

Your Guide to Boston





BOSTON DINING GUIDE

Your fellow commissioners may have similar ideas for dinner and the summer is a busy time for tourism. Please remember to make reservations well in advance, particularly for larger groups such as delegation dinners.

We've indicated general price ranges for each restaurant listing. Please see the guide below (the prices listed are for an average entree). These are estimates. If you are concerned, please consult the restaurant website for current pricing.

\$ - Inexpensive/Casual (up to \$20)

\$\$ - Moderately Priced (\$20-\$30)

\$\$\$ - Expensive (\$30-40)

\$\$\$\$ - Very Expensive/Fine Dining (\$40+)

Nearby Restaurants to the Westin



EACH OF THESE RESTAURANTS IS AN APPROXIMATE 10 MINUTE WALK OR LESS FROM THE WESTIN COPLEY PLACE.

1. Bar 10 - in the Westin

10 Huntington Ave. (617) 424-7446

Unwind at Bar 10, our hotel's cozy cocktail bar in Boston, MA. Settle down to a booth or sit at a high-top table for unique cocktails and local beers. Bar 10 features a full menu of modern American fare.

Breakfast Buffet on Weekends ONLY.

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/boswi-the-westin-copley-place-boston/dining/> \$\$-\$\$\$

2. Fogo de Chao - in the Westin

10 Huntington Ave. (617) 585-6300

Fogo de Chão is a Brazilian chain of rodízio-style steakhouses specializing in Southern Brazilian cuisine, primarily serving churrasco barbecued meats and traditional side dishes, along with an extensive salad/market bar.

<https://fogodechao.com/> \$\$\$

3. Atlantic Fish Company

761 Boylston Ave. (617) 267-4000

Established eatery with a refined interior & sidewalk seats offering seafood & a robust wine list.

<https://www.atlanticfish.com/> \$\$\$

4. Legal Seafoods

100 Huntington Ave. - Copley Place Mall 2nd Floor (617) 266-7775

Specializing in upmarket seafood, this contemporary chain also serves steaks & cocktails.

www.legalseafoods.com \$\$\$-\$\$\$

5. B&G Oysters

550 Tremont St. (617) 423-0550

Popular, high-end raw bar & seafood restaurant with a cozy interior & patio seating.

<http://bandgoysters.com/> \$\$\$

6. Sorellina

1 Huntington Ave. (617) 412-4600
Sophisticated, modern takes on Italian-Mediterranean cuisine amid warm, contemporary decor.
<https://sorellinaboston.com/> \$\$\$\$

7. Bistro du Midi

272 Boylston St. (617) 279-8000
Lighter fare in the downstairs cafe & refined Southern French fare & Public Garden views upstairs.
<https://www.bistrodumidi.com/> \$\$\$

8. Banks Fish House

406 Stuart St. (617) 399-0015
Smart destination for oysters, fish 'n' chips & other seafood specialties, plus wines & cocktails.
<https://thebanksboston.com/> \$\$-\$\$\$\$

9. Saltie Girl

279 Dartmouth St. (617) 267-0691
Charming raw bar serving various seafood, including dishes made with tinned fish.
<https://www.saltiegirl.com> \$\$\$

10. Grill 23

161 Berkeley St. (617) 542-2255
Classy chophouse presenting surf 'n' turf classics & an ample wine selection in ornate rooms.
grill23.com \$\$\$\$

11. Mistral

223 Columbus Ave. (808) 922-5511
Elegant bistro crafting acclaimed French-Mediterranean cuisine in refined surroundings.
mistralbistro.com \$\$\$

12. The Salty Pig

130 Dartmouth St. (617) 536-6200
Pork-focused bistro offering American comfort food, charcuterie & craft beers in loftlike digs.
<https://www.thesaltypig.com/> \$\$

13. Douzo Sushi

131 Dartmouth St. (617) 859-8886
Trendy, bustling Japanese restaurant serving sushi & cocktails in a modern, loungey space.
<https://douzosushi.com/> \$\$\$

