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## The Hack That Will Make World Cup Travel More Fun and Crowd-Free

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*Basing yourself near the actual soccer stadiums, not the marquee cities, will save time, lessen the crowds, and unlock local experiences.*

### Providence instead of Boston

Gillette Stadium (in Foxborough, [Massachusetts](#)), is actually closer to downtown Providence than Boston, giving the [Rhode Island](#) city a chance to shine this summer.

It'll do that in a few ways. Rhode Island is home to one of the largest Portuguese American communities in the United States, and Providence will celebrate that with PUMA's House of Portugal fan festival from May 1 to August 1. Stay on-theme by dining at Portuguese restaurants such as [Aguardente](#), [O Dinis](#), [Sol De Portugal](#), and [Riviera Restaurant](#).

Then, [grab a cocktail](#) at one of the city's rising spots: Providence is becoming the [nightlife capital of the U.S.](#), with more nightlife establishments per person than New York City.

The city is also home to the Rhode Island School of Design. Explore the [RISD Museum's](#) 100,000-strong art collection, which features ancient Egyptian artifacts, 18th-century Portuguese silk textiles, and more.

### Where to stay

[The Beatrice](#) occupies the historic 19th-century National Exchange Bank building and offers a rooftop lounge, as well Italian restaurant [Bellini Providence](#), from the group behind Venice's Harry's Bar.