



## Insider's Guide to

# BOSTON

The city of Boston (pronounced "Baahhs-ton" by Bostonians) has plenty to offer in terms of food and fun. But where do you begin? That's where the Sonnhalter *Insider's Guide to Boston* comes in. It's our way of helping you cut through the clutter to find the city's best restaurants, nightlife and sights.

We asked some of our Boston friends for their recommendations on the best places to chow down on chowder without spending a lot of clams. (You know, those secret locales that only the locals know about.) Because at Sonnhalter, we not only like to get our hands dirty...we also like to get our lobster bibs messy.

### Cambridge

#### **Alden & Harlow**

American  
(617) 864-2100  
[www.aldenharlow.com](http://www.aldenharlow.com)

From Bon Appetit to James Beard, all the critics agree, Alden & Harlow is one of the best dining experiences in Boston. Flavor forward & chef driven, this is a dining experience to savor.

#### **Craigie on Main**

New American  
(617) 497-5511  
[www.craigieonmain.com](http://www.craigieonmain.com)

Menu changes daily, depending on which ingredients are the very best of the best that day.

#### **Giulia**

Italian  
(617) 441-2800  
[www.giuliarestaurant.com](http://www.giuliarestaurant.com)

Italian classics, exceptional service and regional wine choices, as well as fresh pasta all served in a rustic, cozy setting.

#### **Mr. Bartley's Burger Cottage**

Hamburger Institution  
(617) 354-6559  
[www.mrbartley.com](http://www.mrbartley.com)

Famously named gourmet burgers. Check out the "Bill Clinton," the "George Bush," the "Facebook" or the "Tom Brady" burger.

#### **Punjabi Dhaba**

Indian Road-Side Café  
(617) 547-8272  
[www.punjabidhaba.com](http://www.punjabidhaba.com)

Reflecting the authentic dishes of the road-side dhabas located all across the national highways of India with fast, fresh and delicious Punjabi food.

#### **The Table @ Season to Taste**

French  
(617) 871-9468  
[www.cambridgetable.com](http://www.cambridgetable.com)

Utilizes French techniques to showcase both seasonal ingredients and international flavors with a four-course prix fixe menu. In addition, there is a menu of light snacks paired with choice wines and craft beers at the standing wine bar.

#### **Ten Tables Cambridge**

New American/European  
(617) 576-5444  
[www.tentables.net](http://www.tentables.net)

Small (10 tables) restaurant jam-packed with handmade delectables made with fresh ingredients from carefully selected local purveyors.



## North End

### Aria Trattoria

Italian  
(617) 742-1276  
www.aryatrattoria.com/

Opening in the space where his Baptismal reception was held, Massimo Tiberi brings tradition and passion to this cozy second-floor establishment. A favorite of celebrities and locals.

### Bricco

Italian  
(617) 248-6800  
www.bricco.com

Dine at this neighborhood standby. Then buy the fresh bread, pasta and imported meats at the Panetteria & Salumeria next door. You can even stay above the restaurant in newly opened suites.

### La Famiglia Giorgio's

Italian  
(617) 367-6711  
www.lafamigliagiorgios.com

Like the name suggests, for over three decades, diners have been the guests of the Giorgio family, with dishes like Nona made, and portions for sharing.

### Modern Pastry

Italian Bakery  
(617) 523-3783  
www.modernpastry.com

Best cannoli in Boston! Don't fall for the tourist trap, Mike's.

### nebo

Italian  
(617) 723-6326  
www.neborestaurant.com

Premiere, upscale, Italian, late-night dining with a wine bar. Offers gluten-free menu.

### Neptune Oyster

Seafood  
(617) 742-3474  
www.neptuneoyster.com

Small delightful oyster bar with amazing lobster rolls.

### Prezza

Italian  
(617) 227-1577  
www.prezza.com

The constantly changing menu includes seasonal dishes, robust flavors and rich portions to offer guests a unique visit each time.

### Regina Pizzeria

Italian  
(617) 227-0765  
www.pizzeriaregina.com

Best pizza in town...authentic pizza from early Italian immigrants.

## South End

### B & G Oyster

Seafood  
(617) 423-0550  
www.bandgoysters.com

Chef Barbara Lynch's neighborhood oyster bar serves both New England classics and Mediterranean-inspired dishes along with incredible wines.

