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Boston Ballet dancer Misa Kuranaga performs as Clara in the company's annual production of *The Nutcracker*. Photo © Angela Sterling



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Traveling during the holidays, though a necessary evil, can be a real bore. Traipsing through airports, sitting in the back seat while you drive to Grandma's house... you know the drill. However, from **December 26-30** at the TD Banknorth Garden, you and your family can enjoy a phenomenal trip without ever having to leave your seats when **Disney On Ice** returns to Boston with its newest show, **Mickey & Minnie's Magical Journey**.

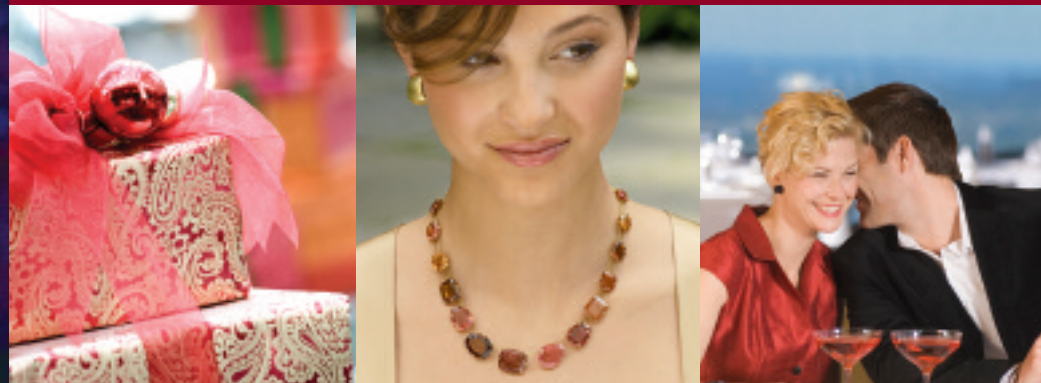
Watch in amazement as all your family's favorite Disney characters—Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy—set off on a journey to see all the members of their extended family in far-off locations: flying with Peter Pan and Tinkerbell through Neverland, doing the hula in Hawaii with Lilo & Stitch (pictured) and even diving down under the sea to visit Ariel, the Little Mermaid herself. The performance showcases breathtaking scenery and majestic skatework and will be a Journey your children are sure to never forget. *Refer to listing, page 24.*



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Stoughton native **Lori McKenna** brings her unique fusion of country, pop and acoustic music to Club Passim for a three-night set of holiday homecoming shows with special guests like Mark Erelli and Jake Armerding. *Refer to listing, page 26.*



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
While school won't be out for summer anytime soon, teens and parents alike can be whisked away to those carefree, warmer days when the stage version of Disney's smash hit **High School Musical 2** opens at the North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly. *Refer to listing, page 27.*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
The resurgent **Boston Bruins**, off to their best start since 2002, have their sights set on bringing Boston its first Stanley Cup in 36 years. Captain Zdeno Chara (pictured) and fan favorite Patrice Bergeron take on Ray Whitney and the **Carolina Hurricanes** tonight at the TD Banknorth Garden. *Refer to listing, page 26.*



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
On top of the Eastern Conference, the **Boston Celtics** are defending their NBA Championship title with a vengeance. Next up for the team—led by Paul Pierce (pictured) and Kevin Garnett—are Elton Brand and the new-look **Philadelphia 76ers**, tonight at the TD Banknorth Garden. *Refer to listing, page 26.*



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25–SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
What is Christmas about if not celebrating with family? Join one of celluloid's most legendary clans—Vito, Michael, Fredo and the rest of the Corleones—as the Brattle Theatre screens parts I and II of the legendary Mafioso series, **The Godfather**. *Refer to listing, page 20.*

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IT'S A PLAID CHRISTMAS IN CAMBRIDGE

Back in the '90s, Boston rock 'n' roll fans got no purer joy at the holiday season than strapping on their Doc Martens boots and heading out to catch Beantown's homegrown musical heroes—the ska-funk-punk combo **The Mighty Mighty Bosstones** (pictured above)—at their high-legendary annual holiday extravaganza, the **Hometown Throwdown**.

After peaking in 1997 with their hit album *Let's Face It*, the Bosstones spent most of the last several years on hiatus. However, in 2007, Dicky Barrett and the boys resuscitated the Throwdown at venerable Cambridge rock club The Middle East. This year, the Bosstones return from **December 26–29**, offering classic hits like "Where'd You Go?," "Someday I Suppose" and "The Impression That I Get" along with new material. *Refer to listing, page 26.*

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It's a howling shame that in Boston's Back Bay shopping district—full of glamorous boutiques for men, women and children—there's been no place devoted to serving the needs of Man's Best Friend. Luckily, the arrival of Pawsh Dog Boutique has solved this canine conundrum. Proprietors Nancy and Mike Maida (with an adorable assist from their Boston Terrier and official store greeter, Balki, pictured) boast an assortment of dog clothes, leashes, collars, toys and other accessories, as well as an array of delectable specialty treats—many that look tasty enough to tempt humans. From chic threads to doggie beds, Pawsh is sure to have something to set tails a waggin'. —*Josh B. Wardrop*



Forget Fruitcake, Choose Cupcakes

SWEET
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Cupcakes are always delicious, but this Christmas the frosting fanatics at cupcake conquistadores Sweet have produced some brand-new delights to ho-ho-ho over. Executive Pastry Chef Jennifer Warshaw puts an innovative twist on classic holiday treats with new creations like the candy cane cupcake (peppermint buttercream drizzled with chocolate and sprinkled with candy peppermint crumble) and the gingerbread cupcake—a homemade gingerbread of cinnamon, ground ginger, nutmeg and molasses topped with whipped cream and a Sweet gingerbread man. Sweet's holiday selections also include delicious flavors like crème de menthe and black forest cakes stuffed with homemade cherry preserves. Leave these for Santa instead of cookies and you'll be on the "nice" list for life.

—Nicole McGovern



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If you've got a hankering for good old-fashioned Roast Beast, then short of a trip to Whoville there's only one place to satisfy your craving. Fleming's Prime Steakhouse in the Theatre District offers some festive family fun with its Grinch Family Brunch on **December 21**. The buffet-style meal offers delicious holiday food and drink from Chef Jason Carron, followed by a holiday treat for all your little Whos—a matinee showing of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* at the Citi Performing Arts Center's Wang Theatre. The cost for dinner and a show is \$100 per child (under 12) and \$135 per adult—a deal even the green and grouchy Grinch would find hard to turn down.

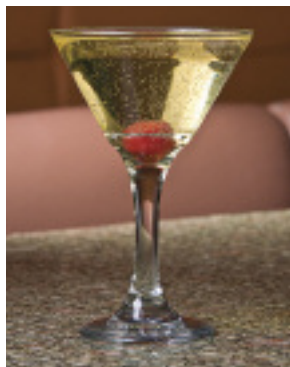
—Nicole McGovern

COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK

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Most of us won't get a partridge in a pear tree this Christmas (where would we put it?), but that doesn't mean you can't celebrate the season with a delicious pear-flavored cocktail. The folks over at North End Italian eatery Artu make the holidays glitter and shine with the Sparkling Belle, a tasty concoction that combines Grey Goose La Poire (pear vodka), Aneri Prosecco (sparkling wine) and Belle de Brillet (pear cognac). This crisp, midnight-clear cocktail is sure to make you feel like the belle of the ball.

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by Nicole McGovern, Joseph Normandin and Josh B. Wardrop

THIS MONTH, YOU COULD SIT HOME AND WATCH CLARENCE THE Angel get his wings for the millionth time, or you can get bundled up in your holiday finery and head into Boston to celebrate the season by enjoying a little Christmas culture of another sort. Whether your taste ranges from the sacred to the playful, from pipers piping to lords-a-leaping, it's a safe bet that the Hub's home to a theatrical or musical performance that's just what you wanted this year. *For complete dates, times and ticket information, refer to listings pages 22–24.*

CURTAINS UP ON CHRISTMAS

Remember those school Christmas pageants you had to suffer through (as either nervous performer or proud parent)? This year, take things up a few dozen notches as local theatres and theatrical troupes pack their stages with some of the boldest, brightest and most heartwarming shows you've ever seen.

Now in its 39th year, **Black Nativity**—produced by the National Center of Afro-American Artists at Tremont Temple **through December 21**—tells the story of the Nativity in scripture, verse, music and dance. Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes' song-play based on the Gospel of St. Luke unites 160 singers, actors, dancers and musicians to deliver its universal message of peace, hope and joy.

Another cherished tale gets two distinctly different re-tellings this month in the form of Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet **The Nutcracker**, presented at The Opera House **through December 28** by **Boston Ballet**, and **Urban Nutcracker**, presented by Boston dance company **BalletRox** at John Hancock Hall **through December 21**. Perhaps the world's most adored and renowned holiday ballet, *The Nutcracker* is a bonafide Christmas classic, and the world-class dancers of Boston Ballet serve

up Clara, the Mouse King, the Sugar Plum Fairy and all the fanciful characters just as you remember them from childhood—complete with marvelous pirouettes and plies and a cast of hundreds of dancers, young and old. For those seeking a more modern take, *Urban Nutcracker*—with its energizing fusion of ballet, swing, hip-hop and a score enhanced by the inclusion of Duke Ellington beats, as well as a present-day Boston setting—is just the ticket to make everything old seem new again.

Not everyone treats Christmas as sentimentally as good old Saint Nick, though. For those who like a Christmas curmudgeon or two (or three), we'd recommend checking out **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical** at the Wang Theatre (**through December 28**), the musical stage adaptation of everyone's favorite Christmas tale about the grim and green Who-hater; New Repertory Theatre's take on Charles Dickens' classic holiday tale, **A Christmas Carol**, featuring that original seasonal sourpuss,

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: Celebrate the holidays with such seasonal entertainment as (opposite, clockwise from upper left) *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* at the Wang Theatre, Harry Connick Jr.'s Christmas concerts at the Colonial Theatre, *Black Nativity* at Tremont Temple and New Repertory Theatre's production of David Sedaris' hilarious *The Santaland Diaries* in Watertown.

Ebenezer Scrooge (through December 28); or David Sedaris' darkly hilarious memoir of his time spent as a Macy's Christmas elf in the season's ode to anti-cheer, **The Santaland Diaries**, also playing at New Rep, beginning December 17.

SONGS OF THE SEASON

A great philosopher once said, "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." (Actually, that was Will Ferrell's Buddy the Elf from the movie *Elf*, but it's still a lovely message.) So, don't miss your chance to raise your own voice in song along with the following gifted musicians performing holiday classics in Boston this Christmas.

Celebrate with the village "quire" in the 38th annual production of **The**

SONG & DANCE: Two annual holiday traditions are BalletRox's production of *Urban Nutcracker* (below left) at John Hancock Hall and A Christmas Celtic Sojourn (below right), a stage re-creation of Brian O'Donovan's popular Irish-themed WGBH television special.



Christmas Revels. From December 18–22 and 27–30, Revels offers a theatrical celebration of the winter solstice with both sacred and "village" music and dance, including carols, anthems and holiday favorites by special guests The Mellstock Band and The Pinewood Morris Men.

One of Boston's most cherished holiday traditions is attending a concert by the **Boston Pops.** Led by conductor Keith Lockhart, the light classical ensemble performs family-friendly pieces like "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" from the movie *Home Alone* and a world-premiere version of the modern Christmas classic *The Polar Express*, along with everybody's favorite classic carols through December 28.

A pair of popular vocalists bring the holiday spirit to Boston when **Harry Connick Jr.** performs selections from his new Christmas album **December**



19 & 20 at the Colonial Theatre, and adult contemporary favorite **Jim Brickman** stops at the Cutler Majestic Theatre on **December 27 & 28** for two shows of seasonal song.

It's going to be a green Christmas for those who kick off the holidays Celtic style with the **Christmas Celtic Sojourn** at the Cutler through **December 21.** This popular New England holiday concert combines dancing, poetry, songs and stories of Celtic traditions, along with music presented by talents including the harmony group Navan and singers Sean Keane and Cara Dillon.

