



FUN THINGS TO DO IN

BOSTON

FROM THOSE WHO KNOW!

Kristine, Sue, Heather, & Raine are heading to Boston for **INBOUND 22** and are so excited to attend in-person, in Boston for the first time in three years. Here is a list of things to do in-and-around Boston and the Seaport District that **INBOUND 22** will call home from September 6-9.

FOOD, DRINKS, RESTAURANTS & CAFES

There are a bunch of restaurants in the **Seaport**, close to **INBOUND**.

Here are a few I would recommend: **Committee**, **Lolita Fort Point**, **Pink Taco**, **Empire**, **Davios** (beautiful view), **Row 34**, **Legal Harborside** (beautiful view; I hear Davios is better). Maybe touristy, but a fun vibe: **The Barking Crab Trade** is just outside of the Seaport, on the corner of Congress Street and Atlantic Avenue. It's Greek and looks really good.

There are also a bunch of fun things to do close to **INBOUND**: **Kings** (bowling, billiards, games, draft room), and **Flight Club** (darts). **Trillium Brewing** (great beer, good lunch spot too), **Lucky's Lounge** (dive bar vibe, live music).

Drink - best bar/speakeasy in Boston. This is only a 9-minute walk from **INBOUND**.

A visit to a rooftop bar should be on the list for sure. Check out **Lookout Rooftop** at the Envoy Hotel.

For those who want to venture *outside* of the Seaport District...

The North End is always popular. My top choice for a restaurant in the North End right now: **Arya Trattoria**. I had an amazing meal there. We had a big group and it was a prix fixe, not inexpensive, but at the same time, not outrageous for the amount of food and wine we consumed. After dinner, we went across the street to the **Improv Asylum** and had a lot of laughs.

Another highly recommended North End restaurant is **Neptune Oyster** - the warm lobster roll is delicious (this could be a good dinner or lunch option). And **Bricco**, **Mama Maria** (cozy) are also great spots. And the original **Regina Pizzeria** of course; not fancy at all but good pizza and hidden away off Hanover Street. This place has been around since 1926 so they must be doing something right. To avoid lines and crowds in the North End, go at off times.

Everyone recommends **Mike's Pastry**, but my favorite cafe in the North End is **Caffe Vittoria**. It's world renowned as the first Italian cafe in Boston, established in 1929. It has a wonderful old world/European feel and the best tiramisu in my opinion. Both Mike's and Cafe Vittorio are right on Hanover Street.



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And the locals seem to love **Modern Pastry Shop**, also right on Hanover Street. It's a fun place to start the day.

Love pie? Stop by the **Omni Parker House** where the *Boston cream pie* was invented!

For afternoon tea: **The Map Room Tea Lounge** at the **Boston Public Library**.

It's Boston's first tea-infused cocktail lounge. With its indicative architectural heritage, this industrial revolution vibe with cozy intellectual décor wins the hearts of every guest. The Map Room Tea Lounge concept was drawn from the inspiration of great classic novels, writers, and the innovation of the 1800s to create a salon for the modern world within the historic McKim Building of the Boston Public Library. Featuring literary inspired cocktails taken from the authors who mentioned spirits in their novels, drank spirits while writing, or inspiration sparked from the classics on the shelves.

Dali is in Somerville, a 15-minute drive from the Seaport District. It's worth the trip. It's a very fun and authentic Spanish restaurant.

My friend recommended **Little Donkey** in Cambridge for tapas. It's a 15-minute drive from the Seaport District.

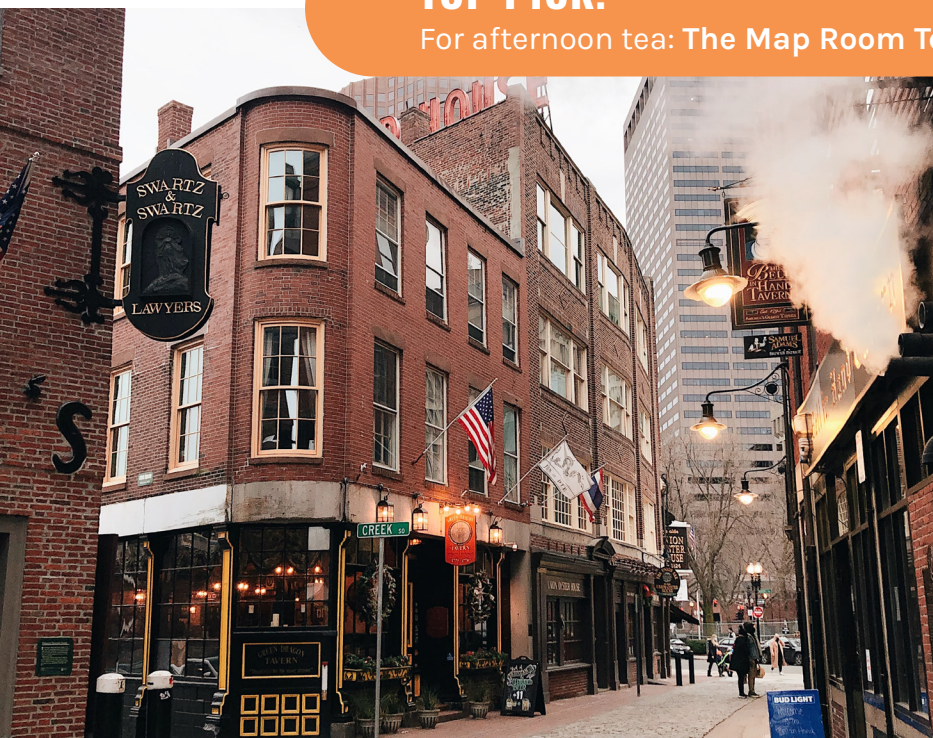
Our team member Ashley recommended the **Cheers bar** (especially for those who remember the TV show). But for a "real" neighborhood bar vibe, I like **75 Chestnut**, not too far from the Boston Public Garden and Boston Common and right in the heart of Beacon Hill.