14. Porto

Ring Rd. (Prudential Center)
Mediterranean fish fare from star chef Jody Adams, with a raw bar and ample patio.
<https://www.porto-boston.com/> \$\$\$

15. Amar

4 Trinity Pl. (617) 351-8888
Amar is the fine dining restaurant at the newly opened Raffles Boston. Overlooking the Back Bay, Chef George Mendes' signature restaurant brings Portuguese cuisine to town in a luxe light.
<https://www.amarboston.com/> \$\$\$\$

16. Parm

100 Huntington Ave.
Copley Place Mall 2nd Floor (617) 751-1113
Famous for Chicken Parm, Mario's Meatballs, signature deli sandwiches and uncompromising New York roots, Parm celebrates updated takes on classic Italian dishes with which the chefs grew up, in a fun, casual neighborhood setting.
<https://www.parmitalian.com/locations/copley-place/> \$\$





17. Landwer Cafe

653 Boylston St. (857) 250-2902
Casual restaurant featuring American & Middle-Eastern fare.

<http://www.landwercafe.com/> \$\$

18. Stephanie's on Newbury

190 Newbury St. (617) 236-0990
Bustling neighborhood standby for upscale New American patio dining & people-watching.

<http://www.stephaniesonnewbury.com/> \$\$\$

19. Joe's on Newbury

181 Newbury St. (617) 536-4200
Relaxed bar & grill chain offering a varied American pub-food menu, along with kids' meals.

<http://joesonnewbury.com/> \$\$

20. Lolita Back Bay

271 Dartmouth St. (617) 369-5609
Vibrant, trendy lounge offering Mexican-inspired eats & a lengthy tequila list amid Gothic decor.

<https://www.lolitamexican.com/> \$\$

21. Thai Basil

132 Newbury St. (617) 578-0089
Big portions and an affordable menu attract patrons to this bare-bones spot for classic Thai eats.

<https://www.thaibasilma.com/> \$\$

22. The Capital Burger

159 Newbury St. (617) 262-1333
Signature burgers, boozy shakes, world class wines & cocktails.

thecapitalburger.com \$\$

23. Buttermilk and Bourbon

160 Commonwealth Ave. (617) 266-1122
Destination for quirky New Orleans-inspired dishes by a local star chef, plus a lively lounge.

<https://www.buttermilkbourbon.com/> \$\$\$

24. Yamato II

545 Boylston St. (857) 250-4473
Cozy subterranean Japanese eatery serving sushi, sashimi, udon, ramen, yakitori & more.

<http://yamato02116.com> \$\$

25. Eataly

800 Boylston St. (617) 807-7300
Upscale Italian food hall, with restaurants, quick-service counters, and groceries.

<http://eataly.com> \$\$-\$\$\$

26. Petit Robert Bistro

480 Columbus Ave. (617) 867-0600
Parisian-style bistro offering Gallic classics like steak frites in petite, classy quarters.

<https://www.petitrobertbistro.com> \$\$\$

27. Mooncusser

304 Stuart St. (617) 917-5193
Seasonal 4-course tasting menus with local seafood & globally inspired dishes in a chic restaurant.

<https://www.mooncusserboston.com> \$\$\$\$

28. Wagamama

800 Boylston St. #117 (Prudential Center)

(617) 778-2344

Casual restaurant serving Asian dishes in a Japanese-inspired setting with long communal benches.

<https://www.wagamama.us> \$\$

29. Rochambeau

900 Boylston St. (617) 247-0400

Generous French dishes served in an elegant destination that has booths, a terrace & event space.

<https://www.rochambeauboston.com> \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$

30. Abe and Louie's

793 Boylston St. (617) 536-6300

High-end steakhouse known for classic steaks & sides, brunch & an extensive wine list.

