2009 Boston City Guide for Elon Alumni

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Area’s to Live
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Beacon Hill Boston
Historic Beacon Hill is mostly a residential neighborhood north of the Boston Common and Public Gardens. Here you can still find examples of brick Federal style homes, decorative artwork and Greek Revival and Victorian architecture.

Things to Enjoy in Beacon Hill Boston

- **Charles Street** - the neighborhood’s most famous street, known for its wonderful antique shops - more than 40
- **Cambridge Street** - offers great restaurants
- **Acorn St.** – one-block long cobble-stoned passageway so alluring that it is America’s most photographed street.
- **Nichols House Museum** - open to the public as an historic house museum reflecting the domestic life of a typical family of Beacon Hill at the turn of the last century
- **African Meeting House** - the start of the Black Heritage Trail which connects to 14 historic cities. Guided walking tours offered by the National Park Service daily Memorial Weekend through Labor Day weekend, others times available by special request.
- **Cheers Bar** - previously enlisted as the “Best Neighborhood Bar” in Boston. It is the original inspiration for the setting of the TV show Cheers
- **Beacon Hill Masterpieces Tour** - Discover the grandeur of ‘Old Boston’ along Beacon Hill’s picturesque streets on this wonderful featured tour.
Back Bay Boston

The Back Bay neighborhood runs along the Charles River on the opposite side of Cambridge. Upscale shopping, boutiques, art galleries, and fabulous restaurants makes this trendy neighborhood a must-see on your Boston visit. The area is home to Copley Place, Prudential Center and The John Hancock Tower, Trinity Church (one of the country's 10 finest buildings), and shopping along Newbury Street.

**Things to Enjoy in Back Bay Boston**

- Trinity Church- one of the country's 10 finest buildings
- Historical Buildings- Such as the Gibson House, First Baptist Church, Boston Public Library, and the Institute of Contemporary Art.
- Commonwealth Ave- Boston’s first planned neighborhood modeled on the Boulevards of Paris.

**Featured Dining Restaurants, Bars, and Pubs**

- Croma
- Grill 23 and Bar
- Stephanie’s on Newbury
- The Capital Grille
- Top of the Hub

- 33 restaurant
- Summer Shack
- Bukowskis Tavern
- Clery’s Bar
- Cactus Club Restaurant and Bar
Chinatown and Theatre District Boston

In the area known as Chinatown, you will find more than 200 restaurants. Many of these establishments are open late at night: perfect for a quick and inexpensive bite after a night at the theater or a local club.

Things to Enjoy in Chinatown and Theatre District Boston

- Downtown Crossing area- one of the city’s main shopping areas with stores such as Macy’s, Saks, Filenes Department Store along with various bookstores, jewelers, and street vendors.
- St. Paul’s Cathedral
- Mass State Transportation Building- earned several architectural awards

Featured Dining, Bars, & Entertainment

- China Perl
- Imperial Seafood House
- Legal Sea Foods
- Mantra
- Teatro
- Aria located below Wilbur Theater
- Kennedy’s Midtown
- Mojitos
- FELT nightclub restaurant, billiards, and lounge
- Whisky Park which is very upscale among other lounges and pubs
Downtown Boston Financial District

Things to Enjoy in Downtown Boston Financial District

- Pre-revolutionary war attractions such as- The Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall, Quincy market, King’s Chapter and Burying Ground, Old South Meeting House, and Old State House.
- Blackstone Block- was once the oldest Boston neighborhood dating back to the 17th century. Blackstone Block hosts a farmer’s market which takes place on Friday’s and Saturday’s, the area’s restaurant landmark The Union Oyster House, and the Maritime Museum in the Customs House.
- Post Office Square- displays magnificent fountains which date back to 1912.
- Verizon Building- features an accurate restoration of Alexander Graham Bell’s laboratory as well as some other rare items from the early days of the telephone.

Featured Dining, Bars, & Entertainment

- Boston Chowda Company
  The Boston Chowda Cafe located in Faneuil Hall.
- Legal Sea Foods
  Waterfront dining in family friendly Legal Seafood Restaurant.
- Durgin-Park
  A true one of kind Boston Dining Experience.
- Union Oyster House
  The Union Oyster House is the oldest restaurant in Boston it has been open to diners since 1826.
- Radius
  Modern French dining in Downtown Boston
- Black Rose Pub
  One of Boston's top Irish Pubs.
- Green Dragon Tavern
  Grab a brew or some traditional Irish food.
- The Rack Billiards Club
  One of the Hottest Clubs in Boston.
- Comedy Connection Boston
  Comedy hot spot in Quincy Market.
- Fleet Center
  Boston's Indoor Sports arena.
North End Boston

The North End of Boston is the city's earliest neighborhood, settled in the 17th century. This is Boston's Italian district, and it is lined with wonderful restaurants and cafes. The Freedom Trail winds its way through the streets and stops at Paul Revere's House, Copp's Burying Ground, and the Old North Church.

