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The
CONNOISSEUR'S
GUIDE
to summer in
BOSTON

EVERYWHERE TO GO — AND EVERYTHING TO SEE AND DO — RIGHT
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Golden Age: Inside the Raffles Suite at Raffles Boston, Genevieve wears a **Preenza Schouler** dress from Gretta Luxe, with a **Gucci** clutch on the bed. Chris wears a **Jack Victor** knit top under a **Calvin Klein** suit.

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Boston Common



Captain America: (This page) Aboard the Indiscretion yacht, model Carlin wears a *Portuguese Flannel* top, *Kardo* pants from Drinkwater's Cambridge, a *Whalerknits* sweater from SAÛLT New England, *Donald Pliner* loafers, a TAG Heuer watch and a *Makia* hat.

The summer of 2026 — the 250th anniversary of America's founding — feels like a particularly ideal time to visit Boston, given the key role this city played in our country's origin story. But look a little closer, and you'll see that any summer is a good excuse to visit New England's largest city. Walkable neighborhoods, fantastic shopping and entertainment, a hospitality scene bursting with creativity, a bevy of world-class hotels... What follows is everything we're excited about right now in Bean Town.

Kyle Klein (Boston Common)



SUMMER'S MUST-VISIT RESTAURANT

Opened in July 2025, **Capri** is 7,000 square feet of la dolce vita, spread out across a voluminous interior with red-velvet curtains and chairs and an expansive stone patio with umbrella-shaded booths and a covered bar. It's a see-and-be-seen setting for Italian steakhouse delights like beef carpaccio, hand-rolled rigatoni alla vodka and a 36-oz. Florentine porterhouse. capriboston.com

And if you have trouble getting a table, you're not alone. Don't worry. You'll find the next best thing and similar vibes at **La Padrona** in the Raffles Boston hotel.



TOURISTY THINGS THE LOCALS ACTUALLY LOVE

Neptune Oyster (neptuneoyster.com) in the North End regularly has a line around the block of folks waiting for its famous lobster rolls. And you know what? The cozy restaurant — which earned an overdue Michelin Guide recommendation last year — is totally worth it. Pro tip: Spring for the caviar-topped johnnycakes. Afterward, go cannoli-comparison shopping on Hanover Street with stops at Mike's Pastry (mikespastry.com) and Modern Pastry (modernpastry.com).

THE ULTIMATE SUMMER MARKET

Bostonians love their summer markets. And every Sunday from May to mid-November, the **SoWa Open Market** (sowaboston.com) draws crowds to the southernmost stretch of the South End for open artist studios, a subterranean vintage mart, food trucks galore and a sprawling outdoor bazaar where the best New England farmers, artisans and small businesses ply their wares. Always a good time.

BOSTON'S HOTTEST BAR

The Wig Shop is that rarest of cocktail bars — one that delights and surprises, yet never takes itself too seriously. Enter through the unmarked door beside a faux wig-store display (relax, there's no password) to find a groovy lounge with velvet sofas and playful house originals like the Cinemax After Dark, made with mango-infused sherry. Stick around for sexy canapés (like lobster-topped buttermilk pancakes) and a traditional absinthe service. wigshopboston.com



The Wig Shop

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Darling

BEST NEIGHBORHOOD FOR DATE NIGHT

There's long been a sense of electricity around Central Square, which has forever catered to students and bohemians with its record stores and rock clubs. More recently, it's become a bona fide dining and drinking destination for the rest of us. Consider starting the night with a tipple at the inventive, Asian-inflected cocktail lounge **Darling** (darlingcambridge.com) before continuing to **Si Cara** (sicarapizza.com) for heavenly canotto-style pies or **PAGU** (gopagu.com) for an eclectic blend of Japanese and Spanish flavors.



Material Good

In recent years, vintage watches and jewelry have made the move from pawn shop merchandise to highly sought-after grails. It's a market sea change seized on by **Material Good**, which chose a second-story space on the first block of Newbury Street for its third location. Within the airy, art-filled boutique, discerning customers can examine vintage Pateks and Piguets alongside a curated collection of rare jewelry and in-house creations. materialgood.com

COOLEST BOUTIQUE OF THE MOMENT



The Colonial Theatre, operated today under the auspices of Emerson College, has the distinction of being Boston's oldest continually operating theater. The palatial looks with which it opened in 1900 have been largely preserved, and it's become the home base for touring Broadway shows and celebrities: The 2026 season includes the John C. Reilly musical *Mister Romantic*, plus an evening with everyone's culinary godmother, Ina Garten. (us.atgtickets.com)