<https://abeandlouies.com/> \$\$\$

31. Citrus and Salt

142 Berkeley St. (617) 424-6711

Baja-inspired eatery serving Southern California and Mexican dishes with tequila and mezcal.

<https://www.citrusandsaltboston.com/> \$\$

32. The Friendly Toast

35 Stanhope St. (617) 231-9562

Trendy hangout serving all-day breakfasts in quirky surroundings, with vegan options.

<https://www.thefriendlytoast.com/> \$\$

33. Trident Booksellers and Cafe

338 Newbury St. (617) 267-8688

Indie bookstore & cafe with a big all-day breakfast menu, veggie options & a relaxed vibe.

<https://www.tridentbookscafe.com/> \$\$

34. Fire & Ice

205 Berkeley St. (617) 482-3473

All-you-can-eat interactive grill with Latin, Italian, and Asian-inspired options.

<http://fire-ice.com/locations/boston-ma/> \$\$

35. Faccia a Faccia

278 Newbury St. (857) 991-1080

This new coastal Italian restaurant focuses on seasonal dishes highlighting the diverse cuisine of the coastal Italian region.

<https://www.facciabruttaboston.com/> \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$





Quick Grab Dining

HERE'S A LIST OF QUICK OPTIONS NEARBY FOR A CUP OF COFFEE AND A PASTRY, A FAST LUNCH BETWEEN SESSIONS, OR A BITE BEFORE HEADING OUT FOR A DAY OF ACTIVITY.

1. Ingredients Coffee House (in the Westin)

10 Huntington Ave.

Fuel up at Ingredients, the Westin's grab-and-go café. Revive in the morning and afternoon with hot breakfasts, flaky pastries, Starbucks coffees or salads and sandwiches for light lunches.

2. Jaho Coffee Roaster and Wine Bar

116 Huntington Ave. (857) 233-2704

Cozy coffee hangout pairing espresso drinks & lots of teas with light bites, baked goods & desserts.

<https://www.jaho.com>

3. Jugos

145 Dartmouth St. (617) 418-9879

Modern juice & smoothie bar offering a big menu plus vegetarian, vegan, & gluten-free snacks.

<http://www.visitjugos.com/>

4. Caffe Nero

100 Huntington Ave. Copley Place Mall 1st Floor
(617) 655-6825

Casual coffee shop with a menu of light dishes & specially blended hot & cold drinks.

<https://caffenero.com>

5. Pressed Cafe

105 Huntington Ave. - Prudential Center 1st Floor
(857) 233-5427

A great spot to grab a post-workout juice, fuel up for the day with an egg sandwich and a hot latte, or catch up with a friend over lunch. Pressed Cafe delivers a sophisticated and worldly experience with exceptional & fast service.

www.pressedcafe.com

6. JC Smoothies

100 Huntington Ave. Copley Place Mall 2nd Floor
(617) 587-9849

Natural fresh smoothies, fresh fruit salads, green juice, frappe milk shakes, protein shakes, ice cream cones, ice cream sundaes with assorted toppings, Italian ice and slushies.

7. Starbucks (in the Westin)

10 Huntington Ave. (857) 233-4328
www.starbucks.com

8. Luke's Lobster Back Bay

75 Exeter St. (857) 350-4626

Seafood restaurant serving Maine-style lobster rolls with toasted buns, plus clam chowder.

www.lukeslobster.com

9. Newsfeed Cafe

700 Boylston St. (Boston Public Library)
(617) 357-7333

Grab 'n' go counter in the Boston Public Library offering cafe fare such as sandwiches & salads with coffee & tea.