Things to Enjoy in North End Boston

- **Paul Revere Mall** - take in the famous statue that dates back to 1885.
- **Outdoor Festival** – during the months of July and August the Outdoor Festival is found on Hanover Street. Although Hanover street at anytime will give you a great taste of the neighborhood, during the festival it is a celebration and honor of the Patron Saints.
- **St Stephen's Church** - Built in 1804, a historic monument
- **Italian Renaissance Church** - designed by Boston's own Charles Bulfinch and hangs the 1805 bell that originally hung in the tower and was casted by Paul Revere

Featured Dining, Bars, & Entertainment

- **Antico Forno**
  Antico Forno is an inviting neighborhood trattoria that provides a truly authentic Neapolitan experience.
- **Caffe Graffiti**
  Popular old-world Cafe located in the North End.
- **Caffe Vittoria**
  First Italian Cafe in Boston-1929.
- **Carmen**
  Italian Cuisine - One of the North Ends Best!
- **Dinos**
  Best Sandwiches in North End. Nothing fancy.
- **Lucca**
  Beautiful setting, impeccable service, fine food, and wine it is no wonder that Lucca attracts a large following
- **Mamma Maria**
  Mamma Maria is a world class restaurant in the North End of Boston.
Featured Dining, Bars, & Entertainment Con’t

- **Mare**
  Health-conscious locals and visitors alike are flocking to Mare and its feel-good way of eating, which also happens to be delicious.

- **Pizzeria Regina**
  North End Pizzaeria serving brick pizza since 1926.

- **Prezza**
  Prezza, the restaurant, enhances this peasant style, simple fare by incorporating foods from other regions of the Mediterranean.

- **TARANTA**
  TARANTA cooks and lives Southern Italian cuisine with a Peruvian twist.

- **Terramia Ristorante**
  Rustic but cozy trattoria with stucco walls and beamed ceilings specializes in creative interpretations of Italian classics.

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**Waterfront Boston- where Boston Began!**

**Things to Enjoy In Waterfront Boston**

- **New England Aquarium** - a 200,000 gallon ocean tank with an array of aquarium life and diverse marine species.

- **Whale watching tours** - These tours are seasonal, and very popular, so plan ahead.

- **Rowes Wharf Complex** - offers luxury shopping, town homes, and offices.

- **Boston Tea Party Museum** - located in the Rowes Wharf complex a historic museum

- **Milk Bottle** - a 40ft. landmark replica of an old milk bottle that sells ice cream!

- **Fire Museum** - gives guest the vintage Boston Fire Equipment from many years before

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**Featured Dining, Bars, & Entertainment**

- **Anthony’s Pier 4** - One of Boston’s Top Seafood Restaurant

- **Barking Crab** - Seafood in Boston served in a casual setting.

- **The Waterfront Tour, Sightseeing** - Learn about Boston’s first skyscraper, John Hancock’s money and of course - the beautiful Boston waterfront!

- **Whale Watching Cruise, Wildlife** - A whale watch that requires less travel time and instead gives more time viewing some of the world's most fascinating and magnificent creatures.

- **Boston HarborWalk Free Audio Tour, Walking Audio** - A free MP3 audio tour that you can play on your iPod or other MP3 player. The tour covers the waterfront area starting at Columbus park and continues through Long Wharf, Central Wharf, India Wharf and past Rows Wharf down to the Children's Museum.
What used to be a swamp is now the Boston Fenway Kenmore Square Neighborhood. Located near major Universities - Northeastern and Boston University, this area has a very large concentration of students. It's a great place to find fairly inexpensive food, clubs and bars.

Things to Enjoy in Fenway

- **Fenway Park** - Boston Red Sox Stadium
- **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**
- **The Museum of Fine Arts**
- **Massachusetts Historical Society**
- **Symphony Hall**
- **New England Conservatory of Music**
- **Back Bay Fens** - a beautiful open park space, it makes up one of the Jewels of the Emerald Necklace
- **CITGO Sign** - The largest sign in New England, the CITGO sign measures 60 feet by 60 feet and contains more than five miles of neon tubes.