HANUKKAH HITS THE HUB

Christmas, schmistas—what about the Festival of Lights? If your holiday season is one filled with menorahs, challah bread and yarmulkes rather than Christmas trees and Santa Claus, fret not—Boston has a few very enjoyable ways to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah.

Eat up a storm (you're too skinny!) at Harvard Square's **Everybody Loves Latkes Party** on

December 20. Enjoy holiday music and storytelling while you snack on samples of free latkes and check out cooking demonstrations provided by the restaurants of Cambridge's Harvard Square, all part of the annual **Sparklefest** celebration. (For more information, visit www.harvard-square.com.) Celebrate the first night of Hanukkah on **December 21** at Emmanuel Church (15 Newbury St., 617-536-3355) with an interfaith **Hanukkah Celebration** that includes singing and menorah-lighting. Or just make mom happy by meeting a nice Jewish boy (or girl) this year at the **Matzo Ball**, taking place **December 24** at popular nightclub The Estate (1 Boylston Place, 617-351-7000). The event aimed at bringing together Jewish singles ages 21–49 offers revelers the chance to network, make friends or even find that special someone. ©

HOLIDAY REVEL-ATION: In celebration of the winter solstice, Revels presents its 38th annual Christmas Revels (above)—which this year transports audiences to Thomas Hardy's England for a joyous display of singing and dancing—at Sanders Theatre in Harvard Square.

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Santa and friends Holiday Parade leaves from the Inn at Harvard at 12:00! Parade route goes along Mass Ave. to the Sparklefest Welcome Tent located on Brattle Square.
12:00 pm–1:00 pm

12/21: Sparklefest Welcome Tent
Enjoy photos with Santa, and Free Holiday Goodies!
12:00 pm–4:00 pm

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THE BOSTON POPS: Maestro Keith Lockhart leads the renowned orchestra in special holiday performances at Symphony Hall. Refer to listing, page 22.

CLASSICAL

EMMANUEL MUSIC, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., 617-536-3356. Admission: free will offering for weekly cantatas. **Dec 21** at 10 a.m.—The Emmanuel orchestra and chorus, conducted by Michael Beattie, present the weekly Bach Sunday Cantata, performing *BWV 132*; **Dec 24** at 7 p.m.—Michael Beattie leads Emmanuel Music in Bach's *BWV 132* and Buxtehude's *WV 13*.

COMEDY

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1236 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$8–10. A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. **Dec 16 & 23**—Mystery Lounge; **Dec 17**—Dan Crohn, Mike Del Ilano, Andrew Raymond Durso and others; **Dec 18**—The MC Mr. Napkins Show! featuring Heather Thompson, Sandy Asai, Jim Blumenfeld and others; **Dec 19 & 26**—The Reid & Renata Show with special guests; **Dec 20**—Pat Boccuzzi, Shaun Donovan, Steve Macone and others; **Dec 21**—The Comedy Studio holiday party show; **Dec 27**—Rebecca Michael, Giulia Rozzi, Andy Ofiesh and Steve Macone; **Dec 28**—Ed Kopesky hosts Steve Albert, Pam Ames, James Duffy and others.

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St., 800-401-2221. Shows Tue–Thu at 8:30 p.m., Fri & Sun at 9 p.m., Sat at 8 and 10:15 p.m. Tickets: \$12–15. Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant across from Boston Common. **Dec 15 & 22**—Kevin Knox's Comedy

Showcase; **Dec 16 & 23**—Jim Lauletta's Comedy Showcase; **Dec 17**—Wacky Wednesdays with Paul Nardizzi; **Dec 18**—The Chris Zito Show; **Dec 19 & 20**—Larry Myles, Greg Howell and friends; **Dec 21**—Open Mic Night.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. Tickets: \$15–20, dinner packages available. Visit www.improvasylum.com for complete show schedules. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime. Some of Boston's top improvisational comics perform uproarious and creative shows at their theater in the heart of Boston's North End. **Dec 17** at 8 p.m.—Vanity Project; **Dec 18** at 9:45 p.m.—Free Improv Set; **Dec 18** at 8 p.m., **Dec 19, 20, 26, 27 & 31** at 8 and 10 p.m.—Main Stage Show.

IMPROVBOSTON, 40 Prospect St., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1253. Cover: \$7–16. This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. **Dec 17** at 8 p.m.—The Hump; **Dec 18** at 8 p.m.—Bastards, Inc.; at 10 p.m.—The Great and Secret Comedy Show; **Dec 19 & 26** at 7:30 p.m.—SketchHaus; at 8 p.m.—Between Jobs; at 9:30 p.m.—Harold Night; at 10 p.m.—Friday Night Face-Off; at 11:30 p.m.—Night Cap; **Dec 20 & 27** at 6 p.m.—IB Family Show; at 7 p.m.—The Mosaic; at 8 and 10 p.m.—Mainstage; at 9:30 p.m.—Boston News Net; at 11:30 p.m.—Night Cap; **Dec 21 & 28** at 7 p.m.—Sgt. Culpepper's Comedy Jamboree.

NICK'S COMEDY STOP, 100 Warrenton St., 617-423-2900. Fri & Sat at 8:30 p.m. Cover: \$20. Nick's is Boston's longest-running comedy club. **Dec 19 & 20** at 8:30 p.m.—Artie Januario; **Dec 26 & 27** at 8:30 p.m.—Larry Norton.

FILM

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COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9.75; members, seniors & children (Mon–Thu) \$6.75 and (Fri–Sun) \$7.75. This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. **Dec 15** at 7 p.m.—*Gold Diggers of 1933* and *Duck Soup*; **Dec 16–18** at 5, 7 and 9 p.m.—*Pray the Devil Back to Hell*; **Dec 20** at 10:30 a.m.—*The Wizard of Oz*; **Dec 20** at 12:30 p.m.—*The Legend of Mountain Man*.

HARVARD FILM ARCHIVE, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617-495-4700. Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices. With more than 300 films shown per year, HFA is one of the most active art cinemas in New England. **Dec 15** at 7 p.m.—*Band of Ninja*; **Dec 20** at 7 p.m.—*Diary of a Shinjuku Thief*; at 9 p.m.—*Death by Hanging*; **Dec 21** at 3 p.m.—*Max Mon*



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MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9; seniors \$8; children (3–11) \$7. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m. This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. Now showing: *Dinosaurs Alive!*; *The Greatest Places*; *Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk*; *Wild Ocean*.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. Screenings Thu–Sun, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$6–9. The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Now showing: *Dec 18* at 6 p.m., *Dec 21* at 4:15 p.m.—*Après Lui*; *Dec 18* at 8 p.m., *Dec 19* at 6 p.m., *Dec 21* at 2:15 p.m.—*A Secret*; *Dec 19* at 8 p.m., *Dec 20* at noon, *Dec 26* at 7:45 p.m., *Dec 28* at 3:30 p.m.—*Angel*; *Dec 28* at 10:30 a.m.—*Andy Warhol: Denied*.

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. Sun–Wed 9:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.; Thu–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9.95; seniors & children (3–11) \$7.95. The Simons is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now showing: *Deep Sea 3D*; *The Dark Knight: IMAX Experience*; *Wild Ocean 3D*; *Dolphins and Whales 3D*; *Grand Canyon 3D*.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

A BACH CHRISTMAS, Handel and Haydn Society, Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-266-3605. *Dec 18* at 8 p.m., *Dec 21* at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25–86. Boston's acclaimed Handel and Haydn Society—under the baton of conductor John Finney—celebrate the Yuletide season with a performance of Johann Sebastian Bach's *Magnificat*, *Gloria in excelsis Deo* and other seasonal classics.

BLACK NATIVITY, Tremont Temple, Converse Hall, 88 Tremont St., 617-423-6398. Performances *through Dec 21*: *Fri* at 8 p.m., *Sat* at 3:30 and 8 p.m., *Sun* at 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$17.50–45. This legendary Christmas celebration tells the story of the Nativity in scripture, verse, music and dance. Based on the Gospel of St. Luke, combined with the poetry of Langston Hughes, this song-play features a joyous company of 160 singers, actors, dancers and musicians delivering a powerful message of joy, hope, victory and liberation.

BOSTON HOLIDAY POPS, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-3605. Performances: *Dec 15, 16 & 28* at 8 p.m., *Dec 18 & 19, 22 & 23, 26 & 27* at 4 and 8 p.m., *Dec 20 & 21* at 11 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m., *Dec 24* at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets \$33–122; children \$15. Boston's beloved world-renowned orchestra comes home for the holidays, with concerts of holiday favorites led by Pops maestro Keith Lockhart and guest conductors.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE STAR: A HISPANIC CHRISTMAS 1300–1700, The Boston Camerata, First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St., 866-427-2092. *Dec 19* at 8 p.m.



ÁINE MINOGUE: The Irish songstress brings her traditional Celtic arrangements to Cambridge's Club Passim on December 22. Refer to listing, page 26.

Tickets: \$22–46. The Boston Camerata celebrates the holiday season by performing Christmas music from Spain, Mexico and Bolivia dating from the year 1300 up to modern times.

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL, New Repertory Theatre, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, 617-923-8487. Performances *Dec 19–28*: *Tue* at 7 p.m., *Wed* at 3 p.m., *Fri* at 8 p.m., *Sat* at 3 and 8 p.m., *Sun* at 1 and 6 p.m. Tickets: \$35–54. Adapted and directed by artistic director Rick Lombardo, this lavish version of Dickens' holiday classic recounts the tale of the world's most famous miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, who, guided by three spirits, takes an unforgettable journey of redemption. This family holiday spectacle is complete with music, dancing and all the splendor of a Victorian Christmas.

A CHRISTMAS CELTIC SOJOURN, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. Performances *through Dec 21*: *Fri* at 8 p.m., *Sat* at 3 and 8 p.m., *Sun* at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25–75; children (under 12) \$15–42. Top talents from around the Celtic world re-create the magic of an old-world Christmas in the fifth season of the live version of Brian O'Donovan's beloved WGBH Christmas special. Enjoy music from Irish super-group Solas, rising star Cara Dillon, singer Sean Keane, the spectacular Irish dancing of Kieran Jordan and much more.

CHRISTMAS REVELS, Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617-496-2222. Performances: *Thu & Fri* at 7:30 p.m., *Sat* at 3 and 7:30 p.m., *Sun* at 1 and 5:30 p.m. (*Dec 22* at 7:30 p.m.) Tickets: \$25–52. The 38th annual production of the beloved Boston tradition takes audiences to Thomas

Hardy's beloved Wessex. Recreating a village "quire"—singers accompanied by motley string and wind instruments—this yuletide celebration evokes the joys of the season in carols, anthems, rounds and old favorites, with featured performances from England's The Mellstock Band, David Coffin, Mary Casey, The Pinewoods Morris Men, Cambridge Symphonic Brass Ensemble and the Revels Chorus.

DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. Performances: *Dec 16* at 7:30 p.m., *Dec 17* at 2 and 7:30 p.m., *Dec 18* at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., *Dec 19* at 5 and 8 p.m., *Dec 20, 21 & 27* at 11 a.m., 2, 5 and 8 p.m., *Dec 23 & 26* at 2, 5 and 8 p.m., *Dec 24* at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., *Dec 28* at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: \$28–150. Rediscover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life on stage. The whimsical world of Whoville is beautifully realized in this delightful musical production featuring the hit songs "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas."

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE BELLS OF BOSTON, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-523-1300. *Dec 20 & 21*. Free. Experience the "Bells of Boston" as part of an old-fashioned celebration of the holiday season at this popular outdoor shopping center.

HARRY CONNICK JR.: A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION, The Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., 617-931-2787. *Dec 19 & 20* at 8 p.m., *Dec 21* at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$37.50–97.50. The popular crooner/pianist/actor returns to Boston with three concerts full of holiday favorites, including selections from his new release *What A Night! A Christmas Album*.

