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**Ready to enjoy Boston?**

**In-the-know Stanford young alums  
have shared the best tips, tricks and  
fabulous destinations to help you get  
the most out of this vibrant city.**



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Young alums love to dine at these delicious destinations.



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According to young alums, these are the best spots to kick up your heels and enjoy an evening with friends.



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These are the places to go to have fun and hang out (you'll probably spot a young alum or two!).



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Young alums give their general advice on things to keep in mind as you explore Boston.



## Dining



**Don't miss these young alumni-approved places for the tastiest meals in town.**

### Alden & Harlow

Best fancy restaurant in Harvard Square. Very good food; try the special burger. Great atmosphere. - **DIMITRI D., '07, DANIEL V., '09**

### Alive & Kicking

Amazing hole in the wall lobster place. - **DIMITRI D., '07**

### All Star Pizza Bar

Best slice of pizza in Cambridge—plus a really friendly staff. - **OTIS R., '12**

### Al's Cafe

HUGE subs. - **JOHNNY D., '09**

### Anna's Taqueria

This is the only/best place I've found with Mexican food that I like! - **MEGAN O., '13**

### Antico Forno

My favorite place in the North End! - **MEGAN O., '13**

### Basta Pasta

Best Italian outside of North End. - **FRANK W., '12**

### Beehive

Great atmosphere; good for taking dates; good food. - **DANIEL V., '09**

### Bon Me

Cheap, delicious, and can make everything veg. - **ANONYMOUS**

### Bondir

Great for that knock-your-socks-off kind of date night. It's a tiny place in a renovated one-story house. (You'll walk right by it if you're not paying attention.) The service is impeccable. - **SARAH V., '10**

### Boston Common Coffee Co.

Great vibe for studying. - **MEGAN O., '13**

### Clover Food Lab

Great veggie sandwiches; try the rosemary fries! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

### Craigie on Main

Expensive but amazing high-quality ingredients, creative use of food. - **ANONYMOUS**

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### Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen

Great Southern soul food, especially shrimp and grits.  
- **IRTEZA B., '13**

### Darul Kebab

Good Bangladeshi food! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

### Eastern Standard

Really cool atmosphere—great for a nice date or dinner.  
- **MEGAN O., '13**

### Empire

Good sushi; good atmosphere. - **DANIEL V., '09**

### Fire & Ice

Food cooked on a Mongolian Grill; quite a unique experience!  
- **IRTEZA B., '13**

### Flour Bakery & Cafe

Good sandwiches but a bit pricey. - **FRANK W., '12**

### Giacomos

Delicious Italian food at a relatively low cost in North End.  
- **FRANK W., '12**

### Highland Kitchen

Great atmosphere and delicious Southern-inspired eats. Try the fried Brussels sprouts! - **SARAH V., '10**

### India Quality

Best Indian food in Boston hands down. Very authentic.  
- **FRANK W., '12**

### Kaju Tofu House

Great Korean food, especially the Tofu Soup! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

### Kirkland Tap & Trotter

Cool vibe; good place to check out in Somerville. - **JAKE S., '12**

### Life Alive

Real, minimally processed foods. - **ANONYMOUS**

### Mike's Pastry

Incredible Italian desserts (lobster tails and cannolis). - **IRTEZA B., '13**

### Myers+Chang

Great Asian fusion for dinner or brunch; plates for sharing. Dim sum-style dishes with many options for various dietary restrictions.  
- **JAKE S., '12**

### Neptune Oyster

North End charm, and best lobster roll in the world. - **JAKE S., '12**

### Oleana

Fantastic Mediterranean. - **JOHNNY D., '09**

### Picco

Great pizza, beer, and ice cream and very inexpensive. - **JAKE S., '12**

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### Punjabi Dhaba

Best deal in Cambridge: lots of tasty Indian food for cheap (cash only though!). - **OTIS R., '12**

### Puritan and Company

Local gastro kitchen; interesting dishes. - **JOHNNY D., '09**

### Soulfire

Best BBQ in town, and the portions are really hefty for the price. - **FRANK W., '12**

### Spice Thai Cuisine

Great Thai food! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

### The Neighborhood Restaurant

Amazing brunch, especially the cream of wheat! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

### The Shops at Porter

Great hole in the wall eateries right next to each other. - **ANONYMOUS**

### Thelonious Monkfish

Asian fusion that does everything well. Solid Thai/Japanese food. Great atmosphere. - **FRANK W., '12**

### Toscanini's

Amazing ice cream (try the kulfee flavor)! The label "best ice cream in the world" isn't lying. Pro tip: buy a pint at a time. You won't regret it. Great place to work and get delicious ice cream. - **FRANK W., '12, OTIS R., '12, IRTEZA B., '13**

### Uni Sashimi

At midnight on Friday and Saturday it turns into an excellent ramen bar. - **ANONYMOUS**

### Veggie Galaxy

Food that tastes so good it doesn't matter it's vegetarian. - **ANONYMOUS**





These are the hot spots young alums love to hit up to have a good time and make great memories.