### Banyan Boston

Southeast Asian  
(617) 556-4211  
www.banyanboston.com

A recent James Beard nominee, this South End hotspot combines regional cuisines of Southeast Asia with new ideas about fresh ingredients and local sourcing. The results defy comparison.

### The Barking Crab

Seafood  
(617) 426-2722  
www.barkingcrab.com

Waterfront crab shack with excellent food and service.

### The Butcher Shop

French/Italian  
(617) 423-4800  
www.thebutchershopboston.com

Both a neighborhood wine bar and a full service butcher shop serving lunch and dinners with an amazing selection of prime meats.

### Coppa

Italian  
(617) 391-0902  
www.coppaboston.com

An intimate, tucked away enoteca featuring Italian small plates made with locally sourced, sustainable ingredients, an eclectic wine list and unique cordial-based cocktails.

### Franklin Café

New American  
(617) 350-0010  
www.franklincafe.com

Creative cocktails, world-class wines and local microbrews. Offers vegetarian and gluten-free meals. Serving a full menu every night until 1:30 am.

### Gaslight Brasserie

French  
(617) 422-0224  
www.gaslight560.com

Parisian brasserie complete with café tables, communal booths and an eclectic bar. Terrific weekend brunch, and chic surrounds make this a neighborhood hotspot.

### Myers + Chang

Chinese, Taiwanese, Thai & Vietnamese  
(617) 542-5200  
www.myersandchang.com

A funky, indie diner offering unique interpretations on traditional dishes. Offers vegetarian and gluten-free menus.

### SRV

Italian  
(617) 536-9500  
www.srvboston.com

Boston's first Venetian-style Bacaro & wine bar, with fresh made pasta made from house-milled flour, small bites, made-to-order risotto and more.

### Sportello

Italian  
(617) 737-1234  
www.sportelloboston.com

Modern interpretation of lunch counter, market-driven Italian dishes.

### Stella

Italian  
(617) 247-7747  
www.bostonstella.com

Affordable and approachable Italian cuisine in a chic environment like no other in the city.

### Toro

Spanish  
(617) 536-4300  
www.toro-restaurant.com

A Barcelona-style tapas restaurant with traditional and modern small plates, excellent wine and beer selection and attentive service.

## Back Bay

### **Abe & Louie's**

Steakhouse  
(617) 536-6300  
[www.abeandlouies.com](http://www.abeandlouies.com)

Featuring 12 prime-quality meats in several cuts and preparations.

### **Atlantic Fish Co.**

Seafood  
(617) 267-4000  
[www.atlanticfish.com/](http://www.atlanticfish.com/)

Outstanding seafood with delicious fried oysters.

### **Bistro du Midi**

Modern Provençal French  
(617) 426-7878  
[www.bistrodumidi.com](http://www.bistrodumidi.com)

Featuring the simple ingredients and bold flavors of Modern Provençal cuisine.

### **Grill 23**

Steakhouse  
(617) 542-2255  
[www.grill23.com](http://www.grill23.com)

For over 30 years, Grill 23's mission has been to deliver world-class service and the best food available. Exclusively serving USDA Prime all-natural source verified Friesian steaks raised on a family farm.

### **L'espalier**

French  
(617) 262-30023  
[www.lespalier.com](http://www.lespalier.com)

Sophisticated, modern French cuisine served in one of four luxe, romantic dining rooms, using only the freshest of ingredients.

### **Ostra**

Seafood  
(617) 421-1200  
[www.ostraboston.com](http://www.ostraboston.com)

A contemporary Mediterranean seafood restaurant inspired by European and local seafood varieties.

### **Sonsie**

International  
(617) 351-2500  
[www.sonsieboston.com](http://www.sonsieboston.com)

Eclectic international cuisine with a wine room. Popular hangout for out-of-town celebs and sports stars.

### **UNI**

Asian  
(617) 536-7200  
[www.uni-boston.com](http://www.uni-boston.com)

Global street food-inspired small plates, innovative makimono, nigari, sashimi, innovative ramen, sushi and a wide-ranging sake program, all in a crisp, modern elegant space.

## Beacon Hill

### **No. 9 Park**

Italian/French  
(617) 742-9991  
[www.no9park.com](http://www.no9park.com)

Elegant, timeless setting with simple, flavorful cuisine.