HARVARD SQUARE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR, First Parish Unitarian Church, corner of Church Street and Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Square, Cambridge, 413-625-9779. *Dec 18, 19, 22 & 23* noon–7:30 p.m., *Dec 20* 10 a.m.–7 p.m., *Dec 21* noon–6 p.m. Free and open to the public. This venerable holiday craft event, now in its 23rd season, is described as "the original rock and roll holiday fair" by its devotees, and features a funky mix of area craftspeople from New England and around the world exhibiting and selling goods ranging from clocks to jewelry, hand-printed cards to pottery, clothing to photography and much more.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, Edaville Railroad, off Rte. 3 South, 7 Eda Ave., Carver, 877-EDAVILLE. *Mon–Fri* 4–9 p.m., *Sat & Sun* 2–9 p.m. Call for tickets and reservations. Board Edaville's heated passenger train and tour more than five miles of forests, lakes and cranberry bogs, filled to the hilt with animated displays and millions of Christmas lights. Children's rides, concessions, Friday night fireworks and a cranberry museum are among other activities offered.

JIM BRICKMAN HOLIDAY TOUR 2008, Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. *Dec 27* at 8 p.m., *Dec 28* at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$25–55. The acclaimed adult contemporary recording star brings two shows full of holiday cheer to Boston, accompanied by singer Anne Cochran and electric violinist Tracy Silverman.

THE NUTCRACKER, Boston Ballet, The Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-931-2787. Performances *through Dec 28*: *Thu & Fri* at 7:30 p.m., *Sat* at 1 and 7:30 p.m., *Sun* at 1 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30–150. For many, the holidays

just aren't complete without Boston Ballet's spectacular rendition of Tchaikovsky's beloved Christmas tale. A classical ballet in two acts based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, artistic director Mikko Nissinen's production features the entire Boston Ballet and close to 300 children from Boston Ballet School.

THE NUTCRACKER, José Mateo's Ballet Theatre, The Duxbury Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden St., Duxbury, 781-934-7612. *Performances Dec 19-21: Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets: \$15-50.* This annual take on the seasonal classic presents a lively, lower-cost alternative to other holiday shows. Ballet Theatre's acclaimed dancers—along with more than 200 children as mice, soldiers and angels—focus on the dancing rather than the usual mime and theatrics.

THE SANTALAND DIARIES, Downstage @ New Rep, Black Box Theater, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 200 Dexter Ave., Watertown, 866-811-4111. *Performances: Dec 17, 18 & 23 at 7:30 p.m., Dec 19 & 26 at 8:30 p.m., Dec 20 & 27 at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Dec 21 & 28 at 3 and 7 p.m., Dec 24 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$30; students \$15; seniors \$25.* Crumpet, the wickedly funny Macy's Elf, returns in David Sedaris' strange-but-true account of adventures in holiday retailing. If you've had enough of the usual heartwarming holiday fare, it's the perfect antidote.

SPARKLEFEST, Harvard Square, JFK and Mt. Auburn streets, www.harvardsquare.com. Cambridge's popular neighborhood for shopping, dining and entertainment hosts special events for all ages to celebrate the holiday season. *Events are free and open to the public. Dec 20 from 1-3 p.m.—The Everybody Loves Latkes Party at Winthrop Park; Dec 21 from noon-1 p.m.—Sparklefest Holiday Parade.*

URBAN NUTCRACKER, John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St., 877-548-3237. *Performances through Dec 21: Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 1 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 1 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20-55.* Hailed as "A joyous, daring fusion of the old and new" by *The Boston Globe*, this production fuses ballet, swing, hip hop and urban tap with the classical score of Tchaikovsky and the pulsating beat of Ellington. Experience the classical ballet of the Snow Queen juxtaposed with the raw energy of urban dance.

KIDS CORNER

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio and Play Space such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. *Daily at 10 a.m.—Playspace: Messy Activity; Daily at 11 a.m.—Art Studio: Papercrafts!; Daily—Japanese House: Decorate a Nenga-jyo; Dec 15, 17, 19, 22, 24 & 26 at 11 a.m.—Music & Movement; Dec 16 & 23 at 10:30 a.m.—Tasty Tuesdays; Dec 17 at 10:30 a.m.—Pint Sized Science; Dec 19 at 6 p.m.—China Surprise; Dec 20 at 11 a.m.—Crittter Day: Rulers of the Wind; Dec 21 & 28 at 11 a.m.—Playspace: Mini-Circle Time; Dec 23, 24, 26, 27 & 28 at 11 a.m.—Paperfest 2008; Dec 28 at 11 a.m.—World of Papercrafts.*

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Refer to listing in Sightseeing.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts many



BOSTON BRUINS: The Hub's beloved NHL franchise, led by red-hot goaltender Tim Thomas (above), takes on division rivals the Toronto Maple Leafs December 18 and the Carolina Hurricanes December 20 at the TD Banknorth Garden. Refer to listing, page 26.

activities and special programs for children, including live performances, storytelling, interactive computer activities and films. *Dec 16 at 3:30 p.m.—Kiragami Snowflakes; Dec 21 at 2 p.m.—It's All About Arts; Dec 26 at 2:30 p.m.—Films for Teens: The Golden Compass.*

DISNEY ON ICE, TD Banknorth Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-931-2000. *Performances Dec 26-30: Fri & Mon at 1 and 5 p.m., Sat, Sun & Tue at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets: \$22-77.* Let Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and all your favorite Disney characters take you and your children on a trip around the world in Disney On Ice's newest production, Mickey & Minnie's Magical Journey. The skating extravaganza takes audiences from Neverland to the under-sea world of *The Little Mermaid* to the African Pridelands of *The Lion King*.

PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. *Tickets: \$10.* The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening audiences of all ages. *Dec 17 & 18 at 10:30 a.m.—Forest Tales; Dec 20, 21 & 22 at 1 and 3 p.m.—Holiday Fantasy; Dec 23 at 1 and 3 p.m., Dec 24 at 1 p.m.—Hansel and Gretel; Dec 26 & 27 at 1 and 3 p.m.—Jack and the Beanstalk; Dec 28 at 1 and 3 p.m.—The Magic Trunk.*

LIVE MUSIC

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. *Dec 20 at 8 p.m.—Jane Olivor, tickets: \$35.*

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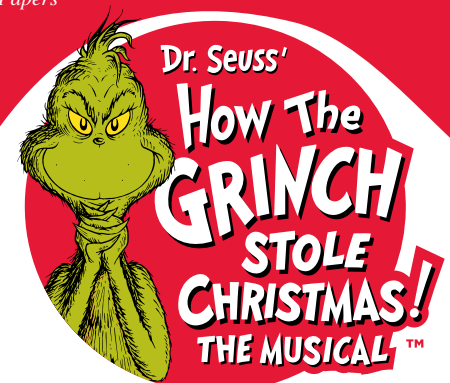
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CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. Call for full schedule. This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was a starting place for folk icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. **Dec 18-20** at 7 and 10 p.m.—Lori McKenna, tickets: \$35; **Dec 22** at 7 p.m.—Aine Minogue, tickets: \$15; **Dec 26** at 7 and 10 p.m.—Stephen Kellogg & The Sixers, tickets: \$30; **Dec 28** at 8 p.m.—Melissa Ferrick, tickets: \$30.

HARPERS FERRY, 156 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-9743. Shows start at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. This club offers live music daily and is renowned for showcasing local classic rock and rhythm 'n' blues cover bands. **Dec 19**—AZ, tickets: \$20; **Dec 21**—Soja, tickets: \$15; **Dec 27**—Virginia Coalition, tickets: \$15; **Dec 28**—Envy on the Coast, tickets: \$12.

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST. Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule. Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. **Dec 17**—Taproot with Silent Season and Resin, tickets: \$15; **Dec 21**—The Yule Ball, featuring Harry and the Potters, Draco and the Malfoys and others, tickets: \$15; **Dec 26-28**—The Hometown Throwdown featuring Mighty Mighty Bosstones and special guests, tickets: \$30.

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted. **Dec 19 & 20** at 9 p.m.—Ryan Montbleau Band, tickets: \$16.50; **Dec 27** at 9 p.m.—The Slip/Marco Benevento and Joe Russo, tickets: \$20; **Dec 28** at 8 p.m.—Pat McGee Band, tickets: \$15.

REGATTABAR, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. **Dec 20** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Dwight and Nicole, tickets: \$16; **Dec 27** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.—The Persuasions, tickets: \$25.

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. Showtimes: Tue–Thu at 8 and 10 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Sun at 7 and 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Combination tickets include dinner and show. **Dec 16**—David Benoit's A Charlie Brown Christmas, tickets: \$28, \$73 with dinner.

TOP OF THE HUB, Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775. Enjoy food, drink and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook. **Dec 15 & 22** at 8 p.m.—Marty Ballou Trio; **Dec 16-18, 23 & 24** at 8:30 p.m.—Chris Taylor Trio; **Dec 19, 20, 26 & 27** at 9 p.m.—Chris Taylor Group; **Dec 21 & 28** at noon—Lee Childs Group; at 8 p.m.—Paul Broadnax Trio.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MATZO BALL PARTY 2008, The Estate, 1 Boylston Place, 617-351-7000. **Dec 24** at 9 p.m. Admission: \$30. Mazel tov! Boston is one of 25 cities nationwide that hosts the annual Matzo Ball social event for single Jewish men and women. The evening features hundreds of mingling singles dressed to kill, dancing to Top 40 hits spun by top Boston DJs and enjoying tasty specialty cocktails.



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AURÉLIA'S ORATORIO: Aurélia Thierrée (above), granddaughter of Charlie Chaplin, performs in this circus-inspired show at the American Repertory Theatre's Loeb Drama Center in Cambridge. Refer to listing, below.

SPORTS

BOSTON BRUINS NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
TD Banknorth Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-1000.
Dec 18 at 7 p.m. vs. Toronto Maple Leafs
Dec 20 at 1 p.m. vs. Carolina Hurricanes

BOSTON CELTICS NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
TD Banknorth Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-523-3030.
Dec 15 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Utah Jazz
Dec 19 at 7:30 p.m. vs. Chicago Bulls
Dec 21 at 6 p.m. vs. New York Knicks
Dec 23 at 8 p.m. vs. Philadelphia 76ers

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776.
Dec 21 at 1 p.m. vs. Arizona Cardinals

THEATRE

ALICE'S ADVENTURES UNDERGROUND, The Underground Railway Theater, Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 866-811-4111. Performances: **Dec 18 & 19** at 7:30 p.m., **Dec 21 & 28** at 2 and 5:30 p.m., **Dec 26** at 3 p.m., **Dec 27** at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$18; students & seniors \$15; children (12 and under) \$12. This award-winning adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic tales features outrageous puppets, sets of hand-painted silk and virtuoso performances by an intergenerational ensemble of actors.

AURÉLIA'S ORATORIO, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. Performances:

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: \$39–89. Aurélia Thierrée—actress, acrobat and granddaughter of Charlie Chaplin—has charmed audiences around the world with this dazzling display of stage illusion, inspired by the magic of music hall and circus and co-created with her mother, Victoria Thierrée Chaplin.

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. Performances: Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 2, 5 and 8 p.m., Sun at 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets: \$48–58. This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit features three muted, 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.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. Performances beginning **Dec 18**: Mon, 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: \$65–79; seniors & children (18 and under) \$58.80–71. This fun and fresh stage version of the smash-hit Disney Channel movie follows Troy, Gabriella and the rest of the Wildcats as they spend the summer working at the Lava Springs Country Club. With the club's annual talent show right around the corner, Troy agrees to sing with Sharpay, but will Troy and Gabriella realize that they're meant to be? Or is it already too late for them to sing one last song together?

THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-437-7172. Performances through Dec

21: 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: \$25–54. A werewolf, a vampire, an Egyptian princess, a cursed estate and more haunt one "dark and stormy night" in this Obie Award-winning, uproarious tribute to Gothic horror films and Victorian melodrama.

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

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BOSTON

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: \$10; children (2–15) & seniors \$8; children (one-year-olds only) \$2; children (under 1) free; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) \$1.* The popular museum for families of all ages features a plethora of interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture firsthand. Exhibits include: Construction Zone, a child-sized work site with miniature skyscrapers inspired by the Big Dig; Arthur & Friends, featuring the stars of everyone's favorite PBS program; Boston Black, celebrating Boston's Caribbean, African and African-American cultures; Kid Power, which allows active kids to use energy in healthy ways and teaches them about fitness and nutrition. Special exhibits: Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China; Project: Tomorrow 2008; Self-portraits by students of Derby Academy in Hingham, Mass. and Qushi Elementary School in Hangzhou, China. Refer to Kids Corner in Current Events for special events.