Don't miss the **Bell in Hand Tavern** - the oldest bar in US still operating

Our teammate Christel's favorite nights out in Boston always ended at **JJ Foley's** downtown for some Irish fun.

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SITES, WALKS, TOURS & ADVENTURES

Ashley recommends the **Old North Church** and **Paul Revere House**, both are in the North End and both are stops along the **Freedom Trail** - which is a great way to see the city and the historic sites on foot.

If you're not interested in walking, but want to see the sites, **Old Town Trolley Tours** is a jump on/off. **MANY** people recommended **Boston Duck Tours**, including Christel.

Boston Segway Tours are another fun way to see the city; you can choose from an hour tour or a two-hour tour that includes Cambridge; this is on my to do list. Another way to tour the city is by bike.

Another way to see Boston is with **Urban Adventure Quest** in Boston; you use your smart phone to do a walking scavenger hunt and solve puzzles. There are places along the way to stop for drinks or snacks. You get to see spots that you might otherwise miss. I haven't done it, but it was recommended to me. Sounds like fun, active and interactive. This could be good for a group.

The Boston Harborwalk (from SeaPort to the North End) or **The Greenway** (from ChinaTown to the North End) - beautiful walks with lots to see and do along the way, including a **Trillium Brewing** along The Greenway. This could also be fun if doing either walk: **Summer in the City at the Boston Harbor Hotel** - Tuesdays through Thursdays, the harbor comes alive with one of the best things to do in Boston as different bands performing nightly on the hotel's floating barge stage.

You can also take a **ferry to the Boston Harbor Islands**, take a **Boston Lighthouse Tour** (both are run by the Boston Harbor Islands Park Service) or take a **ferry to the Charlestown Navy Yard** (the home of the **USS Constitution** and the start of the **Freedom Trail**).

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Boston Public Library - a gorgeous building with amazing architecture and art work and a courtyard that rivals the courtyard at the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum - visit for the art and the building itself.

Cafe G is a nice spot for lunch. The museum is a 15 minute drive from the Seaport District, but worth it!

If you're on Newbury Street, **Restoration Hardware** is worth wandering into. It's on the corner of Newbury Street and Berkeley Street. The building was once the home of the Natural History Museum, built in 1863. Need inspiration, [check out this article from Architectural Digest](#).

ICA (Institute of Contemporary Art) - right there in the Seaport District.

New England Aquarium - easy to get to from either of the two walks mentioned above; you can even just wander over and check out the harbor seals in the plaza out front.

Glass flowers at the Harvard Museum of Natural History. These are quite unique and beautiful. It's hard to believe they're not real.

People love to see **Harvard University** while in Boston and **Harvard Square** is right there.

The Red Sox are in town on **September 1-4**, but you don't have to go to a game, you can do **Tours of Fenway Park**.

Encore Boston Harbor Hotel - have dinner, drinks, gamble, anything! It is gorgeous! A 15 minute drive from the Seaport District.

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Other Interesting Adventures

Summer in the City at the Boston Harbor Hotel - Tuesdays through Thursdays, the harbor comes alive with one of the best things to do in Boston as different bands performing nightly on the hotel's floating barge stage.

I heard **Boston's Politically Incorrect North End Food Tours** is great - great food, great stories about the North End you won't hear anywhere else.

Beyond King Tut - The Immersive Experience.

The Alice - An Immersive Cocktail Experience - For a Sunday combine **SoWa Open Market** (Sundays through October from 11am-4pm) with brunch at **Bar Mezzana**. This would be TOP PICK for anyone coming to Boston ahead of Inbound or staying the weekend after Inbound.

For a Friday only, September 2, **SoWa Open Studios** (first Fridays of the month).

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BY NEIGHBORHOOD

The good news is that Boston is pretty small. You can get to most of these spots on foot, most are on the **Freedom Trail**, or by taking the "T"!