### **Clink Restaurant**

New England Seafood  
(617) 224-4004  
[www.libertyhotel.com/restaurants-bars/clink/](http://www.libertyhotel.com/restaurants-bars/clink/)

Executive Chef Anthony Dawodu's creative menu artfully marries American culinary tradition with both contemporary innovation and global influences.

### **Florina**

Pizza  
(617) 936-4494  
[www.florinapizza.com](http://www.florinapizza.com)

Not just some of the best pizza in Boston, by the slice or whole pie, but also great starters, salads, pasta, sandwiches and more.

### **Mooo**

Steakhouse  
(617) 670-2515  
[www.mooorerestaurant.com](http://www.mooorerestaurant.com)

A classic, yet modern steakhouse with warm modern décor providing a relaxed, sophisticated atmosphere, and a private wine cellar dining experience.

### **Teatro**

Italian  
(617) 778-6841  
[www.teatroboston.com](http://www.teatroboston.com)

Contemporary, upbeat Italian classics.



## Seaport District/Fan Pier

### The Daily Catch

Sicilian Style Seafood  
(617) 523-8567  
<http://thedailycatch.com/>

Superior seafood and ample harbor-side views. Fresh pasta, Sicilian seafood classics and more.

### Rosa Mexicano

Mexican  
(617) 476-6122  
<http://www.rosamexicano.com/boston>

The Boston location for this high-end Mexican chain. Tableside guacamole, authentic cuisine and stellar service.

### Strega Waterfront

Italian  
(617) 345-3992  
<http://stregawaterfront.com/>

Old-World Italian classics, served with one of the most stunning views in the city.



## Other Boston Neighborhoods

### Sweet Cheeks (Fenway)

BBQ  
(617) 266-1300  
[www.sweetcheeksq.com](http://www.sweetcheeksq.com)

In Fenway's shadow, amazing southern BBQ. Tender ribs served on metal trays, buckets of honey-butter biscuits and cocktails served in Mason jars. A must visit.

### Tasting Counter (Somerville)

New American  
(617) 299-6362  
[www.tastingcounter.com](http://www.tastingcounter.com)

Instead of traditional ordering, diners pre-purchase tickets for a "taste encounter." Seated at a counter facing the open kitchen, you'll dine on a multi-course tasting menu. Best of Boston from the Globe & Boston Magazine.

### Yvonne (Downtown Crossing)

Supper Club  
(617) 267-0047  
[www.yvonesboston.com](http://www.yvonesboston.com)

Taking the place of the legendary Locke-Ober, founded in 1862, Yvonne's blends dining with glamour and exclusivity. Blocks from the Commons, but a whole different world of chic.

## Multiple Locations

### Area Four

[www.areafour.com](http://www.areafour.com)

Wood-fired pizzas with dough fermented for over 30 hours make for a fantastic base for creative toppings.

### Bukowski's Tavern

[www.bukowskitavern.net](http://www.bukowskitavern.net)

Best burgers and beer; \$1 burgers at lunch (not on menu). The beer nerds have over 150 bottled beers, about 10 on tap and one on cask.

### Clover Food Labs

<https://www.cloverfoodlab.com/>

A new, socially responsible take on fast food. Local ingredients, compostable utensils, and above all, excellent, tasty food.

### Flour Bakery and Café

[www.flourbakery.com](http://www.flourbakery.com)

Mouth-watering pastries and foods served with warm hospitality.

### The Friendly Toast

[www.thefriendlytoast.com](http://www.thefriendlytoast.com)

The Friendly Toast serves up creative meals in a truly unique atmosphere and offers a fun and exciting dining experience morning, noon and night.

### Legal Seafood

[www.legalseafoods.com/restaurants](http://www.legalseafoods.com/restaurants)

The quintessential Boston seafood joint, now with multiple locations.

### Orinoco

[www.orinocokitchen.com](http://www.orinocokitchen.com)

Amazing, casual, Venezuelan eatery.

### The Paramount

[www.paramountboston.com/](http://www.paramountboston.com/)

American comfort food, cafeteria style for breakfast & lunch, full-serve at night.

### Parish Café and Bar

[www.parishcafe.com](http://www.parishcafe.com)

A real gem; the unique, delicious sandwiches will make you beg for more.