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 100 Northern Ave., 617-478-3100. *Sat, Sun, Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: \$12; students & seniors \$10; children (under 17) free. Free to all Thu 5–9 p.m.* Boston's first new art museum in 100 years is a state-of-the-art, gleaming structure on the South Boston waterfront which presents installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs, as well as cutting-edge live dance and musical performances. Special exhibits: On the Sandra and Gerald Fineberg Art Wall: Ugo Rondinone; The ICA Collection; Tara Donovan; Momentum 12: Gerard Byrne; Finalists for the 2008 James and Audrey Foster Prize.

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. Special exhibit: The Triumph of Marriage: Painted Cassoni of the Renaissance. Special event: **Dec 18** from 5:30–9:30 p.m.—A Solstice Soiree, tickets \$23, students \$10.

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960. www.jfklibrary.org. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$10; students & seniors \$8; children (13–17) \$7; children (under 12) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibit: The Making of a President.

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: \$5; students, seniors & 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.

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 defied conventional 19th-century thinking to become an influential religious leader, publisher, teacher and businesswoman. The museum also houses the famous Mapparium—a three-story stained-glass globe, opened in 1935, which allows visitors to stand in the center, giving them a unique look at how ideas can inspire individuals and change the world. Special exhibits: A Holy Book and a Family Treasure; Sensational Press, Radical Response; Private Carriage, Public Journey; The Mapparium: An Inside View; Honest Investigator: Mary Baker Eddy and 19th-Century Scientific Thought.

THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, African Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-0022. www.afroammuseum.org. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission; donations welcome.* Explore the history of Boston's 19th-century African-American community at the African Meeting House, the oldest African-American church still standing in the United States. In addition, there are tour maps available for the Black Heritage Trail. Special exhibit: A Gathering Place for Freedom.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 9:45 p.m. Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): \$17; students & seniors \$15; Wed after 4 p.m.—pay as you wish; children (7–17) \$6.50 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 Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: Celebrating Kyoto: Modern Arts from Boston's Sister City; Great Company: Portraits by European Masters; Preserving History, Making History: The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; RSPV:

Jim Lambie; Winslow Homer: American Scenes; Art and Empire: Treasures from Assyria in the British Museum, ticketed separately: \$25, seniors & students \$23, children (7–17) \$9.50; Karsh 100: A Biography in Images; Zen Mind/Zen Brush: Japanese Ink Paintings from the Gitter-Yelen Collection; Visions of Kyoto: Scenes from Japan's Ancient Capital; Rachel Whiteread: Gentlemen of Suzhou; "And so to bed": Indian Bed Curtains from a Stately English Home; Photographic Figures. Special events: **Dec 17** at 7:30 p.m.—Music: Holiday Concert with the New England Conservatory Millennium Gospel Choir, tickets: \$25, seniors & students \$20; **Dec 20** at 7:30 p.m.—Music: An Evening with Richie Havens, tickets \$30, seniors & students \$24.

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: Goose Bumps! The Science of Fear; Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids; Colossal Fossil: Triceratops Cliff. Planetarium shows: *Sky Heroes: Myths in the Stars*; *Winterlight Stars and Symbols of the Solstice*. Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Omni Theater schedule.

THE SPORTS MUSEUM, 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.

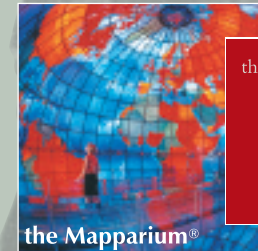
USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Free admission.* The museum preserves the treasures of "Old Ironsides," the U.S. Navy's flagship and the world's oldest commissioned warship. Includes weapons, documents, journals and more. Interactive exhibits 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; Sailors Speak: A Sailor's Life for Me?; The Barbary War; Model Shop.

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.

CARPENTER CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, Harvard University, 24 Quincy St., 617-495-3251. *Main Gallery: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun noon–11 p.m.; Sert Gallery: Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m. Free admission.* Housed in the only building in North America designed by famed French architect Le Corbusier, the Carpenter Center exhibits modern paintings, drawings and sculptures. The fifth floor Sert Gallery is home to works by contemporary artists, while innovative artwork of the Harvard Department of Visual and Environmental Studies is displayed in the main gallery. Special exhibit: Paul Chan: Three Easy Pieces.

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HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$9; seniors & students \$7; children (3–18) \$6.* Among the museum's 17 galleries is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of over 3,000 glass flower models created between 1886 and 1936. Special exhibits: Dodos, Trilobites and Meteorites; Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Sea Creatures in Glass; Looking at Leaves: Photographs by Amanda Means; Language of Color.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibits: Adel Abdessemed: Situation and Practice; On the Media Test Wall: The Space Between the Teeth.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-4444. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7.50; children \$3.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Ongoing exhibits: The Mark Epstein Innovation Gallery; Mind and Hand: The Making of MIT Scientists and Engineers; Holography: The Light Fantastic; Robots and Beyond: Exploring Artificial Intelligence at MIT; Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson; Flashes of Inspiration: The Work of Harold Edgerton; Deep Frontiers: Ocean Engineering at MIT; Learning Lab: The Cell; Red Lines, Death Vows, Foreclosures, Risk Structures: Architectures of Finance from the Great Depression to the Sub-Prime Meltdown; Luminous Windows: Holograms for the 21st Century.

SACKLER MUSEUM, 485 Broadway, 617-495-9400. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Admission: \$9; seniors \$7; children (18 and under) free.* Designed by James Stirling, Britain's famous post-modernist architect, the Sackler boasts pieces from Harvard's extensive art collection spanning centuries and encompassing one end of the globe to the other. Special exhibit: Re-View, a collection of highlights from the Harvard Art Museum.

BEYOND BOSTON

CONCORD MUSEUM, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$10; seniors & students \$8; 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 exhibits: Street Smarts; Family Trees: A Celebration of Children's Literature.

DECORDOVA MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE PARK, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$12; seniors, students & children (6–12) \$8.* Sculpture park: open sunrise to sunset, admission charged during museum operating hours only. Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibits: Laylah Ali: Notes/Drawings/Untitled Afflictions; American Vernacular; Drawn To Detail: Moving Through New England; Stacey Steers: Phantom Canyon; Zea Mays Printmaking: The Nature of Things; Face to Face. Special event: The Store @ DeCordova's Annual Artists' Market.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$15; seniors \$13; students \$11; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a new wing with a 190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art, a maritime collection dating back to the museum's earliest days and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India; All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists; Yin Yu Tang, the 16-bedroom home of a prosperous Chinese merchant of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911), ticketed separately: \$4; Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; Gateway Bombay; Stage Idols: Japanese Kabuki Theater; Polar Attractions; Body Politics: Maori Tattoo Today; To the Ends of the Earth, Painting the Polar Landscape.

THE ROSE ART MUSEUM, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3434. *Tue–Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$3; museum members, seniors, students & children (under 16) free.* The Rose boasts a collection of modern and contemporary art by artists including de Kooning, Rauschenberg and Warhol.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$8; seniors \$7; children (6–14) \$5.50.* Life-size stage settings and historically accurate narration recreate the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials and executions of 1692. Translations available in Japanese, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Special exhibit: Witches: Evolving Perceptions.

GALLERIES

ARDEN GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Arden specializes in contemporary oil paintings and sculpture by nationally and internationally renowned artists, whose styles range from super-realism to abstraction. Special exhibit: Joanne Mattera: Contemplating the Horizontal.

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY, 10 Newbury St., 617-262-4490. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* The Barbara Krakow Gallery attracts top contemporary artists from around the world, showcasing work that focuses on minimalism and conceptualism. Special exhibits: Annette Lemieux: Taking Stock; **through Dec 19**—The Annual AIDS Benefit 2008.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibits: **through Dec 21**—Hyperbole: Charles Jones; Body Sight: Rosalyn Driscoll.

BRICKBOTTOM GALLERY, 1 Fitchburg St., Somerville, 617-776-3410. *Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m.* This not-for-profit gallery presents thoughtful and professionally curated art exhibitions and fosters a stable, permanent artist community of residents and non-resident members. Special exhibit: Best In Show: Artists and their Dogs.

CHASE GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-859-7222. *Mon–Sat 10:30 a.m.–6 p.m.* Since 1990, Chase Gallery has been one of the city's top galleries for the exhibition of con-

temporary artists, both representational and abstract. Special exhibit: **through Dec 27**—Works by George Gabin.

CHILDS GALLERY, 169 Newbury St., 617-266-1108. *Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Mon & Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* The longest-running of the commercial Newbury Street galleries, Childs has one of the largest inventories of oil paintings, drawings, watercolors and prints in the U.S. Special exhibits: We Like it So Much 2008; Paul Lameyer: Prints and Drawings; Donald De Lue: America's Sculptor.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 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. Special exhibit: Holiday Wishes.

JUDI ROTENBERG GALLERY, 130 Newbury St., 617-437-1518. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Sun 1–5 p.m.* The Judi Rotenberg 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: **through Dec 23**—Glance: Jennifer Liston Munson.

NIELSEN GALLERY, 179 Newbury St., 617-266-4835. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Renowned for its fine collection of contemporary paintings, drawings and sculptures. Special exhibits: New Paintings by Jon Imber; Sculpture by Dexter Lazenby.

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 intersection of photography with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: Keeping Time: Cycle and Duration in Contemporary Photography.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.* Features work 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: It is I: Ceramics by Kang Hyo Lee; Naftali Bezem: Miracles.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting-edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: Our Cups Runneth Over: Sculptural and Functional Ceramic Cups.

VOSE GALLERIES, 238 Newbury St., 617-536-6176. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Established in 1841, Vose Galleries—the oldest family-owned art gallery in the United States—specializes in American artists from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Its new contemporary wing, expanding the collection to living artists, opened in 2001. Special exhibits: Charles Hawthorne and Jerry Farnsworth: A Provincetown Legacy; **through Dec 27**—John Whalley: An Inner Light.

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SIGHTSEEING



THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY: Located at the top of the Prudential Building, this popular attraction offers panoramic views of the surrounding area. Refer to listing, page 33.