<https://www.newsfeedcafe.com/>

10. Cava

669 Boylston St. (617) 286-8927
Casual Mediterranean restaurant with customizable greens & grains bowls, pitas & salad.

<https://cava.com>

11. Sweetgreen

659 Boylston St. (617) 936-3464
Locavore-friendly counter-serve chain specializing in organic salads & bowls.

<https://www.sweetgreen.com>

12. Chipotle

533 Boylston St. (617) 236-1749
Fast-food chain offering Mexican fare, including design-your-own burritos, tacos & bowls.

chipotle.com

13. Finagle a Bagel

535 Boylston St. (617) 266-2500
Comfy bagel outpost offering sandwiches, artisan breads & baked goods, plus soups & other cafe fare.

<https://www.finagleabagel.com/>

14. Shake Shack

234-236 Newbury St. (617) 933-5050

Hip, counter-serve chain for gourmet takes on fast-food classics like burgers & frozen custard.

<https://shakeshack.com>

15. Blue Bottle Coffee

800 Boylston St. #25 (Prudential Center)
Trendy cafe chain offering upscale coffee drinks & pastries, plus beans & brewing equipment.

bluebottlecoffee.com

16. Greco

225 Newbury St. (617) 589-1178
Quick-serve spot for Greek eats like gyros, customizable pitas, and loukoumades.

<https://grecotrulygreek.com>

17. Life Alive Organic Cafe

435 Boylston St. (857) 239-8239
Chef-inspired, plant-forward menu that includes warm grain bowls, salads, broth bowls, cold-pressed juices, smoothies, acai bowls and more.

<https://www.lifealive.com>

18. Flour Bakery and Cafe

131 Clarendon St. (617) 437-7700
Branch of a local chain of bake shops specializing in French treats like croissants & sticky buns.

<https://www.flourbakery.com/>



19. Dunkin

715 Boylston St.

<https://www.dunkindonuts.com>

20. Tasty Burger

145 Dartmouth St. (T Station) (617) 303-0560

Relaxed venue serving creative burgers & a selection of craft beers with late night service.

<https://www.tastyburger.com/>

21. Bon Me

441 Stuart St. (857) 233-2607

Cool cafe for counter-serve Vietnamese street food such as rice & noodle bowls and banh mi style sandwiches.

<https://www.bonmetruck.com/>

22. Lobstah on a Roll

254 Newbury St. (617) 431-2284

Homemade and hand-crafted lobster rolls, chowders, seafood plates, and more.

<https://www.lobstahonaroll.com/>

23. Greystone Cafe

123 Appleton St. (857) 350-4629

Straightforward restaurant offering omelets & egg sandwiches, plus homemade pastries.

<http://www.greystonecafe.com/>

24. Tatte Bakery and Cafe

399 Boylston St. (617) 366-1555

Cozy spot with a rustic feel serving breakfast, soups, sandwiches, and an array of baked treats.

<https://tattebakery.com/>

25. Raising Cane's

755 Boylston St. (617) 603-3988

Fast-food chain specializing in fried chicken fingers, crinkle-cut fries & Texas toast.

<https://www.raisingcanes.com>





HERE'S A LIST OF SPOTS WORTH VENTURING OUT OF BACK BAY FOR (EITHER A REASONABLE CAB RIDE OR SLIGHTLY LONGER WALK THAN OUR LIST OF CLOSER OPTIONS).

North End

The North End, Boston's Little Italy, is a maze of narrow streets with some of the city's oldest buildings. Stop into one of these spots after a visit to the Paul Revere House.

1. Table Boston

445 Hanover St. (857) 250-4286
(15-min drive from Westin)
Cozy, upmarket Italian restaurant with shared tables featuring an elevated fixed-price dinner menu.
<https://tableboston.com> \$\$\$\$

2. Ristorante Lucia

415 Hanover St. (617) 367-2353
(15-min drive from Westin)
Opened in 1977, allegedly with some Godfatheresque connections, Ristorante Lucia specializes in the cuisine of the Abruzzo region.
<http://luciab.st/> \$\$-\$\$\$\$