SUMMER'S MUST-ATTEND THEATER



BEST NEIGHBORHOOD FOR SHOPPING LIKE A LOCAL

With its neat rows of 19th-century brownstones and pocket-size parks, the **South End** looks (and feels) like quintessential Boston. The supremely walkable neighborhood is also home to dozens of independent shops and boutiques, from **SAULT New England** (saultinc.com), known for its preppy menswear, to **Siena Farms** (sienafarms.com) for local produce, **Neighborhood Wines** (neighborhoodwines.com) for natural vino, and many, many more.

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A bottle of Abols Pupillin wine and two glasses sit on a rustic wooden stool. The bottle has a pink label with the text 'ABOLS PUPILIN' and 'SAULT NEW ENGLAND'. The glasses are clear and empty. The stool is made of dark wood with three legs. In the background, a bouquet of flowers hangs on the wall, and a large green plant is visible on the right.

WHERE TO STAY IN BOSTON

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Sleeping Around: (Top) The original Four Seasons Hotel Boston and (below) squash carpaccio at Contessa at The Newbury Boston hotel. (Opposite) Bedroom of the Raffles Suite at Raffles Boston.



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BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL

Few hotels can boast better real estate than the 232-room Boston Harbor Hotel, which makes the most of its waterfront location with an iconic, 60-foot archway that hosts an enormous American flag. Ooh la la: spectacular John Adams Presidential Suite. \$\$\$

FAIRMONT COPLEY PLAZA

The grand dame of Back Bay, the historic Copley charms with 363 guest rooms, a lavish old-school lobby and the perpetually packed OAK Long Bar + Kitchen on its first floor. \$\$

★ FOUR SEASONS HOTEL BOSTON

The city's elder Four Seasons, the 239-room original on Boylston Street reemerged in recent years after a fabulous Wes-Anderson-esque makeover. Up next: This summer chef Jody Adams (of Rialto fame) opens a new restaurant, serving caviar, prime rib and Dover sole. \$\$\$

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL ONE DALTON STREET, BOSTON

This 214-room Four Seasons occupies 21 floors of the Back Bay's 61-story One Dalton tower and includes a just-unveiled, 2,000-square-foot Presidential Suite with sweeping views, its own private workout studio and a Molteni-equipped kitchen. Plus: A posh new French restaurant opens this summer. \$\$\$

THE LANGHAM, BOSTON

A five-star, 312-room stunner located in the former Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, the Langham ties back to its London roots with an elevated, English-style pub, The Fed. \$\$\$

MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BOSTON

Located within the Prudential Center — steps from some of Boston's finest shopping — this 148-room refuge is home to one of the region's best spas. The Back Bay corner suites have swank kitchenettes. \$\$\$\$

*** THE NEWBURY BOSTON**

Found at the historic intersection of Newbury and Arlington streets — ooh, did someone want to go shopping? — the chic, 286-room Newbury boasts one of the city's best rooftop restaurants, Contessa, from the Major Food Group. \$\$

*** RAFFLES BOSTON**

Every single one of this hotel's 147 rooms comes with round-the-clock butler service. Raffles' 35-story modern tower includes a dramatic, three-story sky lobby that overlooks Copley Square. There's a Guerlain spa — ahhh — and a 66-foot lap pool. The Raffles Suite (aka presidential suite) is simply stunning. \$\$\$

*** THE WHITNEY HOTEL**

Nestled at the flat of Beacon Hill between Charles and Cambridge streets, the 65-room Whitney suffuses Old-World charm with a modern, boutique-hospitality touch and has become a landmark in its own right. \$\$

*** XV BEACON**

Situated in a Beaux Arts building at the peak of Beacon Hill, the 61-room XV Beacon sweetens the deal by housing Moooom, one of Boston's premier steakhouses and most coveted reservations. Not necessary for summer, but every room has a fireplace. Dogs love this one. \$\$



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A Side of Beacon: (Above) The parlor of a Gilbert Stuart Suite at XV Beacon and (top) Peregrine restaurant at The Whitney Hotel in Beacon Hill.

Insider Insight:

"The Newbury Boston has the perfect Back Bay location. The rooftop bar, Contessa, has spectacular views. You must order the squash carpaccio. It's amazing. And the espresso martini is the best ever."

—Tina Allen, travel advisor