ICE SKATING

CHARLES HOTEL ICE SKATING RINK, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-864-1200. *Mon–Fri from 2–8 p.m., Sat & Sun from 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Fees: \$5; skate rental \$5, children (under 12) \$3. This 2,900-square-foot, illuminated outdoor ice skating rink boasts rink-side refreshments from the New England-influenced restaurant Henrietta's Table, including hot toddies and vanilla-infused hot chocolate.*

FROG POND ICE SKATING RINK, Boston Common, 617-635-2197. *Mon 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tue–Thu & Sun 'til 9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Fees: \$4; children (under 13) free; rental skates \$8; lockers \$1. Seasonal passes available. Ice skating on Boston Common's Frog Pond has become a staple of wintertime in Boston. The heated skate house offers hot chocolate, snacks and music.*

LARZ ANDERSON SKATING RINK, 25 Newton St., Brookline, 617-739-7518. *Tue & Thu 10 a.m.–noon, Fri 7:30–9:30 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Fees: \$7; children \$4; rental skates \$5; skate sharpening \$6. Named one of the most romantic destinations in the Hub by *Boston* magazine, Larz Anderson Park was the former residence of the Anderson family and is now a 64-acre public park that is home to the Auto Museum, several themed gardens and historical artifacts. The skating pavilion sits atop a wooded hill in the middle of what was once an Italian garden designed by Charles A. Platt in 1901.*

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, 1250 Hancock St., Quincy, eight miles south of Boston, 617-770-1175. Take the "T"

to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. *Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: \$5; children (under 16) free. 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 tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum and its gardens contain more than 7,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers for your perusal.*

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10 Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Mon 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Tue–Fri 'til 5:30 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 event: **Dec 17 at 3 p.m.**—Afternoon Tea, tickets: \$20, children (under 5) \$8; reservations required.*

BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN, bordered by Arlington, Charles, Beacon and Boylston streets. *Open daily dawn to dusk. Established in 1837, the Public Garden is the nation's first public botanical garden. Its 24 acres are filled with scenic and diverse greenery, as well as sculptures, including one that commemorates the popular children's book *Make Way for Ducklings*. Other fixtures include the Lagoon—home to the famed Swan Boats from April through September—and the world's smallest suspension bridge.*

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Free admission. Art & Architecture tours Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.m. The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year, who come to view this architectural masterpiece and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year.*

BUNKER HILL PAVILION, Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. Located yards from the USS Constitution. *Visitor center and bookstore open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Museum admission: \$4; seniors & students \$3; children (4–12) \$2. Visitors can climb the nearby Bunker Hill Monument, a 221-foot granite obelisk, or visit the Bunker Hill Museum. Check out "Whites of Their Eyes," a dramatic multimedia presentation of the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the first major battles of the Revolution.*

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Observation deck open Mon–Thu at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Fri & Sat at 4 p.m. Free historical tours: Tue at 10 a.m. Tours may be cancelled due to weather conditions, call ahead. Boston's first skyscraper, the Custom House, stands high over Boston Harbor as one of the city's most impressive landmarks. Crowned by its distinctive clock tower and restored with modern luxuries, the building epitomizes the preservation of Boston's historic architecture. Today, the Marriott Corporation operates this landmark.*

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 175 Huntington Ave., 617-450-2000. *Free tours of The Mother Church Tue noon–4 p.m.,*

Wed 1–4 p.m., Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., every half hour. Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed at noon and 7:30 p.m. Spanish language services: Sun at noon, Wed at 6 p.m. The original Mother Church built in 1894 is at the heart of the Christian Science Center, situated on 14 acres in the Back Bay. The Romanesque structure is made from New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

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

HARRISON GRAY OTIS HOUSE, 141 Cambridge St., 617-227-3957. *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 1796 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 Faneuil 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, 617-859-0648. *Daily 10 a.m.–8 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 Antennae 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 \$6; seniors & students \$4; children (under 16) free with an adult. Guided tours: Sun at 12:15 p.m. (free), other daily tour times vary. 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

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BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-725-0022. *Free tours by appointment only. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations.*

Visit www.afroammuseum.org for site descriptions. A guided tour through the north side of Beacon Hill, including the homes of politicians and entrepreneurs; the African Meeting House, built in 1806; the oldest standing house built by an African-American (1797); and the home of Lewis and Harriet Hayden, who harbored runaway slaves. Maps are available at the Museum of African-American History.

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, Prudential Center and Museum of Science, 617-267-DUCK. www.bostonducktours.com. *Tours Fri–Sun from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Tickets: \$29; seniors, students & 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 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.*

CITY VIEW TROLLEYS, departing every 10–15 minutes from the New England Aquarium, South Station, Boston Common and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$31; seniors & students \$29; children (4–12) \$12. Discount tickets available online at www.cityviewtrolleys.com. This year-round trolley company offers tours with eight stops at the most scenic and historic locations in Boston, including the New England Aquarium and sites along the Freedom Trail. Passengers can board and exit the trolley at any stop at any time during the tours.*

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. 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.*

THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION'S FREEDOM TRAIL PLAYERS, 617-357-8300. *Tours depart from the Visitor Center on Boston Common daily at 11 a.m., noon, 1 and 3:30 p.m. Additional 10 a.m., 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. tours on weekdays. Tours depart from BosTix daily at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12; seniors \$10; children (12 and under) \$6. Call for private tours. Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis, Abigail Adams and William Dawes in this 90-minute tour. Stops include the Park Street Church, the Boston Massacre Site, the Old State House and Faneuil Hall. Private tours may be tailored to individual needs and interests.*

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required. Private tours for groups are available on most days. Tickets: \$43. Dec 16 & 23 at 5:30 p.m. The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.*

NORTH END MARKET TOUR, 64 Cross St., take the "T" to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. *Three-hour tours: Wed & Sat at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: \$50. Michele Topor, an*

authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

NORTH END SECRET TOURS, North Square (across from The Paul Revere House), 617-720-2283. *Tours: Fri & Sat 10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: \$30.* This two-hour guided walking tour explores some of the hidden courtyards and passageways of the North End, visits the birthplace of Kennedy matriarch Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy and tells tales of Boston's oldest neighborhood, like the disastrous Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919 that devastated much of the historic city sector.

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.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: DRINK IN A LITTLE HISTORY, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-368-5080. *Tours begin approximately every 45 minutes, Mon–Thu & Sat 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. One-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: \$2 donation to a local charity. Call for special events and closings.* Learn about the art of brewing beer and taste rich malts and spicy hops on this tour of the original Samuel Adams brewery.

SUPER TROLLEY TOURS, 617-742-1440. *Tours depart daily at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets: \$34; seniors, students & military \$30; children (3–11) \$16.* Ride the white Super Trolley. Get off and on at 17 different stops around the city. Full tours last two hours and cover more than 100 points of interest, including the historic North End, the USS Constitution, Boston Common, the Back Bay and the Theatre District. Connect with the Cambridge Double Decker Bus Company for a tour of Harvard Square.

URBAN ADVENTOURS, 800-979-3370, www.urbanadventours.com. Book online with the promo code "Panorama," and receive 10% off the purchase of 2 or more tickets. Offering guided bicycle tours and bike rentals, Urban Adventours gives visitors a range of ways to explore Boston on two wheels. Opt for the basic City View tour, explore historical buildings on the Art and Architecture tour or get some great shots of Boston on the Photography tour.

VISITOR RESOURCES

PANORAMA WELCOME CENTER AT COPLEY PLACE, Adjacent to the Westin Skybridge, 617-236-1027. If you lose your copy of *Panorama* magazine while touring Boston, you can stop in at the Welcome Center and replace it, and while you're there, get further information on Boston area attractions from a local authority on "what to do, where to go and what to see."

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: \$12; seniors \$10; children (2–12) \$7; children (under 2) free.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom and visit zebras, ostriches, ibex and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: \$19.95; seniors (60+) \$17.95; children (3–11) \$11.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.* Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this outstanding aquatic zoo features a 187,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life. Be sure to check out the popular penguin habitat and visit the adjacent Simons 3D IMAX Theater, the first theater of its kind in the Boston area.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: \$9; seniors \$8; children (2–12) \$6; children (under 2) free.* Highlights include Yukon Creek, Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas, miniature horses and Stone Zoo's newest arrivals, black bears. Special event: *daily 5–9 p.m. (closed Dec 25)*—Zooights, a nighttime holiday lights exhibit and winter wonderland, *tickets: \$5; children (under 2) free.*

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.

CAMBRIDGE COMMON/OLD BURYING GROUND. A grazing pasture and cemetery for Puritan Newtowne, as well as a favorite meeting spot for public figures and a tent site for the Continental Army. Early college presidents and town residents were buried in "God's Acre" across from the Common.

CHRIST CHURCH, Zero Garden St., 617-876-0200. *Offices open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Call for services.* This 1761 Tory house of worship was utilized as a Colonial barracks in the American Revolution.

FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN/UNIVERSALIST, 3 Church St., Harvard Square, 617-876-7772. *Please call for services.* Harvard College provided the pews for its students in this 1833 building erected for the then-newly founded Unitarian Church.

HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE YARDS. Located within Harvard Campus. The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

HARVARD SQUARE/OLD CAMBRIDGE. *Take the "T" to Harvard on the Red Line.* The center of Cambridge activity since the 17th century, the Square is home to Harvard University, historic buildings, bookstores, cafes, restaurants and shops.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, 580 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, 617-547-7105. *Daily 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Closing times may vary.* Founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Mount Auburn was the first landscaped cemetery in the country. Many prominent Americans are buried here, including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Winslow Homer. The cemetery is also an arboretum, sculpture garden and wildlife sanctuary.

TORY ROW (BRATTLE STREET). One of the nation's most beautiful residential streets, Tory Row is the site of Loyalist mansions and their elegant neighbors from every period of American architecture.

AMUSEMENT PARKS

5WITS, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. *Mon & Tue 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Wed & Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Tickets: \$20; children (12 and under) \$16.* Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5Wits provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. Current show: Tomb, which allows players to journey to the center of a buried pharaoh's final resting place, facing challenges and obstacles along the way.

CRUISES

SPIRIT OF BOSTON CRUISES, departing from the Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., 866-310-2469. *Call for reservations and departure times.* For close to three decades, Spirit Cruises have been getting people out on the open water in cities across the nation. In Boston, guests are treated to their choice of lunch, dinner and midnight cruises on picturesque Boston Harbor aboard the three-deck *Spirit of Boston*.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Sun–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: \$16.99; seniors \$13.99; children (5–15) \$11.99; (4 & under) free.* 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, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Hall of Fame also includes interactive basketball fun for visitors and numerous exhibits.

DR. SEUSS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCULPTURE GARDEN, 220 State St., Springfield, 413-263-6800. *Sculpture Garden is open daily from 9 a.m.–8 p.m.* This fitting artistic tribute—as well as a museum devoted to Theodore Seuss Geisel's literary accomplishments and favorite characters like the Lorax, Yertle the Turtle, the Sneeches and Horton the Elephant—was created by Geisel's step-daughter, Lark Grey Diamond-Cates. Besides the sculpture of Geisel sitting at a drawing board with the Cat in the Hat as his muse, pieces include the Yertle the Turtle Tower and the Grinch.

ELM BANK RESERVATION, Wellesley, 617-698-1802. *Reservation is open dawn to dusk year round, gates open at 8 a.m.* Bordered by the Charles River on three sides, Elm Bank Reservation is 182 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. *Park grounds open sunrise to sunset.* Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of more than 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge. The park also preserves The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne and Louisa May Alcott.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: \$20; seniors \$18;*



PROVINCETOWN: This vibrant community at the tip of Cape Cod—punctuated by the Pilgrim Monument (above)—offers a variety of fun activities year-round. Refer to listing, page 36.

children \$7 (under 3) 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, ride the old-fashioned yellow stagecoach and tour restorations of period New England homes while marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone age. Special events: **Dec 19–21** at 5 p.m.—Christmas by Candlelight, *tickets: \$14, children (under 3) free; Dec 27* from 5–9 p.m.—Families Cook, offering families an opportunity to prepare (and eat) a complete dinner by the hearth with the help of historically costumed staff, *tickets: \$85, reservations required.*

YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY, 5 North St., South Deerfield, 877-636-7707. *Sun–Thu 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 8 p.m. Call for additional information.* The Yankee Candle Factory is one part of a larger complex devoted to the company. It also includes a museum, a candle store and the Bavarian Christmas Village. Visitors are able to dip their own creations at this one-of-a-kind must-see for fans of the popular scented candles.

DESTINATIONS

THE BERKSHIRES. These mountains located roughly three hours west of Boston are Massachusetts' answer to New York's Catskills. Part of the Appalachian Trail, the Berkshires are considered a top cultural resort location, home to numerous antique shops, art galleries, spas, spots for boating, scenic biking, skiing and hiking, as well as Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home and a venue for jazz and popular concerts.

CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS. One of the nation's most beloved tourist destinations, Cape Cod has 559.6 miles of coast-

line for swimming, kayaking, sailing and snorkeling. There's also the uber-wealthy islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, which provide the perfect balance of ritzy indulgence and traditional old New England whaling and merchant culture.

LOWELL. Ever since the Industrial Revolution in America was sparked there, Lowell has been a city on the cutting edge. Though no longer a textile-production hub, Lowell is now known for its concentration of museums and galleries, including The Brush Art Gallery and the Whistler House Museum of Art, as well as historical institutions such as the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, the American Textile Museum and the New England Quilt Museum. And for baseball lovers, the Lowell Spinners—the Red Sox A team—offer an affordable way to glimpse future stars.

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, historic houses and art festivals. Less than an hour from the city of Boston, the North Shore is a relaxing 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 Plymouth National Wax Museum.