### Tasty Burger

<http://www.tastyburger.com/>

Boston's entry into the regional "Best Burger You've Ever Had" debate.

### Tenoch

[www.tenochmexican.com](http://www.tenochmexican.com)

Authentic Veracruz counter service food, freshly made and delicious.

### Upper Crust Pizzeria

[www.theuppercrustpizzeria.com](http://www.theuppercrustpizzeria.com)

Award-winning pizzeria offering fresh ingredients in traditional and unique toppings with a flavorful crust.

## Nightlife and Bars

**Alibi Lounge** – [www.alibiboston.com](http://www.alibiboston.com)

**An Tain** – 31 India St.; best “dive” bar in town.

**Beehive** – [www.beehiveboston.com](http://www.beehiveboston.com)  
Friday and Saturday dinner jazz sets.

**Black Rose** – [www.blackroseboston.com](http://www.blackroseboston.com)

**The Burren** – [www.burren.com](http://www.burren.com)

**Cask’n Flagon** – [www.casknflagon.com](http://www.casknflagon.com)  
World-famous sports bar across from Fenway Park.

**The Comedy Studio** – [www.thecomedystudio.com](http://www.thecomedystudio.com)

**Drink** – [www.drinkfortpoint.com](http://www.drinkfortpoint.com)

**Emmet’s Irish Pub** – [www.emmetsirishpubandrestaurant.com](http://www.emmetsirishpubandrestaurant.com)

**Good Life** – [www.goodlifebar.com](http://www.goodlifebar.com)

**Havana Club** – [www.havanaclubsalsa.com](http://www.havanaclubsalsa.com)

**House of Blues** – [www.houseofblues.com/boston](http://www.houseofblues.com/boston)

**Improv Asylum** – [www.improvasyllum.com](http://www.improvasyllum.com)

**ImprovBoston** – [www.improvboston.com](http://www.improvboston.com)

**Kings (Bowling and Billiards)** – [www.kingsbowlamerica.com](http://www.kingsbowlamerica.com)

**Laugh Boston** – [www.laughboston.com](http://www.laughboston.com)

**Lord Hobo** – [www.lordhobo.com/main](http://www.lordhobo.com/main)

**Lucky’s Lounge** – [www.luckyslounge.com](http://www.luckyslounge.com)  
Sinatra brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday.

**The Middle East** – [www.mideastoffers.com](http://www.mideastoffers.com)

**The Mystery Lounge** – [www.mysterylounge.com](http://www.mysterylounge.com)

**The Publick House** – [www.thepublickhousebeerbar.com](http://www.thepublickhousebeerbar.com)

**Royale** – [www.royaleboston.com](http://www.royaleboston.com)

**The Sinclair** – [www.sinclaircambridge.com](http://www.sinclaircambridge.com)

**Spoke** – [www.spokewinebar.com](http://www.spokewinebar.com)

**Wally’s Café** – [www.wallyscafe.com](http://www.wallyscafe.com)

## Boston Sightseeing

**Boston Opera House**  
[www.bostonoperahouse.com](http://www.bostonoperahouse.com)

**Bunker Hill Monument**  
[www.nps.gov/bost/historyculture/bhm.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bost/historyculture/bhm.htm)

**Castle Island**  
[www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-and-carson-beach.html](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-and-carson-beach.html)

**Charles Playhouse**  
[www.charlesplayhouse.com](http://www.charlesplayhouse.com)

**Cheers Boston**  
[www.cheersboston.com](http://www.cheersboston.com)

**Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market**  
[www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com/](http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com/)

**Fenway Park**  
[boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/index.jsp](http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/index.jsp)

**Franklin Park Zoo**  
[www.zoonewengland.org](http://www.zoonewengland.org)

**The Freedom Trail**  
[www.thefreedomtrail.org](http://www.thefreedomtrail.org)

**The Museum of Bad Art**  
[www.museumofbadart.org](http://www.museumofbadart.org)

**Museum of Fine Arts**  
[www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

**Museum of Science**  
[www.mos.org](http://www.mos.org)

**New England Aquarium**  
[www.neaq.org](http://www.neaq.org)

**Old North Church**  
[www.oldnorth.com](http://www.oldnorth.com)

**Public Garden**  
[www.cityofboston.gov/parks/emerald/public\\_garden.asp](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks/emerald/public_garden.asp)