## Clery's

Good spot for young crowds after work. - **JAKE S., '12**

## Cantab Lounge

For funk with the Chicken Slacks on Thursdays! - **JOHNNY D., '09**

## Drink

Great cocktails, cool decor, good concept. Very cool cocktail lounge. - **DANIEL V., '09, JAKE S., '12**

## Nubar

Good appetizers. - **IRTEZA B., '13**

## Pour House

Great drink/food specials every day of the week. - **MEGAN O., '13**

## Tasty Burger

Trivia Night! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

## Tory Row

Pleasant atmosphere for a sit-down meal or drink in Harvard Square. - **DIMITRI D., '07**



## Recreation



**Whether it's hiking, live music or a new adventure, young alums recommend these interesting events and locales.**

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Sailing with Courageous Sailing Club (only relevant May–November). - **DIMITRI D., '07**

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Back Bay. Newbury Street and Bolyston Street are great places where young professionals go out and hang out. - **FRANK W., '12**

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Harvard Square. A lot of young professionals and college students go out here. - **FRANK W., '12**

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Freedom trail. See the many historical sights of Boston. There are some great apps that provide a voice tour as you see the various historical sites. - **SARAH V., '10, IRTEZA B., '13**

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Boston Common. A nice park in good weather. Has free Shakespeare plays in the summer. - **ANONYMOUS**

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Kayaking on the Charles. - **ANONYMOUS**

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Isabelle Gardner Stewart Art Museum. - **IRTEZA B., '13**

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ICA is free on Thursdays. - **JON B., '10**

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Boston Museum of Fine Arts is free on MLK Day Weekend. - **IRTEZA B., '13**

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Boston Symphony Orchestra. - **JON B., '10**

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African American Heritage Tour. - **IRTEZA B., '13**

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Taza Chocolate Factory. Only \$6—lots of chocolate samples! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

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Huntington Theater. Local, cheap, and awesome plays! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

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Learn how to fly. Then fly to all the amazing places nearby: Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown, Nantucket, Bar Harbor. - **DANIEL V., '09**

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Thrillist.com. - **DIMITRI D., '07**



## Moving to Boston? These neighborhoods are young alumni favorites.

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Allston. Lots of college students and fun clubs but kind of noisy on the weekends. Great Asian food; affordable. - **FRANK W., '12, MEGAN O., '13**

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Back Bay. Fun and young vibe. Kind of pricey but great places to go out. - **FRANK W., '12, DANIEL V., '09, JAKE S., '12**

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Beacon Hill. A bit older, quieter, and more expensive than other areas, but quintessential Boston and absolutely beautiful. - **JAKE S., '12**

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Cambridge. Mostly young people. Good mix of quiet and easy access to going out via subway and good restaurants. Many cool, young areas. - **DIMITRI D., '07, FRANK W., '12, JOHNNY D., '09, MEGAN O., '13, JAKE S., '12**

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Central Square. On the T; lots of bars and restaurants; convenient everywhere. - **JOHNNY D., '09**

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Coolidge Corner. - **ANONYMOUS**

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Davis Square. Full of soon-to-graduate Tufts students as well as recent grads. - **JOHNNY D., '09, SARAH V., '10**

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Inman Square (Cambridge). Only a bit out of the way and the payoff is big: good food, cool bars, fun people. More local feel, off the T, great restaurants. Union and Inman Squares are a little more removed from the Red Line but have a great mix of young folks and classic Somerville establishments. - **SARAH V., '10, OTIS R., '12**

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Somerville. Most hipster area around now and more affordable than other areas. Nice, friendly, cheaper than Cambridge, great food/community events. - **SARAH V., '10, JAKE S., '12**

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South Boston. Up-and-coming area with more and more fun restaurants, bars, etc. - **JAKE S., '12**

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South End. Fun, young vibe. - **JAKE S., '12**

## Tips



**Keep these young alumni words of wisdom in mind as you get to know Boston.**

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Happy hour is illegal in Boston! - **JOHNNY D., '09**

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Take a Hubway bike and go back and forth along the Charles River. Boston is small and is easy to get to know by bike or walking. - **DIMITRI D., '07**

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Uber is really cheap. The city is very walkable, but if you find yourself not being able to get somewhere easily via public transit, the Uber ride is not that expensive. - **FRANK W., '12**

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Don't drive. - **JOHNNY D., '09**

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On the T, "inbound" means towards downtown so it is possible to have a commute that is "inbound" both ways. - **ANONYMOUS**

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Most supermarkets sell CharlieCards for public transit. Surprisingly, this is one of the easiest ways to get one. Most stations do not sell them. - **ANONYMOUS**

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If you get on the Silver Line at the airport, it is free. - **ANONYMOUS**

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If you've missed skiing while you were at Stanford, look forward to easy access to some of the best terrain in the East. Mountains like Sugarbush and Smugg's are just 3 hours away making for an easy weekend filled with delicious VT beer and great skiing! - **SARAH V., '10**

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Living on the Red Line is great—you are close to many universities! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

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Go to the Boston Marathon! - **IRTEZA B., '13**

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It's a great walking city, so choosing a convenient location to live is particularly beneficial. - **JAKE S., '12**



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