Plymouth's coastal location also provides it with some lovely seashore spots, such as White Horse and Nelson beaches.

PROVINCETOWN. Located on the tip of Cape Cod, Provincetown marches to its own beat. This New England fishing village and prominent art colony is home to a thriving gay community, and is also where playwright Eugene O'Neill penned some of his best work and Thoreau completed his walk around the Cape. Provincetown boasts miles of beaches, a charming and eclectic shopping district, trails for hiking and biking and whale watches for those looking to escape the busy city.


SALEM. This North Shore town will always be known for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, but Salem also boasts a bustling wharf with many bars and restaurants, and is regarded as an up-and-coming enclave for the young and trendy. Fans of spooky stuff can visit the New England Pirate Museum to see what life was like when Blackbeard roamed the high seas, or tiptoe through the Salem Witch Museum or Witch Dungeon Museum. On Halloween, the city transforms into one giant party for ghosts and ghouls, but 365 days a year, Salem is a charming place to explore and enjoy.

SOUTHERN MAINE. Contrary to its image as a far-flung, moose-filled wilderness, Maine has many points of interest within a couple hours' drive from Boston. Kittery is a mecca for bargain-hunters, boasting 100+ outlet stores ranging from Black & Decker to J Crew. The seaside community of Portland, known for its artsy boutiques, is also home to a burgeoning nightlife scene and the Red Sox AA affiliate, the Portland Sea Dogs. And Maine's coastal communities are renowned for their abundance of fresh lobster and beautiful beaches, including Kennebunk Beach and Ogunquit Beach.

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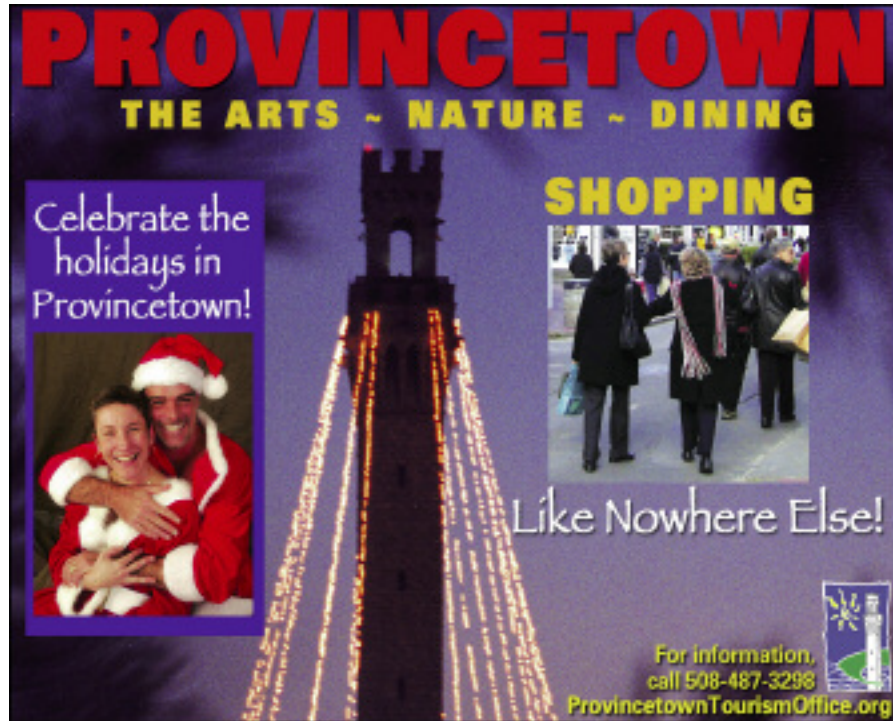
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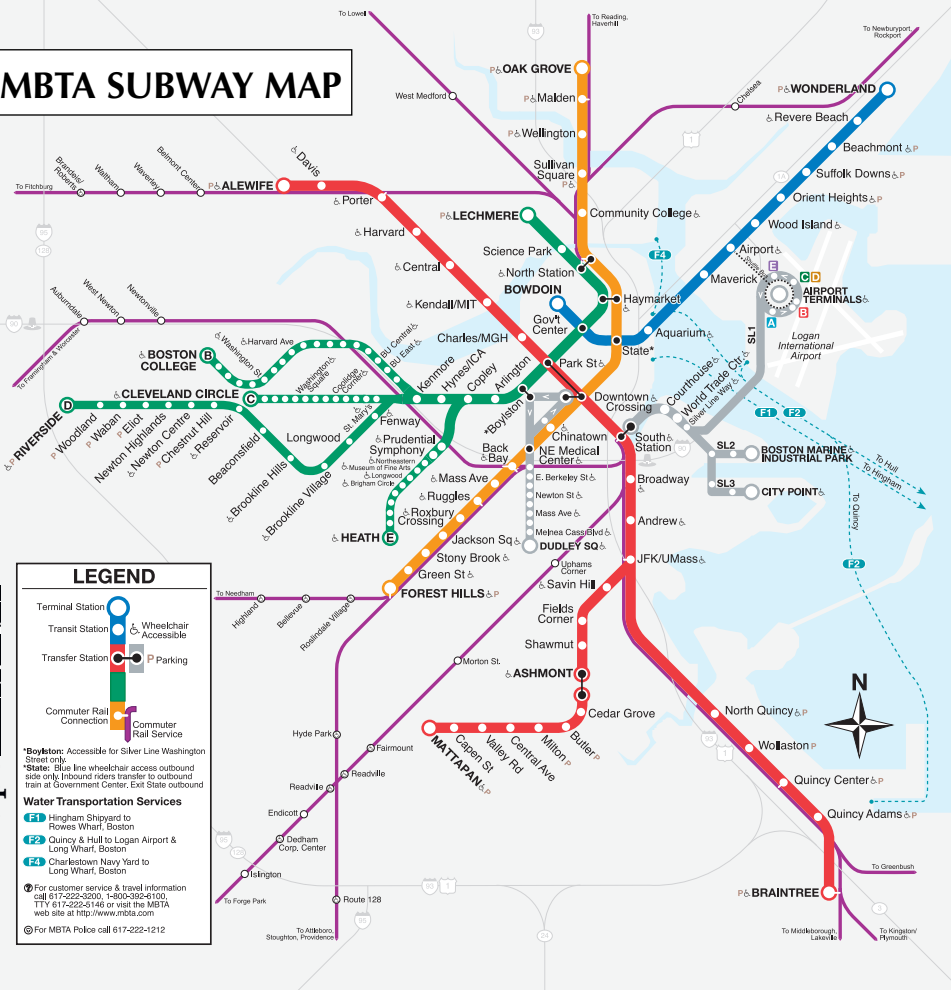
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FREEDOM TRAIL

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 Sat & 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.



PHOTO BY ALLIE FELT
OLD NORTH CHURCH: The famous steeple from which Paul Revere hung his lanterns lies along the Freedom Trail in the North End. Refer to listing, page 44.



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 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$5; students & seniors \$4; children (6-18) \$1. This building housed many town meetings, the Samuel Adams signal the start of the Boston Tea Party.



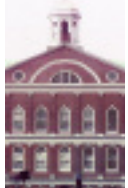
OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students & seniors \$4; children (6-18) \$1; children (under 6) free. Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for

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such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.



BOSTON MASSACRE SITE. 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, 617-523-2338. *Daily 9:30 a.m.-4:15 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.*



OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun services at 9 and 11 a.m. Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church. Two lanterns were hung here on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.*



COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND. Hull Street. *Daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.* Set out in 1660, Copp's Hill was Boston's second cemetery. Many remarkable people are interred here, including the Mather family of ministers and Edmund Hartt, builder of the *USS Constitution*.



BUNKER HILL MONUMENT. Breed's Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. *Lodge open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; monument open daily 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.* The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.



USS CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Thur-Sun 10 a.m.-3:50 p.m. Tours every half-hour.* 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.

ART & ANTIQUES

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 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 10:30 a.m.-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 Hunderwasser.

ARTS & CRAFTS

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m.* The oldest nonprofit craft organization in the country, established in 1897. The Society specializes in contemporary American crafts, jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics ranging from cutting edge to traditional, and from functional to sculptural.

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 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.-8 p.m.* Boylston Street: *Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-11 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m.* Galleria: *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-7 p.m.* This retailer provides a near-limitless selection of books, periodicals and music.

CURIOUS GEORGE GOES TO WORDSWORTH, 1 JFK St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-498-0062. *Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.-8 p.m.* The mischievous monkey isn't the only critter scampering around this Harvard Square bookstore. The bi-level bookstore is filled with more than 25,000 items for children to encourage reading and creativity.

CLOTHING

ANTHROPOLOGIE, 799 Boylston St., 617-262-0545; 300 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617-559-9995. Boylston: *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.*; Chestnut Hill: *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* With stores in more than 20 states and around the world, Anthropologie specializes in inspiring, upscale clothing, accessories and home decor with a vintage and global flair.

BARBOUR BY PETER ELLIOT, 134 Newbury St. (between Dartmouth and Clarendon streets), 617-375-7829. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* A century-old British country clothier, Barbour features world-famous waxed cotton jackets, along with a variety of vests, sweaters, shirts, pants and accessories for men, women and children. If you are looking for fashion with function, this is one place you must visit.



PUCKER GALLERY: The Newbury Street gallery presents the work of Korean ceramicist Kang Hyo Lee in the exhibit *It is I*. Refer to listings, left and page 31.

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

LOUIS BOSTON, 234 Berkeley St., 617-262-6100. *Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed & Thu 'til 7 p.m.* Housed in a historic former Back Bay museum building, this Boston institution maintains its cutting-edge allure by offering upscale men's fashions by up-and-coming designers, as well as women's fashions, bed and bath items and home accessories.

PATAGONIA, 346 Newbury St., 617-424-1776. *Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* This outdoor apparel store sells a variety of clothing for all conditions. The Newbury Street store also regularly invites outdoorsmen to talk about their latest trips and experiences.

SOODEE, 293 Newbury St., 617-236-7888. *Mon-Wed 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* This boutique offers fun pieces of clothing that transport the buyer to a different age and place, with items that are modern, trendy and high fashion alongside others that are timeless and classic. 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.

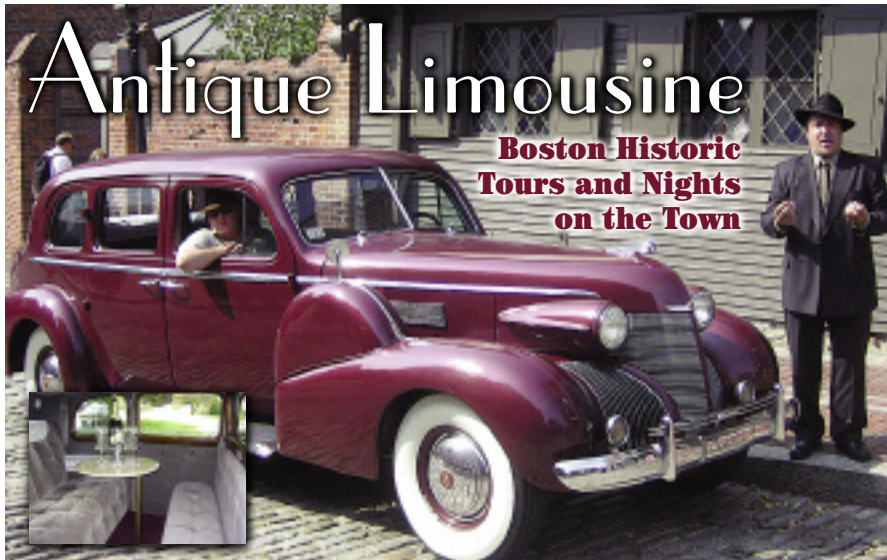
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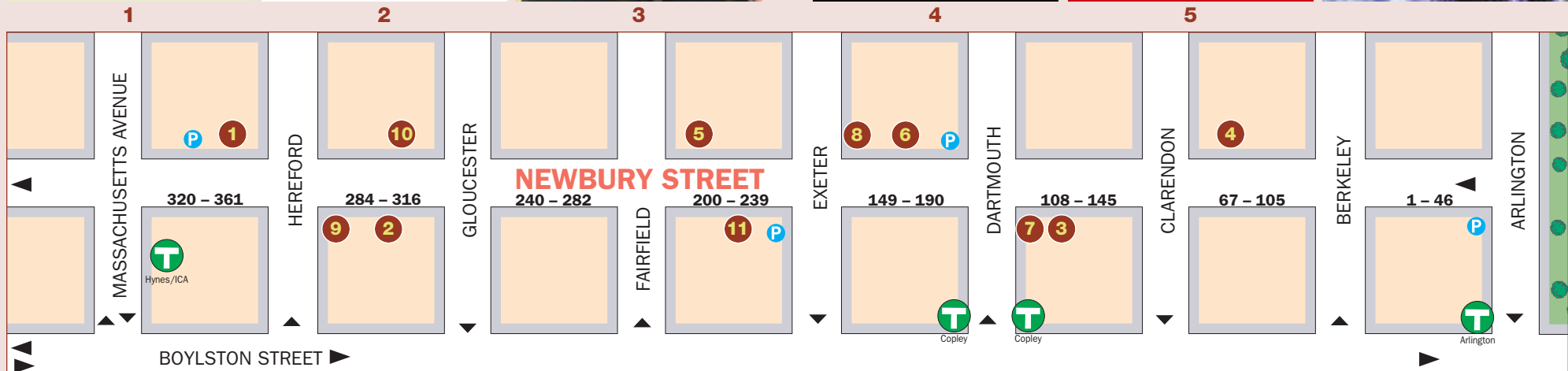
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URBAN OUTFITTERS, 361 Newbury St., 617-236-0088. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m.* Also: 11 JFK St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-864-0070. Where urban hipsters turn for funky men's and women's fashions. The store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