Featured Bars & Entertainment (located on Landsdowne St. next to Fenway Park)

- **Avalon Night Club** - Boston's biggest Dance Club.
- **Axis** - Another Fenway Dance Hot Spot on Lansdowne Street.
- **Bill’s Bar** - Bill’s Bar is a Rock and Roll Club in Fenway
- **Boston Billiard Club** - Boston’s ultimate upscale billiards experience!
- **Jake Ivory’s** - America's Hottest Dueling Piano Show
- **Jillian's Boston** - Entertainment and dining features a bowling alley, live music and a dance floor.
- **The Modern Bar** - Sophisticated lounge located in the Fenway.
- **Tequila Rain** - Wild Bar - College aged crowd.

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Cambridge

Just across the Charles River is the City of Cambridge, often referred to as Boston's "Left Bank", Cambridge is rich in cultural diversity. Over 100,000 residents live in this area of roughly six square miles. Home of Ivy League Harvard University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) it's a young vibrant city.

Things to Enjoy in Cambridge

- **Harvard Square**- loaded with dining, shopping, bookstores, and entertainment options. During warmer months, enjoy the street performers as they entertain shoppers and tourist alike. It is located at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Brattle Street, and John F. Kennedy Street, across from Harvard University
- **Porter Square**- North Cambridge, the area’s largest number of Japanese restaurants and shops.
- **Harvard University Art Museums**
  - Fogg Art Museum
  - Busch-Reisinger Museum
  - Arthur M. Sackler Museum
  - American Repertory Theatre

Entertainment Features

- **Scullers Jazz Club**- Led by jazz impresario Fred Taylor, the 200-seat club with Boston’s skyline and the Charles River that serve as the perfect backdrop for world-class entertainment you won't see anywhere else in Boston.
- **Kendall Square Cinema**- Kendall Square Cinema is located in Cambridge between Historic Kendall Square and Central Square near the intersection of Binney Street and Cardinal Mederos Avenue, next to the MIT campus.
- **CambridgeSide Galleria**- Discover great shopping at Best Buy, Borders, Sears, Filene’s, the Apple Store and more. Enjoy casual dining at The Cheesecake Factory, Papa Razzi and California Pizza Kitchen or simply grab a bite on the go at the Waterfront Food Festival.
## Cost of Living

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### 2008 Average Rents In Medford, Massachusetts (North End & Waterfront Boston Area)

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Helpful Websites

- City of Boston website which provides information on all aspects of living in Boston: [www.cityofboston.gov](http://www.cityofboston.gov)
- The Good Neighbors Handbook provided by the City of Boston: [www.cityofboston.gov/rentalhousing/pdfs/handbook.pdf](http://www.cityofboston.gov/rentalhousing/pdfs/handbook.pdf)

Boston Newspapers

- The Boston Globe - 617-929-200
- The Boston Herald - 800-882-1211 or 617-619-6893

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority website provides information about getting around Boston via the subway, buses and commuter rail: [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com)
Websites for Additional Things to Enjoy in Boston

- Boston Movie Tours  
  www.bostonmovietours.net  

- Boston Walking Tours  
  www.photowalks.com  

- Boston Duck Tours  
  www.bostonducktours.com  

- Boston Sightseeing Tours  
  www.bostontours.com  

- The Freedom Trail  
  www.thefreedomtrail.org  

- Boston Harbor Cruises and Whale Watches  
  www.bostonharborcruises.com  

- Harpoon Brewery  
  www.harpoonbrewery.com  

- Sam Adams Brewery  
  www.samueladams.com/contact_tour.aspx  

- Fenway Park Tours (Home of the Boston Red Sox)  
  boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/tour.jsp

Average Temperature in Boston

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Utility Information

Electric Services  
- NSTAR Electric- 800-592-2000  
- Keyspan Energy Delivery- 800-532-9600  

Gas and Water Services  
- Massachusetts Water Resources Authority- 617-242-6000  
- Boston Water & Sewer Commission- 617-989-7000  
- KeySpan Home Energy Services- 800-539-7726  
- NSTAR Gas- 800-572-9300  

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Sports Teams and Venues

- **Boston Bruin- NHL**
  Banknorth Garden- Causeway Street
  Tickets available from
  www.ticketmaster.com
  http://bruins.nhl.com

- **New England Patriots-NFL**
  Gillette Stadium-Route 1
  Tickets available from
  www.ticketmaster.com
  www.patriots.com