3. Regina Pizzeria

11 1/2 Thacher St. (617) 227-0765
(13-min drive from Westin)
Since 1926, guests have been flocking to Boston's "Little Italy" in the North End for a taste of Regina's famous brick-oven, thin-crust pizzas
<http://www.pizzeriaregina.com/> \$\$

4. Neptune Oyster

63 Salem St. #1 (617) 742-3474
(12-min drive from Westin)
Lines form for the raw bar & warm, buttered lobster rolls at this tiny, high-end oyster bar.
<https://www.neptuneoyster.com> \$\$\$

5. Panza

326 Hanover St. (617) 557-9248
(15-min drive from Westin)
Traditional Italian fare like chicken parmigiana is the focus at this bustling, small restaurant.
<https://panzarerestaurant.com> \$\$\$

6. Sunny Girl

252 Commerical St. (857) 277-0356
(14-min drive from Westin)
New breakfast sandwich spot boasting unforgettable housemade english muffins.
<https://www.sunnygirlboston.com/> \$

7. Carmelina's

307 Hanover St. (617) 742-0020
(15-min drive from Westin)
Carmelina's is traditional Sicilian comfort food with a Mediterranean twist featuring Chef DiPaola's family's best dishes, transformed into modern Italian cuisine with equal parts fresh pasta and seafood.
<https://www.carmelinasboston.com/> \$\$\$

Chinatown

Packed with options, Chinatown is one of Boston's best food neighborhoods, and is about a 23 minute walk from the Westin if you don't mind getting in some extra steps. Here are just a few highlights.

8. Somenya

23 Hudson St. (617) 993-3368

(8-min drive, 25-min walk from Westin)

Hearty bowls of buckwheat noodles are drawing diners in at Japanese soba shop Somenya, one of Chinatown's newest restaurant players.

<https://www.instagram.com/somenya.boston/> \$\$\$

9. Hei La Moon (Food Opera)

83 Essex St. (617) 338-8813

(10-min drive, 23-min walk from Westin)

Grab a seat in Hei La Moon's light-filled, bi-level space (it's new!) and tuck into bountiful spreads of seafood, dumplings, and sizzling plates of beef and chicken. Dim sum cart service is available on the weekends.

<https://www.heilamoonrestaurant.com/> \$\$

10. Friendship BBQ

420 Beach St. (617) 988-0660

(10-min drive, 23-min walk from Westin)

Chinese barbecue is similar to yakitori in format, where bite-sized cuts of meat are skewered on a bamboo stick, grilled over open fire, and seasoned with dry spices right before serving.

<http://www.friendshipbbqboston.com/index.php> \$\$

11. Nan Xiang Express

52 Beach St. (617) 992-2600

(10-min drive, 23-min walk from Westin)

Fast-casual outpost of famous NYC xiao long bao restaurant.

<https://nanxiangexpress.com> \$\$

12. Pho Pasteur

682 Washington St. (617) 482-7467

(8-min drive, 20-min walk from Westin)

This Vietnamese restaurant is a Chinatown staple. Pho Pasteur opened in 1991, and it has been serving an extensive menu of Vietnamese food including some of the best pho in the city ever since.

<http://www.phopasteurboston.net/> \$\$



13. Peach Farm

4 Tyler St. (617) 482-3332

(10-min drive, 24-min walk from Westin)

Hopping hideaway for Chinese family-style dining, with a focus on fresh seafood dishes.

<https://www.peachfarmseafood.com/> \$\$

14. Winsor Dim Sum Cafe

10 Tyler St. (617) 338-1688

(10-min drive, 24-min walk from Westin)

Winsor Dim Sum Cafe's dim sum menu is expansive, and one of the best in the city. The restaurant also serves great congee, and its shredded pig ears in mala sauce are not to be missed.

<http://winsordimsumcafe.com/> \$\$

Fenway

Sadly the Red Sox won't be in town during the conference, but here are a couple of options near historic Fenway Park if you find yourself in the area.