DEPARTMENT STORES

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.* This classic Boston off-price store offers brand name and designer fashions for men and women along with decorative home goods and fine jewelry.

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., 617-357-3195. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m.* Discover the season's hottest trends, newest styles and best prices. Choose from your favorite designers: Coach, Polo, DKNY, Hugo Boss, the Martha Stewart Collection and more. Visiting Boston? Stop by the Gift Wrap Department to request your reserved-for-visitors-only Macy's Savings Pass. Use it as often as you want to save 11% throughout the store (restrictions apply, valid I.D. required; details in store).

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

T.J. MAXX, 350 Washington St., 617-695-2424. *Mon–Sat 9:30 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, at prices 20–60% off most department store rates.

FURNITURE & HOME GOODS

RESTORATION HARDWARE, 711 Boylston St., 617-578-0088. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This hardware retailer features distinctive, high-quality items for the home—from home furnishings and lighting to kitchen accessories and garden supplies. Each product is imbued with the store's classic design, affordable pricing and whimsical product information.

GIFTS & SOUVENIRS

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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 fashion 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 aims "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.

TISTIK, 54 Church St., Cambridge, 617-661-0900. *Mon–Wed 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* www.shoptistik.com. This Harvard Square retailer specializes in handmade, unique and fashionable jewelry, accessories and home decorating products made by artisans in developing countries who work independently or in partnership with socially responsible organizations that help them improve their living standards through the sale of their work.

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 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 in shoes 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 Entrees.

THE HERITAGE ON THE GARDEN, 300 Boylston St., 617-426-9500. *Call for individual store hours.* This residential/office/retail complex located alongside the Public Garden features a handful of upscale retailers, including St. John

Boutique, Sonia Rykiel, Escada, Hermes, Exhale Spa and Anne Fontaine.

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 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, Saks 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 'til 11 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Also: 36 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; North Market Building, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9992. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain, which 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–8 p.m., Sun 1–6 p.m.* This funky footwear retailer features shoes created by the maverick 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, 353 North Market Bldg., 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.

CITY SPORTS, 1035 Commonwealth Ave., 617-782-5121; 11 Bromfield St., 617-423-2015; 480 Boylston St., 617-267-3900; 44 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-492-6000; other locations. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; hours vary by location.* City Sports sells athletic apparel by top brands like Nike, Adidas and Puma, as well as sporting equipment for all interests, and footwear from Saucony, Reebok and others.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

BIG CITY PIZZA KITCHEN & POOL HALL, 138 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-2020. 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 football tables, 80 beer taps and outrageous thin crust pizzas that always keep customers coming back. L, D, LS, Sat & SB. \$

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

BACK BAY

AUJOURD'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 Square, 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. \$\$\$

KEY

BBreakfast
LLunch
DDinner
BRBrunch
SBSunday Brunch
CCocktails
LS ..Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)
VPValet Parking
NCCredit Cards Not Accepted
*****Entertainment

AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

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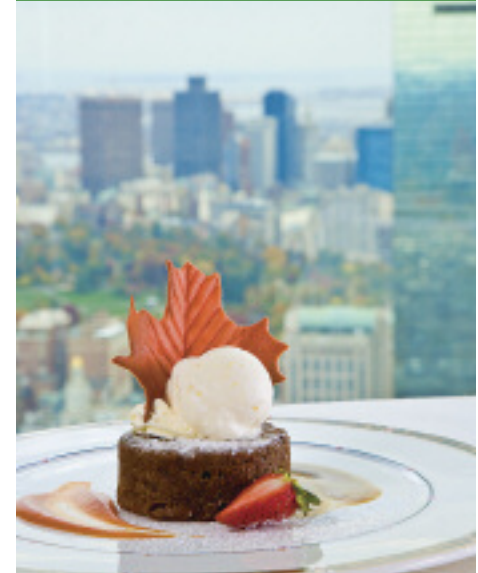


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TOP OF THE HUB: Located atop the Prudential Building, this restaurant features spectacular views along with its fine cuisine. Refer to listing, page 54.

CAPITAL GRILLE, 359 Newbury St., 617-262-8900. Everything you expect in a steakhouse can be found right here at this upscale Newbury Street favorite, from the extraordinary dry-aged porterhouse to the homemade cheesecake. A perfect spot for power lunches or special occasions. D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

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

COTTONWOOD CAFE, 222 Berkeley St., 617-247-2225. Specialties include open-grill steaks, poultry, pasta and vegetarian dishes. Voted "Boston's Best Southwestern Restaurant" and "Boston's Best Margarita." Reservations recommended. Two hours free validated parking. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; D Sun–Thu 'til 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. C, LS, VP. www.cottonwoodboston.com. \$\$

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L'ESPALIER, 774 Boylston St., Mandarin Oriental Boston, 617-262-3023. Situated in the new, luxurious Mandarin Oriental Hotel, this sophisticated French classic helmed by top chef Frank McClelland is a favorite of both power brokers and couples out for a romantic evening. Widely acknowledged by critics and diners alike as one of the finest French restaurants in the nation, and the creme de la creme of acclaimed Boston eateries. D. \$\$\$\$

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***THE OAK ROOM**, Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., 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. \$\$\$\$

SASSO RESTAURANT, 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400. The newest endeavor from the restaurateurs behind popular North End eatery Lucca, Sasso offers contemporary and upscale regional Italian cuisine. Executive chef Anthony Mazzotta 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. \$\$\$

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SNAPPY SUSHI, 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530; 420 Highland Ave., Davis Sq., Somerville, 617-625-0400. If your day of shopping has left you craving sushi, this tiny, subterranean sushi bar specializes in freshly prepared maki rolls and fun specials. Affordably priced, Snappy offers Newbury Street shoppers a fast, cheap dining alternative. L & D. \$

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 spanikopita, pastichio, 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. \$\$\$\$

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***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. \$

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HUNGRY I, 71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524. In a two-story townhouse with three working fireplaces and an outdoor patio, Chef Peter Ballarin delights patrons with French country cuisine and creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre and braised rabbit à la moutard. 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. C and light fare 5–7:30 p.m. \$\$\$\$ **SEE LOCATOR #6 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

BAMBARA, 25 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, 617-868-4444. Bambara blends sophistication and comfort, with such menu items as grilled cheese and tomato soup alongside spice cured duck breast with a bonny doon rhone blend. Bambara's cuisine celebrates New England's bounty and its seasonal flavors, which can be enjoyed in concert with its fine wine selection. B, L, D, C. \$\$

***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 7–11 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. \$\$\$\$

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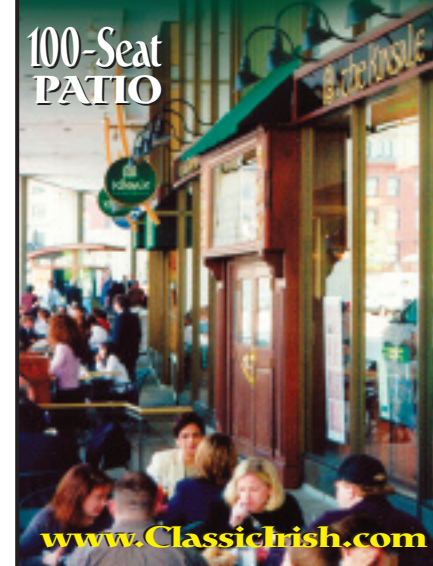
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***HONG KONG**, 1238 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-5311. A local favorite for more than five decades, this Harvard Square fixture serves a full array of classic Chinese dishes and exotic drinks, including its world-renowned scorpion bowl. Perfect for a meal with friends, including lunch, dinner or late-night snacks, or for checking out the latest sports action in the bar. Open Sun-Thu 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m, Fri & Sat 'til 2:30 a.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 Indian wines and beer. L buffet daily noon-3 p.m.; D daily 5-11 p.m. \$

OM, 92 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-576-2800. One of *Esquire's* "Top 25 Best New Restaurants in America," OM Restaurant & Lounge in Harvard Square offers globally-influenced modern American cuisine, drawing foodies and neighborhood patrons alike. A popular nightlife destination, OM's lounge boasts sleek leather sofas, a hypnotic water wall and signature aromatherapy cocktails. D, C. \$\$\$

RENDEZVOUS, 502 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1900. Acclaimed Boston chef Steve Johnson uses regional products and the spices of Northern Africa, Italy, France and Spain to create his own twist on seasonal cuisine. Rotating entrees can include grilled Portuguese sardines with roasted peppers, fennel and capers or Moroccan style kofte with minted yogurt. D. \$\$

RIALTO, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants, which recently underwent an extensive renovation, features fine wines and delectable Italian cuisine. Chef Jody Adams showcases her creative talents on a brand-new menu. D only. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$\$

SANDRINE'S BISTRO, 8 Holyoke St., Cambridge, 617-497-5300. Renowned chef Raymond Ost serves delicious French cuisine with German flair in a cozy, upscale atmosphere right around the corner from Harvard University. Signature dishes include Alsatian pizza, terre et mer, souffron pot au feu and roasted baby spring lamb rack. Daily 11:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. \$\$\$\$

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ZOE'S, 1105 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-495-0055. Offering a menu of delicious homemade Greek and American food in a fun atmosphere, this retro establishment serves breakfast all day, and take-out and catering are available. A popular destination for the weekend brunch crowd, Zoe's is also a great place for dinner, boasting an affordable selection of beer and wine. For dessert, try the delicious cheesecake frappe or the famous frozen hot chocolate. B, L, D, SB. Mon-Sat 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun 'til 9 p.m. \$

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

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

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

MIEL, InterContinental Hotel, 510 Atlantic Ave., 617-217-5151. This "Brasserie Provençal" is the first upscale restaurant in Boston that is open 24/7. Meaning "honey" in French, Miel uses the ingredient in a number of its specialty meals, but also offers a variety of other options, such as its voluminous raw bar. Diners can enjoy the extensive wine list and country-style décor while overlooking Boston Harbor. \$\$\$



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RADIUS, 8 High St., 617-426-1234. James Beard Award-winning chef/owner Michael Schlow and staff offer impeccably prepared nouveau French fare in an ultra-modern, minimalist setting. The ambiance is powerbroker chic, and the service is top-notch. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

***RED SKY**, 16–18 North St., 617-742-3333. Located below the Millennium Hotel next to Faneuil Hall, this stylish restaurant and lounge boasts an array of dining options with a fusion of French, Italian, Asian and American cuisine. Red Sky also offers a tapas menu and a full bar with specialty cocktails in a relaxed but chic environment. L, D, C. \$\$

YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750. Steps from Quincy Market stands America's oldest restaurant, serving Yankee-style seafood, beef and chicken. Famed for its oyster bar where Daniel Webster dined daily. Specialties include clam chowder, swordfish and fresh lobster. L, D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. VP. www.unionoysterhouse.com. \$\$\$

EAST BOSTON/AIRPORT

HARBORSIDE GRILL, Hyatt Harborside, 101 Harborside Drive, 617-568-6060. The Harborside Grill offers panoramic views of the Boston skyline from every seat in the dining room. During the day, the Grill is a welcoming casual location for a bowl of chowder, and in the evening is transformed into a sophisticated seafood restaurant. Open daily 6 a.m.–10 p.m. B, L, D, SB, C, VP. \$\$\$\$

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BRAVO, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-369-3474. Chef Jacqueline Kelly brings her creative touch to an

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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. \$\$

THE GARDNER CAFÉ, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1088. Chef Peter Crowley offers casual-yet-elegant, French-infused fare with an artistic twist. The seasonal menu changes every few weeks, often inspired by current events at the museum as well as Mrs. Gardner's own recipe books. Warmer weather allows seating amongst the lush vegetation of the museum's Monks Garden. L, SB. \$\$

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.–3:30 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. \$\$

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

CANTINA ITALIANA, 346 Hanover St., 617-723-4577. Since 1931, generations of locals and visitors have been craving Cantina's classic Italian cuisine. Patrons' mouths water just thinking about eating here, which is why when even the slightest change is made, they let it be known—some things should stay as they are. Reservations recommended. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 3–11 p.m., Sun noon–11 p.m. VP. www.cantinaitaliana.com. \$\$\$

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SOUTH BOSTON

AURA, Seaport Hotel, 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

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SOUTH END

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. \$\$

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JER-NE RESTAURANT & BAR, The Ritz-Carlton Boston Common, 12 Avery St., 617-574-7176. 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. \$\$\$\$

LEGAL SEA FOODS RESTAURANT, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-

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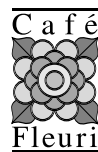
THE MELTING POT, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 76 Arlington St., 617-357-7007. The Melting Pot brings a truly unique upscale/casual dining experience to Boston. At this dinner-only restaurant, fondue becomes a memorable and interactive four-course adventure, where patrons can "dip into something different." The eatery also features specialty cocktails and an extensive wine list. Reservations accepted. D Mon–Thu 4–11 p.m., Fri 'til midnight, Sat 3 p.m.–midnight, Sun 'til 10 p.m. C, VP. www.meltingpot.com/boston. \$\$\$

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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. \$\$\$

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CLUBS & BARS



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BRIGHT LIGHT: Gas lamps and brick buildings, such as these in Beacon Hill, are two hallmarks of the city's historic neighborhoods. Refer to page 74.

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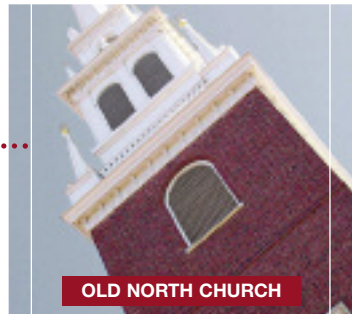
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ATTRACTIONS:

- Paul Revere House
- Old North Church
- Copp's Hill Burying Ground

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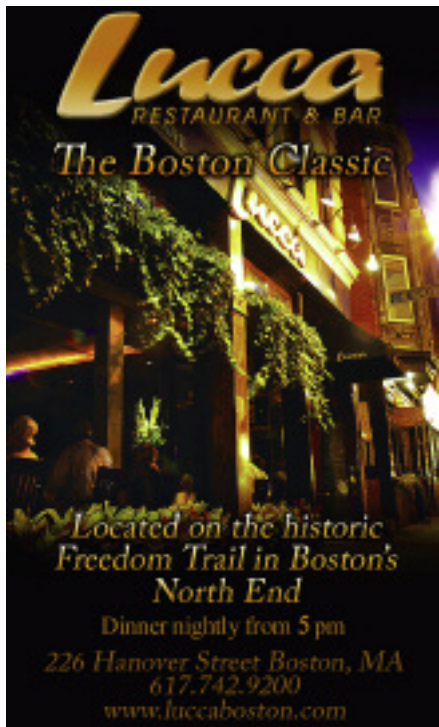
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BEYOND SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS: Dine on classic Italian fare at such North End stalwarts as Massimino's Cucina Italiana on Endicott Street (top) and Cantina Italiana (above) on Hanover Street.



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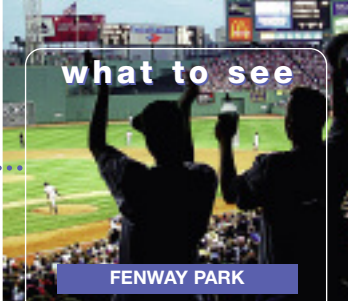
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Green Line to Kenmore and Fenway, E Line to Symphony, Northeastern and Museum of Fine Arts



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the BLEACHER BAR

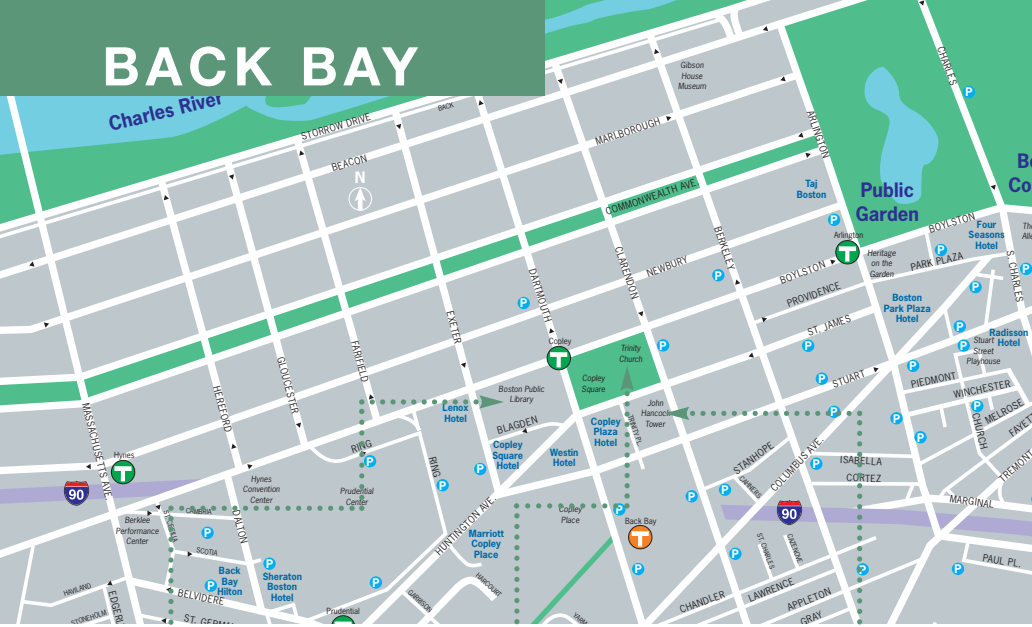
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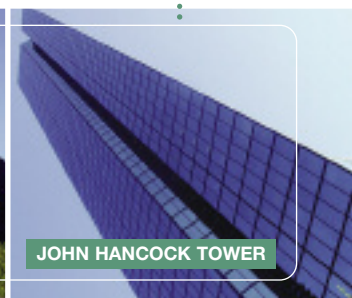
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ATTRACTIONS:

- Trinity Church
- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower

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ATTRACTIONS:

- Louisburg Square
- Massachusetts State House

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A ROAD TO THE PAST: The narrow, cobblestoned byway of Acorn Street remains one of the most photographed locales on Beacon Hill.

- Boston Common
- Boston Athenaeum
- Public Garden
- African Meeting House

GET THERE ON THE T:

Red Line to Charles Street or Park Street,
 Blue Line to Bowdoin.



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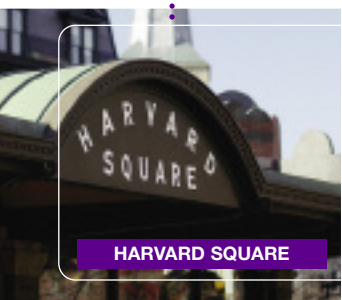
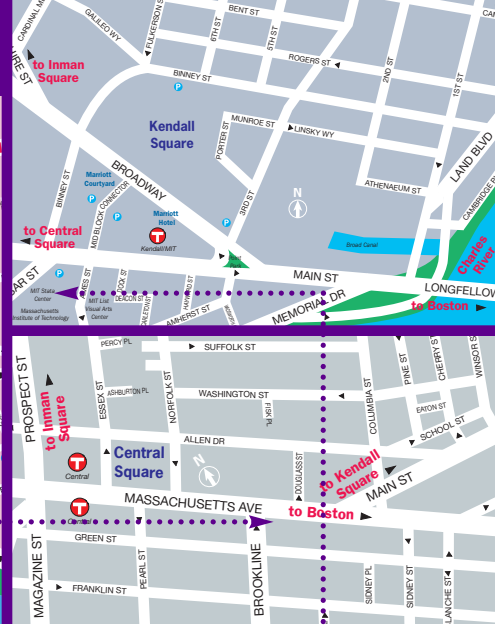
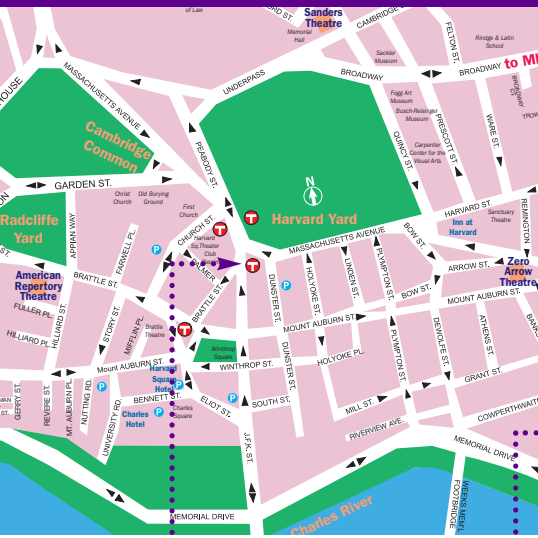
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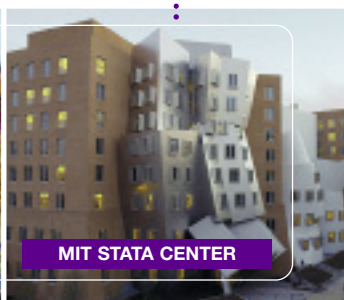


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Harvard Square, the grand cultural and geographical nucleus of Cambridge, boasts performing arts theaters, movie theaters, museums, restaurants and retail stores

along with its storied history as the home to Harvard University.

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IT'S ACADEMIC: Harvard University in Harvard Square features distinctive architecture.

ATTRACTIONS:

- Harvard Yard
- MIT Museum
- MIT Stata Center
- Sackler Museum
- Longfellow House
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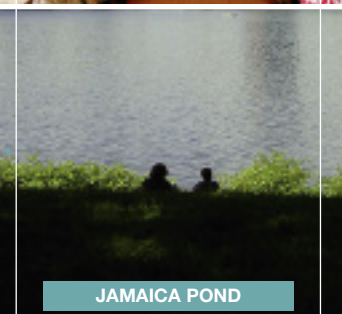
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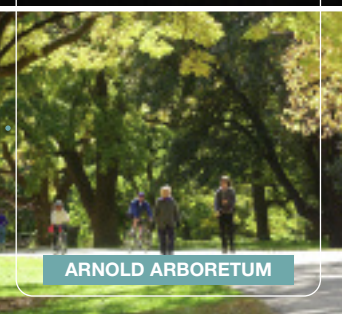
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ATTRACTIONS:

- Jamaica Pond
- Arnold Arboretum
- Forest Hills Cemetery
- Boston Beer Museum

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