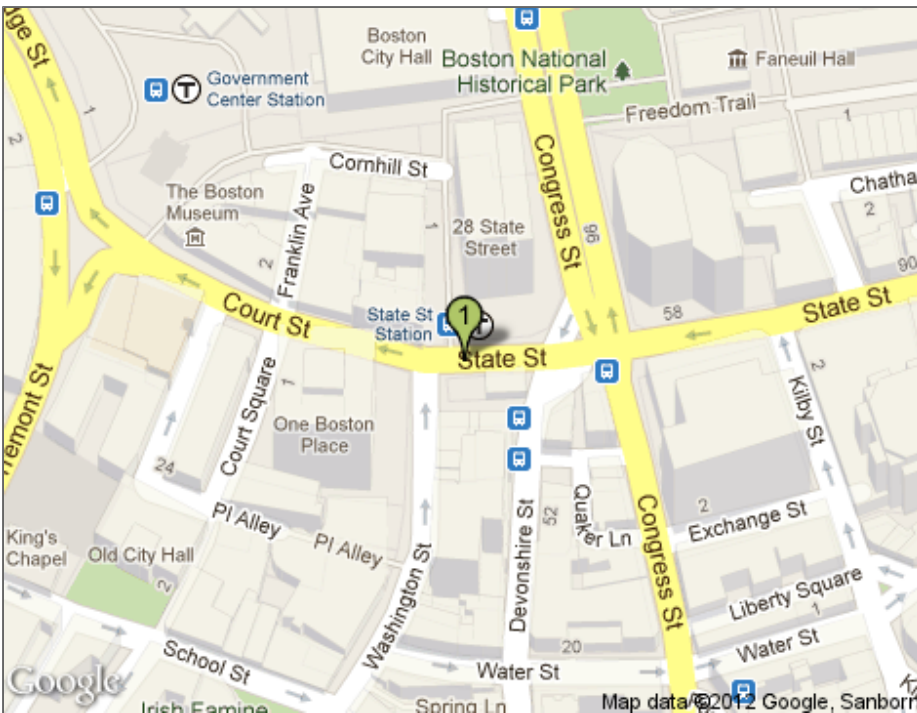


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Day 4 - continued...

April 15-Oct 31: daily
9:30a-5:15p, Nov 1-Apr 14:
daily 9:30a-4:15p

Day 5 - Boston



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http://www.nps.gov/bost/freedom_trail.htm

location:

15 State Street
Boston MA 02109

1 Freedom Trail

OUR LOCAL EXPERT SAYS:

The best time to go is early in the morning

DESCRIPTION: This three-mile ribbon of red paint links 16 historical sites. Most visitors start the trail at the Boston Common. The National Park Service offers 90-minute guided tours starting at the Boston National Historical Park Visitor Center. Maps are also available here. Stops include the Old State House, Faneuil Hall and the Old North Church. You can also discover Paul Revere's house, the site of the Boston Massacre, and the Copp's Hill Burial Ground. At the end of the trail in Charlestown, the Bunker Hill Monument and the U.S.S. Constitution await you. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: 617/523-8567
www.dailycatch.com

location:
323 Hanover St
Boston MA 02113

hours:
Sun-Thurs 11:30am-10pm;
Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm

1 Daily Catch

DESCRIPTION: About the size of a large kitchen (it seats just 20), this storefront restaurant packs a wallop -- of garlic. A North End favorite since 1973, it offers excellent food, chummy service, and very little elbow room. The surprisingly varied menu includes an impressive variety of calamari (try it fried, in squid-ink pasta puttanesca, or stuffed with bread crumbs, parsley, and garlic) and a tempting selection of broiled, fried, and sautéed fish and shellfish. One of the pickiest eaters I know comes here from New York just for the monkfish Marsala. All food is prepared to order, and some dishes arrive at the table still in the frying pan. This is the original Daily Catch. The **Harborwalk** branch, at the Moakley Federal Courthouse, 2 Northern Ave., on the South Boston waterfront (tel. **617/772-4402**; T: Silver Line to Courthouse), is open Monday through Thursday 11am to 10pm, Friday until 11pm, and weekends 4 to 10pm, and accepts credit cards (AE, MC, V). © Frommer's