15. DW French

1391 Boylston St. (617) 865-9900

(12-min drive from Westin)

This Fenway brasserie is a glamorous stop for garlicky escargot, beef bourguignon sandwiches, steak and tuna tartare, and regional cheese and charcuterie boards.

<https://www.dwfrench.com/> \$\$\$

16. Blue Ribbon Brasserie

528 Commonwealth Ave. (617) 634-0404

(10-min drive, 26-min walk from Westin)

Blue Ribbon's ranging menu includes pate, paella, pierogies, and a pupu platter that involves tableside roasting, plus brasserie staples like steak frites, oysters, and French onion soup with melty gruyère cheese.

<https://www.blueribbonbrasserieboston.com> \$\$\$

17. Eastern Standard Kitchen and Drinks

775 Beacon St. (617) 530-1590

(10-min drive, 26-min walk from Westin)

Happening scene starring masterful cocktails & modern brasserie fare in a glamorous atmosphere.

<https://www.easternstandardboston.com/> \$\$\$



Things to do in and Around Boston

In addition to our tours and events, Boston has so much to offer, whether you're interested in museums, family friendly activities, or outdoor recreation.

We hope these suggestions will be helpful as you get out and explore the city, but they are certainly not exhaustive. If you need even more in-depth info or great ideas that may not be listed here, check out these guides.

<https://visitboston.com/>

<https://www.meetboston.com/>

If you're planning on doing multiple attractions, you may want to look into Boston's Citypass.

<https://www.meetboston.com/listing/boston-citypass/11591/>





MUSEUMS and AtTRACTIONS

1. Museum of Fine Arts Boston

465 Huntington Ave. (617) 267-9300
Famed for its European Impressionist galleries and its John Singer Sargent works, the MFA proves just as impressive for its recently renovated section devoted to Islamic cultures, its ancient Egyptian art and artifacts, its American and European furniture holdings, and its millennia-encompassing jewelry collection.

<https://www.mfa.org/>

2. Freedom Trail

Boston Common serves as an excellent spot to start making your way along the Freedom Trail. This curated path—marked by a red-brick line on sidewalks—connects major Revolutionary War locations from Downtown’s Old State House (site of the Boston Massacre) to Charlestown’s Bunker Hill (famed for the eponymous Battle) to the Old North Church (where the lanterns were hung for Paul Revere).

<https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/>

3. Museum of African American History

46 Joy St. (617) 725-0022

Set on the north side of Beacon Hill—an area that was long a Black enclave—the Museum of African American History provides a fascinating view into the lives and contributions of Black Bostonians in the 18th and 19th centuries. The buildings housing the museum prove rich with history themselves: The African Meeting House (1806), is the oldest Black church still standing in the U.S. today, while the Abiel Smith School (1835), was the nation’s first purpose-built Black public school.

<https://www.maah.org/>

4. John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

Columbia Point (617) 514-1600

Situated on Dorchester Bay, the library and museum, designed by I.M. Pei, provides an immersive experience, recreating the 1960 Democratic National Convention and offering the chance to get up close and personal with the Kennedy Oval Office.

<https://www.jfklibrary.org/>

5. USS Constitution and Museum

USS Constitution Museum - Building 22
Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA
(617) 426-1812)

Berthed at Boston's Charlestown Navy Yard, this 18th-century frigate is the world's oldest commissioned warship still afloat. Explore its decks to see its cannons and living quarters, and chronicle its history at the museum.

<https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/visit/museum-ship/>

6. Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum

306 Congress St. (617) 338-1773

At the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, you can be a part of the famous event that forever changed the course of American history through a multi-sensory experience that includes live actors, interactive exhibits, and full-scale replica 18th-century sailing vessels.

<https://www.bostonteapartyship.com>

7. Paul Revere House

19 North Square (617) 523-2338

Built around 1680, the Paul Revere House, owned by the legendary patriot, craftsman and businessman from 1770-1800, is the oldest remaining structure in downtown Boston and also the only official Freedom Trail historic site that is a home. Tour his historic home and hear about 18th-century family life. In the new education and visitor center, enjoy displays of silver and evocative artifacts related to Revere's many business ventures, and learn the story of his midnight ride.