**Samuel Adams Brewery**  
[www.samueladams.com/brewery-and-craft/brewery-tours](http://www.samueladams.com/brewery-and-craft/brewery-tours)

**TD Garden**  
[www.tdgarden.com](http://www.tdgarden.com)

**USS Constitution Museum**  
[www.usconstitutionmuseum.org](http://www.usconstitutionmuseum.org)

**Warren Anatomical Museum**  
[www.countway.harvard.edu/chom/warren-anatomical-museum](http://www.countway.harvard.edu/chom/warren-anatomical-museum)

## Taxis

**City Cab** (617) 536-5100

**I.T.O.A. Cab** (617) 825-4000

**Metro Cab** (617) 782-5500

**Top Cab** (617) 266-4800

## Limousine Services

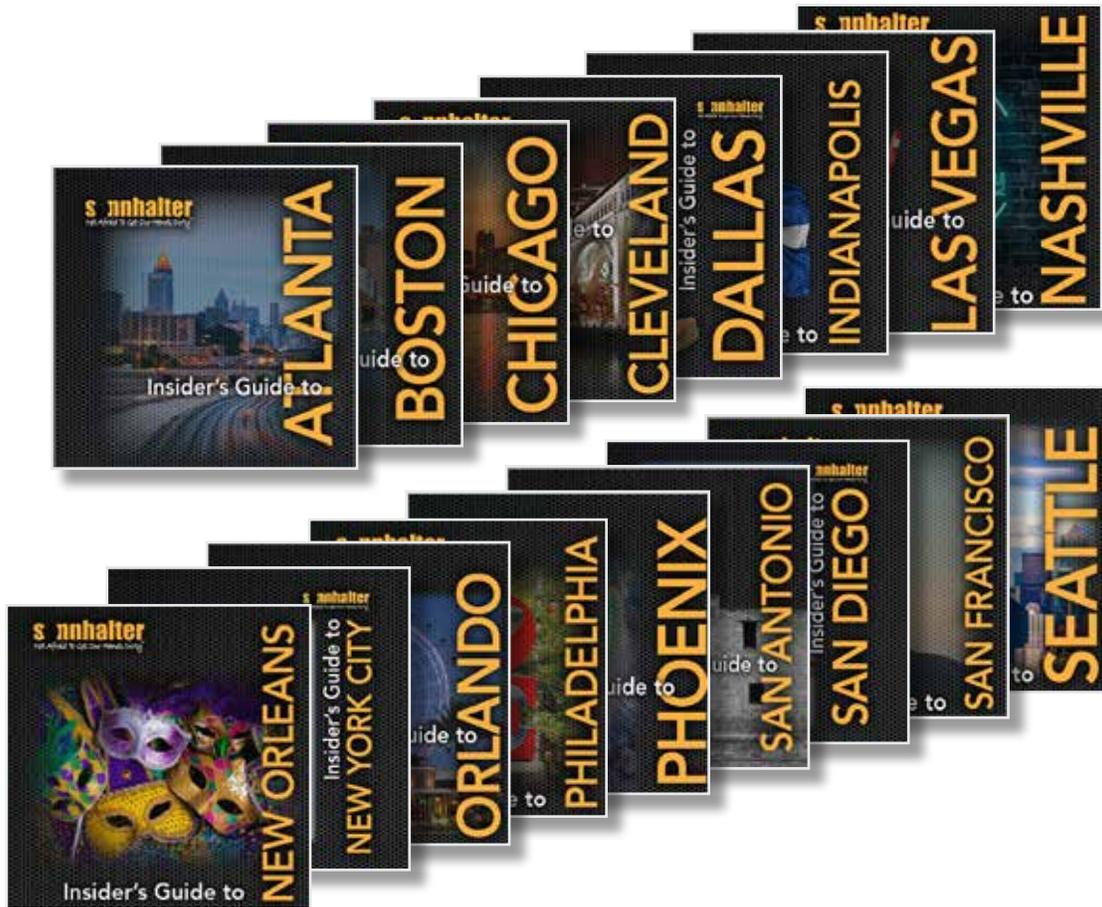
**Boston Limousine**  
(617) 699-3126

**Boston LX Limo**  
(617) 848-8577

**Transportation of New England**  
(866) 526-4673

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