- **Boston Breakers- Women’s Professional Soccer**
  Harvard Stadium 400 Blue Hill Drive
  Tickets available from website:
  www.womensprosoccer.com/soccer

- **Boston Celtics-NBA**
  Banknorth Garden- Causeway Street
  Tickets available from
  www.ticketmaster.com on the ticket exchange
  www.nba.com/celtics

- **Boston Red Sox**
  Fenway Park
  Tickets range from $20 for standing to $125 for field box
  http://boston.redsox.mlb.com

- **New England Revolution- Men’s Professional Soccer**
  Gillette Stadium-Route 1
  Tickets available from
  Ticketmaster.com
  www.revolutionsoccer.net
Annual Events

- **January**
  - **Boston Wine Festival**- regional wineries exhibit their wines during the last week in January
  - **Jazz Festival**- located at the Charles Hotel 1 Bennet St. in Cambridge, the festival is full of world famous jazz musicians during mid-Jan.
  - **Boston Wine Expo**- Nation’s largest consumer wine event with the grand tasting showcase including more than 440 wineries from 13 countries pouring some 1,800 wines.
  - **Cookbook Dinearound**- Boston restaurants bring out their best for this gourmet event with celebrity chef demonstrations and two Vintner Dinners

- **February**
  - **Boston Wine Expo**- the first Saturday of February enjoy the wine!
  - **Boston Cooks**- an event that demonstrates the latest in cookware and kitchen designs from some of the country’s best chefs
  - **Valentines Day Concert**- V-day concert featuring symphony artists and local talent located at the Boston Museum of Fine Art

- **March**
  - **St Patrick’s Day Parade**- the parade starts on Broadway at the MBTA Station, City Hall Plaza and is one of the largest St. Patrick Day parades.
  - **International Boston Seafood Show**- annual exposition of seafood vendors located at the Hynes Convention Center
  - **New England Spring Flower Show**- view some of the most beautiful local flowers and gardens at the Bayside Expo and Conference Center

- **April**
  - **Boston Marathon**- annual Patriot’s Day race that begins at noon from Copley Square, Boylston, and Dartmouth Sts.
  - **Art in Bloom**- local garden clubs and area florists show off their flowers at this annual convention hosted by The Boston Museum of Fine Arts
  - **Architecture for Humanity 5K Run/Walk**- at the banks of the Charles River, this run benefits projects in Pakistan, New Orleans, and Boston
  - **Campus MovieFest**- Collegiates across Boston show their original short movies at this event which is the world’s largest student film festival.

- **May**
  - **Farmer’s Markets**- local produce located at The City Hall Plaza May 20th and the market at Copley Square, Boylston, and Dartmouth Sts opens May 28th.
  - **Tuesday Night Skate**- Boston inline skaters skate through the city streets every Tuesday evening at 7pm located at the Hatch Memorial Shell

- **June**
  - **Party in the Plaza**- numerous events and free concerts during Harborfest located at the City Hall Plaza’s North Stage during the last week of June

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• **July**
  - **Chowderfest** - watch the best chefs in Boston compete for the title of “Boston’s Best Chowder” located at City Hall Plaza
  - **Multicultural Arts Expo** - See crafters, performers, and business owners band together to provide an array of ethnic artwork and performances located at Boston’s Reggie Lewis Track Center on Tremont Street.

• **August**
  - **Chinatown Festival** - Explore Asian culture featuring exhibits of arts and foods and martial art displays
  - **Summer Night, City Lights** - a festive soiree and benefit with hors d’oeuvres and live entertainment
  - **Latin Nights** - featuring live bands and dance instructors located at the Faneuil Hall Marketplace on S. Market St. Every Thursday night 6-10pm

• **September**
  - **New England Conservatory** - free concerts located at Jordan Hall
  - **Taste of Boston** - culinary spectacular featuring music, wine and food
  - **Boston Film Festival** - exhibition of new films noted for popular movie premieres located at Copley Place.

• **October**
  - **An Evening With Champions** - ice skating event that has featured stars such as Nancy Kerrigan, Scott Hamilton, and Kristi Yamaguchi at Harvard’s Bright Hockey Arena

• **November**
  - **Peaceful Expressions** - a benefit concert honoring the area Nobel Peace Prize nominees
  - **Avaland** - City’s largest dance club where they have famous DJs and guest appearances.

• **December**
  - **Boston Tea Party Re-enactment** - dress in colonial attire and watch the re-enactment of the protest of taxation without representation hosted by the Old South Meeting House. Free admission with proper colonial attire.
  - **First Night** - New Year’s Eve celebration with partying in the streets.