<https://www.paulreverehouse.org/>

8. Old State House and Old South Meeting House

206 Washington St. (617) 720-1713

Constructed in 1713, the Old State House was the center of royal government in the Massachusetts Bay colony and the focal point for many of the Revolution's most dramatic events. It was here that the Boston Massacre occurred in 1770.

Built in 1729, the Old South Meeting House was the largest building in colonial Boston and the site of the most stirring mass meetings that led to the American Revolution, including the gathering that led to the Boston Tea Party.

Today, these historic sites and museums—located just two blocks from each other in the heart of downtown Boston—provide thought-provoking exhibits, compelling tours, exciting educational offerings, and engaging public programs.

<https://revolutionaryspaces.org/>

9. Harvard Museum of Natural History

26 Oxford St, Cambridge, MA (617) 495-3045

The Harvard Museum of Natural History was established in 1998 as the public face of three research museums: the Museum of Comparative Zoology, the Harvard University Herbaria, and the Mineralogical & Geological Museum. Presenting these incomparable collections and the research of scientists across the University, the Harvard Museum of Natural History's mission is to enhance public understanding and appreciation of the natural world and the human place in it, sparking curiosity and a spirit of discovery in people of all ages.

<https://hmn.harvard.edu/>



10. Museum of Science

Museum of Science Driveway (617) 723-2500

As science and technology increasingly shape our lives, the Museum of Science strives to equip and inspire everyone to use science for the global good. Among the world's largest science centers and New England's most attended cultural institution, the museum engages nearly five million people a year – at Science Park and in museums around the world, in classrooms, and online.

<https://www.mos.org/>



11. Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library

210 Massachusetts Ave. (617) 450-7000

Set inside the Mary Baker Eddy Library, the Mapparium is a three-story, stained-glass globe that offers a three-dimensional perspective of the world. Designed by architect Chester Lindsay Churchill and opened in 1935, the map's historic nature is supplemented by a modern music and light show.

<https://www.christianscience.com/find-us/visit-the-mother-church/visit-the-christian-science-plaza/how-do-you-see-the-world-experience>



12. Boston Public Library Central Branch

700 Boylston St. (617) 536-5400

BPL's McKim building, opened in 1895, is considered one of the finest examples of 19th-century architecture in America. McKim, along with BPL Trustees, developed partnerships with some of the greatest craftspeople, painters, and sculptors of the 19th century in order to adorn a building that would inspire and elevate its patrons.

<https://www.bpl.org/mckim-points-of-interest/>



13. Institute of Contemporary Art

25 Harbor Shore Dr. (617) 478-3100

The Institute of Contemporary Art strives to share the pleasures of reflection, inspiration, provocation, and imagination that contemporary art offers through public access to art, artists, and the creative process.

<https://www.icaboston.org>



1. Canoe/Kayak/Paddleboard Rentals

Rent a canoe, kayak or paddleboard for a day on the Charles River. Walk-ups are allowed but you may want to make a reservation ahead of time. The closest rental location to the Westin is the Cambridge (Kendall Square) location.

<https://paddleboston.com/rentals/>

2. Boston Public Garden

4 Charles St.

Adjacent to Boston Commons, the style of the Boston Public Garden is much more decorative. The garden, surrounded by a Victorian cast-iron fence, features meandering paths decorated by statues, fountains, various trees and plants, and a six-acre pond with swan boats for visitors to ride.