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contact:
tel: 1 617 262 8900
http://www.thecapitalgrille.com/Locations/Boston/Main.asp

location:
900 Boylston Street
Boston MA 02115

hours:
Dinner: Sunday: 4:00pm
- 10:00pm, Monday –
Wednesday: 5:00pm –
10:00pm, Thursday –
Saturday: 5:00pm – 11:00pm

2 Capital Grille (The)

DESCRIPTION: If you are a wine aficionado, the Capital Grille on Newbury Street is your best bet. With a sophisticated look—lots of deep wood and white-linen draped tables—the Capital Grille serves over 300 wine selections from around the world and the list is revised twice yearly. The food is outstanding as well. This steak house dries beef on its premises. Steaks are hand-cut daily and perfectly seasoned before being grilled. Chilled seafood appetizers and grilled entrees, including salmon, swordfish, tuna steak and lobsters are also offered. © wcities.com



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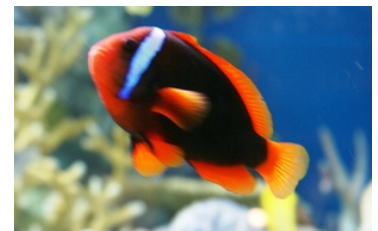
contact:
tel: +1 617 973 5200
http://www.neaq.org/

location:
1 Central Wharf
Boston MA 02110

hours:
M-F 9a-5p, Sa-Su 9a-6p,
IMAX: Daily 9:30a onwards

3 New England Aquarium

DESCRIPTION: Since opening in 1969, this waterfront landmark has become one of Boston's biggest tourist attractions. The most famous exhibit, the massive 200,000-gallon "Giant Ocean Tank," has a simulated Caribbean coral reef in which sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and tropical fish cruise by crowds of children pressed against the glass. Other marine galleries contain piranha, sea otters and three species of penguins. As if all that were not enough, the aquarium also offers whale watching cruises, seal shows, and its very own IMAX Theatre. © wcities.com



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<http://www.bostonkids.org/>

location:

300 Congress St
Boston MA 2205

hours:

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4 Boston Children's Museum

DESCRIPTION: This a great place to entertain and educate your children and a fascinating museum for all ages. Interactive exhibits focus on four themes: art, culture, science and technology. Displays such as the science playground, hall of toys, playspace, weaving and climbing sculpture are exceptional in their ability to teach children about their environment and the world they live in. Validated parking is available at Farnsworth Garage. © wcities.com



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242 2543
fax: +1 617 242 0614
<http://www.history.navy.mil/usconstitution/>

location:

Pier 1
Charlestown MA 2129

hours:

Summer: Tu-Su 10a-3:50p,
Winter: Th-Su 10a-3:30p

5 USS Constitution

DESCRIPTION: Launched in 1797, "Old Ironsides" sailed her way into the history books by taking on the British fleet in the War of 1812. She fought in 40 naval battles, and never lost. The vessel received her unusual nickname after French cannonballs bounced off her sides during an 1815 military engagement. Still seaworthy, the ship is the oldest commissioned warship in the world. Free admission and tours, conducted by U.S. Navy personnel offer a look back in time. An adjacent museum features interactive exhibits. Visitors will undergo security checks before boarding. © wcities.com



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Association)
<http://www.downtowncrossing.org/>

location:

59 Temple Place, Suite 552
Boston MA 2111

hours:

Vary

6 Downtown Crossing

DESCRIPTION: People, pigeons, big stores, little stores, kiosks, chestnuts, burritos, salsa bands and rapping all stars. What more could you ask for on a blustery day in Boston? Downtown Crossing encompasses the area between Tremont Street and the Financial District. The main thoroughfares are Summer, Winter and Washington Streets; their intersection is the location of Macy's and Filene's Basement. Fruit and flower vendors, hat and sweater kiosks, and jewelry, tie and flag stands add to the color and commotion. © wcities.com



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<http://www.tbha.org/>

location:

374 Congress Street Suite 307
Boston MA 02110

hours:

24 hrs



The Boston Harbor Association

DESCRIPTION: Boston Harbor is a beautiful retreat from the city in any season. It is also the departure point for ferries to Cape Cod and the South Shore, whale watches and moonlit cruises. The history of the harbor has not been forgotten; the Boston Tea Party took place here and is recreated annually. The New England Aquarium is located on the water's edge. As you walk by, peek at the large tank to the left of the entrance—sometimes there are harbor seals living in it. © wcities.com



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<http://www.bostonusa.com>

location:

Statiestraat 21
Antwerp MA 2018

hours:

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Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau

DESCRIPTION: The local tourist bureau provides extensive information on lodging and areas of interest to visitors by mail, on-line, or through the "Boston By Phone" service. The latter is useful in connecting directly to businesses. Since many Boston hotels are often full during the summer, the bureau can help direct tourists to available lodging. Services are also available for meeting planners, tour leaders and the media. © wcities.com

Boston Snapshot

Local Info

From the cobbled streets of the North End to the newly-designed Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston offers a distinct blend of history and modernity that keeps visitors returning for more! Landmarks like the Bunker Hill Monument and the Old North Church are ties to the American Revolution, while posh shopping on Newbury Street keeps visitors in touch with the latest fashions and foods. Each neighborhood is a pocket of local culture, and locals bursting with Boston pride who are eager to show visitors the best of "Beantown."

Beacon Hill

Beacon Hill nestles between the quaint shops of Charles street and the activity of Boston Common. Home to many Boston elite, you'll find impressive townhouses here, high-end markets and boutiques, and fine foods. Young professionals also flock to this neighborhood and congregate at local pubs. It's just a few block from the banks of the Charles River!

South End

The South End also offers a quaint setting, with brick sidewalks, chic restaurants and endless blocks of cozy coffee shops and cafe's. Well-kept dog parks line the side streets, and it's just a short walk to Back Bay and Newbury Street. The area is also considered one of the most "gay-friendly" parts of the city.

North End

Need an Italian fix? Come to Boston's North End. Shops like Mike's Pastry are not-to-be-missed, and you can also pick up the historical Freedom Trail here.

Newbury Street

Newbury Street is a downtown thoroughfare with the most posh shopping Boston has to offer, not to mention top-of-the-line restaurants and cafes. The Public Garden marks the beginning of this stretch, and there you can find the famous "Make way for Ducklings" statues and the Swan Boats.

Waterfront

Faneuil Hall Marketplace is a must-see by the waterfront, and if you linger in the plaza outside on a nice day you're almost sure to see a fun street performer to add flavor to your trip! Souvenir shops abound here, and it's one of the stops on the Freedom Trail. Just a few blocks away is Downtown Crossing, as well as the New England Aquarium (great for kids).

Jamaica Plain

Just outside the city, Jamaica Plain is "up and coming" and has started to attract more and more of the city's families and young professionals. Jamaica Pond and the Arnold Arboretum offer beautiful outdoor settings, and Victorian homes line the streets. Also, right downtown is the famous J.P. Licks ice cream shop ("Jamaican Plain" being the namesake). Don't forget to stop there!

Brookline

Home to enclaves such as Coolidge Corner and Washington Square, Brookline offers

the best Jewish Deli's in town! Local movie theaters, bookstores and bars welcome visitors and create a lively atmosphere. Check out Zaftigs and the Publick House to hit up some of the best of Brookline's food and drink scene.

Somerville

Davis Square is a lively Somerville hub, and this area also houses Tufts University. Just a short ride on the Red Line from Boston's center, Somerville gets you just outside the city but still offers a little urban flair and hustle-bustle. Somerville draws a crowd looking for quality housing at an affordable, and recent college grads often flock to this area. In Davis Square, be sure to check out Redbones for some of the best BBQ around.

Cambridge

Set on the banks of the Charles River, Cambridge teems with college students, as it's home to both Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Kendall Square is a mecca for technology and science research and entrepreneurship, and Harvard Square offers colorful shops and eateries. Street performers are a common sight, as are outdoor chess tables, rowing teams on the waters of the Charles River, and bicyclists cruising Memorial Drive. Cambridge is definitely worth the short trip across the river!

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