BEACON HILL

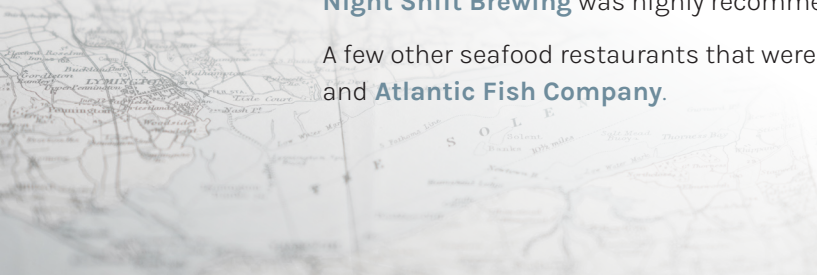
Cute shops and nice restaurants and just fun to check out the beautiful homes on Louisburg Square. This bakery/cafe is cute (there is one in Beacon Hill but others all around the city): **Tatte Bakery & Cafe**.



BACK BAY

Copley Square (often something happening there), **Boston Public Library, Newbury Street** (and while there, I hear Amorino has amazing gelato and see my comments about Restoration Hardware above), **Prudential Center** (and while at the mall, I love Eataly and check out the **Skywalk Observatory** for spectacular views of the city and an interesting museum), **Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library** is really something unique (and just behind the Prudential Center). This chocolate shop and cafe is super cute: **L.A. Burdick. Owl's Nest at Night Shift Brewing** was highly recommended; it is a beer garden on the Charles River.

A few other seafood restaurants that were recommended: **Select Oyster Bar, Ostra** and **Atlantic Fish Company**.



Boston Common - also on the Freedom Trail; there is a merry go round, the Frog Pond Spray Pool, and playground for anyone with kids.

Boston Public Gardens - fun for a picnic and famous for the **swan boats** (more fun to look at than ride on) and the Make Way for Ducklings statues.



SOUTH END

You'll recognize Boston's South End in Hyundai famous Super Bowl commercial, **Smath Pakk**. The South End boasts nice restaurants; a few suggestions: **Petit Robert, Atlantico, Aquitaine, Toro**.



NORTH END

The Freedom Trail goes right through the North End, both **Old North Church** and **Paul Revere House** are stops along the way in the North End. There are so many Italian food stores, bakeries, cafes, restaurants. I gave my suggestions above. **Boston's Politically Incorrect North End Food Tours** sounds pretty fun too. **Seaport District** - a newish area, where Inbound is.



CAMBRIDGE

Everyone loves visiting **Harvard University** while they're visiting Boston. And close by is **Harvard Square**, with a lot of shops and restaurants. **Mount Auburn Cemetery** is an interesting place to walk. Other places mentioned above that are in/near Cambridge: **Glass flowers at the Harvard Museum of Natural History, Little Donkey** and **Dali** (close by).



KRISTINE'S TOP PICKS

- Urban Adventure Quest in Boston
- ICA right in the Seaport District
- The Boston Harborwalk or The Greenway, with stops at and Trillium Brewing
- Boston's Politically Incorrect North End Food Tours
- Boston Duck Tours
- Beyond King Tut - The Immersive Experience
- Boston Public Library with tea at The Map Room Tea Lounge and Trinity Church
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Amorino on Newbury Street
- Harvard Square in Cambridge
- Glass flowers at the Harvard
- Museum of Natural History in Cambridge
- The ferry to Salem
- Red Sox game or tours of Fenway Park
- Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library
- Ferry to the Boston Harbor Islands or Boston Lighthouse Tour
- Liberty Clipper Sunset Harbor Cruise

SUE'S TOP PICKS

- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
- Freedom Trail if you want to see the sites on foot
- Boston Duck Tours
- Walk through Beacon Hill, into the Boston Public Gardens, and then down Newbury Street, check out what's going on at Copley Square, tour the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church, have afternoon tea at The Map Room Tea Lounge, walk across the footbridge at Dartmouth Street to the Charles River and have beer at Owl's Nest at Night Shift Brewing
- Skywalk Observatory and/or Mapparium at the Mary Baker Eddy Library and Eataly
- Dinner in the North End at Arya Trattoria, followed by tiramisu and cappuccino at Caffe Vittoria and then an improv show at the Improv Asylum
- Boston's Politically Incorrect North End Food Tours
- Walk along The Boston Harborwalk or The Greenway; stop at Trillium Brewing
- Boston Segway Tours
- Red Sox game (for anyone coming to town ahead of Inbound, they're only playing at home 9/1-9/4)
- Take a ferry to the Boston Harbor Islands
- SoWa Open Market (Sundays May-October from 11am-4pm) with brunch at Bar Mezzana. (for anyone coming to Boston ahead of Inbound or staying the weekend after Inbound)

HEATHER'S TOP PICKS

- Boston Duck Tours
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- The Boston Harborwalk or The Greenway, with stops at and Trillium Brewing
- Boston Public Library with tea at The Map Room Tea Lounge and Trinity Church
- Red Sox game or tours of Fenway Park
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- The Omni Parker House, for some Boston Cream Pie
- Lookout Rooftop at the Envoy Hotel
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- Cheers bar (especially for those who remember the TV show)
- Freedom Trail, takes you through the story of the American Revolution, stopping at several famous landmarks along the journey
- Union Oyster House, dates back to Pre-Revolutionary days