<https://www.nps.gov/places/boston-public-garden.htm>

3. Boston Common

The Boston Common is the oldest city park in the United States. Boston Common consists of 50 acres of land bounded by Tremont Street, Park Street, Beacon Street, Charles Street, and Boylston Street. It is a beautiful park with rolling hills, a duck pond, a carousel, and many statues.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p925hd3>

4. Spectacle Island

Boston is surrounded by tiny natural islands. Just four miles from the city, the closest and most popular is Spectacle Island. In the warmer months, you can take a ferry to spend the day hiking, swimming, foraging for wild blackberries, and admiring the Boston skyline.

<https://roamingboston.com/things-to-do-on-spectacle-island/>

5. Blue Hills Reservation

Located only minutes from the bustle of downtown Boston, the DCR Blue Hills Reservation stretches over 7,000 acres, providing a green oasis in an urban environment. Rising above the horizon, Great Blue Hill reaches a height of 635 feet, the highest of the 22 hills in the Blue Hills chain. From the rocky summit visitors can see over the entire metropolitan area. With its scenic views, varied terrain and 125 miles of trails, the Blue Hills Reservation offers year-round enjoyment for the outdoor enthusiast.

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/blue-hills-reservation>

6. Charles River Esplanade

A 17-minute walk from the Westin, this green space along the river offers a walking/jogging path, various events, a beer garden, and views of the city.



1. Franklin Park Zoo

1 Franklin Park Rd. (617) 541-LION

A 72-acre zoo with a wide variety of animal exhibits, playgrounds, and programming.

<https://www.zooneewengland.org/franklin-park-zoo/>

2. Frog Pond and other Kids Activities at the Boston Common and Boston Public Garden

Child-specific activities include the carousel, Frog Pond splash pool and Tadpole playground at Boston Common, and the Boston Public Garden's swan boats and famous "Make Way for Ducklings" statue inspired by Robert McCloskey's beloved book of the same name.

3. Boston Children's Museum

308 Congress St. (617) 426-6500

Boston Children's Museum is the second oldest, and one of the most influential children's museums in the world. For over 100 years it has been engaging children in joyful discovery experiences that instill an appreciation of our world, develop foundational skills, and spark a lifelong love of learning.

<https://bostonchildrensmuseum.org/>

4. New England Aquarium

1 Central Wharf (617) 973-5200

The New England Aquarium is a nonprofit organization located in Boston, Massachusetts. The species exhibited include harbor and northern fur seals, California sea lions, African and southern rockhopper penguins, giant Pacific octopuses, weedy seadragons, and thousands of saltwater and freshwater fishes.

<https://www.neaq.org/>

5. Playgrounds in and Around Boston

Boston has a wide variety of playgrounds including accessible playgrounds and those designed to stimulate learning.

<https://mommypoppins.com/boston-kids/parks-playgrounds/11-innovative-boston-playgrounds-where-kids-learn-as-they-play>

6. Legoland Discovery Center

598 Assembly Row, Somerville, MA

The home of LEGO® play, where you and your family can create your own adventures with over two million bricks, featuring LEGO® play zones, a 4D cinema, a ride and more.

<https://www.legodiscoverycenter.com/boston/>



Shopping Near the Westin

1. Copley Place

100 Huntington Ave. (617) 262-6600

Copley Place is attached to the Westin and features more than 50 luxury retailers including Gucci, Christian Louboutin and more, as well as dining options.

<https://www.simon.com/mall/copley-place>

2. Prudential Center

800 Boylston St. (617) 236-3100

The Prudential Center is Boston's premiere shopping destination in the heart of Back Bay, with over 60 shops and restaurants.

<https://www.prudentialcenter.com/>

3. Newbury Street

The famed Newbury Street shopping district in Boston's swanky Back Bay neighborhood is where you'll find internationally known designers such as Marc Jacobs, Chanel, and Ralph Lauren, trendy boutiques such as Pink, national retailers such as Rag & Bone, and local locally owned shops such as Betsy Janney, L'Elite, and Soodee. Newbury Street is located in Boston's elegant Back Bay neighborhood. All the shops can be found along eight blocks sandwiched between the Public Garden and Massachusetts Avenue.

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