

Welcome To Boston!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our city, and hope you will enjoy what Boston has to offer. What follows is an informal list of some of Boston's best "Things To Do," museums to visit, and places to eat. While not comprehensive, we hope it will give you a flavor of what you might do before, in-between, and after the IPA Congress. We look forward to meeting you!

~ Members of the Boston LAC

Things To Do

Boston Common and Boston Public Garden: In 1634 the Common was created as America's first public park; it was practical and pastoral with walkways built for crosstown travel. In contrast, the Public Garden was the first public botanical garden in America. It was decorative and flowery from its inception, featuring meandering pathways for strolling.

http://www.cityofboston.gov/Parks/emerald/public_garden.asp

Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park: Fans are especially fond of Fenway Park, home of the 7-time World Champion Boston Red Sox.

http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=bos

Duck Boat Tours: A fun way to see the city, by land and by sea. You'll cruise by all the places that make Boston the birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts, from the golden-domed State House to Bunker Hill, from Boston Common and Copley Square to the Big Dig, Government Center to fashionable Newbury Street, Quincy Market to the Prudential Tower, and more. And, as the best of Boston unfolds before your eyes, your ConDUCKtor® will be giving you lots of little known facts and interesting insights about our unique and wonderful city. And just when you think you've seen it all, there's more. It's time for "Splashdown" as your ConDUCKtor® splashes your DUCK right into the Charles River for a breathtaking view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines, the kind of view you just won't get anywhere else. Fans are especially fond of Fenway Park, home of the 7-time World Champion Boston Red Sox.

<http://www.bostonducktours.com>

Faneuil Hall Marketplace: Located in downtown Boston, steps away from the waterfront, Faneuil Hall Marketplace is alive today as it was in 1742 when our nation's fathers proclaimed it "The Cradle of Liberty." Over 70 retailers and 40 office tenants occupy the 200,000 square feet of retail and 160,000 square feet of space on Boston's iconic mixed use festival marketplace. Customers enjoy unique, locally loved, and nationally recognized shops while indulging in the worldwide cuisine at our restaurants, pubs, and in the world-famous Quincy Market Colonnade. The cobblestone promenades are filled with the music and jaw-dropping routines of world-renowned street performers and musicians.

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

Freedom Trail: The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to work to preserve this perfect introduction to Colonial Revolutionary Boston. The Trail takes the visitor to 16 historical sites in the course of two or three hours and covers two and a half centuries of America's most significant past. A red brick or painted line connects the sites on the Trail and serves as a guide. Since the past and the present live alongside the Trail, its visitors have the opportunity to see the City as it truly is. Many visitors prefer to linger and study the many exhibits, thus a full day or more can be devoted to browsing along the Trail. One can take a self-guided tour or one of the many tours available through the Boston Common Visitors Center at 148 Tremont Street or the Bostix Booth located at Faneuil Hall. If you prefer to ride, you can pay for one of the trolley tours, which are unofficial guided tours, but do take the rider to many of the sites along the Trail and allow one to disembark at selected stops.

[\(http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/\)](http://www.thefreedomtrail.org/)

Hubway Bicycles: If you are feeling adventurous, and want to see the city by bicycle, Hubway offers a great opportunity. As Boston's bike sharing system, Hubway allows people to rent a bike by the hour or day, and pedal your way throughout the city.

<http://www.thehubway.com>

Newbury Street: World renowned shopping in some of Boston's most chic and fashionable stores.

[\(http://www.newbury-st.com/\)](http://www.newbury-st.com/)

New England Aquarium: The New England Aquarium, which opened in 1969, is a global leader in ocean exploration and marine conservation. The Aquarium is one of the premier visitor attractions in Boston, with over 1.3 million visitors a year, and a major public education resource.

<http://www.neaq.org/index.php>

The North End: Boston's North End is, by its very nature, an organic, living, vibrant, and ever-changing urban neighborhood. Encompassing the heart of the Freedom Trail attractions, it is a major tourist destination point for history buffs. "Boston's Little Italy" as it is sometimes called, the North End is known as a mecca for its many Italian restaurants and cafés. It is an especially beautiful place to stroll around in the warm summer evenings.

<http://www.northendboston.com>

Old Town Trolley Tours: For over 30 years, Old Town Trolley Tours has been providing sightseeing tours highlighting the best of Boston. Hop aboard one of their trolleys and you'll experience "Transportainment", a delightful combination of transportation and entertainment. With Old Town Trolley, you can avoid costly parking and city driving while exploring at your own pace as you hop on and off the trolley. Old Town Trolley Tours is a great way to see the city.

<http://www.trolleytours.com/boston/>

Provincetown – Day Trip from Boston via Ferry: Provincetown is a New England town located at the extreme tip of Cape Cod. A small coastal resort town with a year-round

population of just under 3,000, Provincetown has a summer population of as high as 60,000. Often called "P-town", the town is known for its beaches, harbor, artists, tourist industry, and its status as a vacation destination for the LGBT community.

[\(http://www.provincetown.com/\)](http://www.provincetown.com/)

[\(http://www.provincetownfastferry.com/\)](http://www.provincetownfastferry.com/)

Shows and Concerts: Boston offers visitors a wide range of performance, theatrical, film, music, and concert opportunities.

<http://www.bostix.org>

Tanglewood – Festival of Contemporary Music July 20-27: Located two hours drive, due west of Boston, Tanglewood is a music venue in Lenox and Stockbridge, Massachusetts. It has been the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1937. The Festival of Contemporary Music is an annual event at Tanglewood, organized by the Tanglewood Music Center. It began in 1964 as a project of then BSO Music Director Erich Leinsdorf, the newly appointed coordinator of contemporary music studies at the TMC, Gunther Schuller, and noted contemporary music patron Paul Fromm.

http://bso.http.internapcdn.net/bso/images/uploads/brochures/TWD15_ATOF.pdf

Museums

Boston Children's Museum: Boston Children's Museum is the place to go for kids in Boston. Interactive educational exhibits and staged events promise a fun-filled experience.

<http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/>

Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum: Relive that historic night in the Boston Harbor on December 16th, 1773, when American Colonists took matters into their own hands to oppose British rule. The new Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is located in the middle of the Fort Point Channel and includes interactive exhibits that will transport visitors back in time to Revolutionary Boston!

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

Institute of Contemporary Art: At a spectacular venue on Boston's waterfront, close to the venue of the 2015 IPA Congress, the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) continues to present provocative programs that explore ideas, issues, exhibitions, and images of our time. From Picasso, O'Keefe, and Warhol to Cindy Sherman and Bill Viola, the ICA has been the first to show many of the most innovative and inspired artists from around the world for nearly 65 years.

<http://www.icaboston.org/>

Isabella Gardner Museum: Modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palazzo surrounding an interior courtyard garden, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum houses one of the most remarkable art collections in the world. Special contemporary and historic exhibitions, America's oldest museum music program, and an artist-in-residence program enrich the permanent collection and provide ongoing inspiration for visitors. In celebration of the museum's founder, all named "Isabella" are admitted free.

<http://www.gardnermuseum.org/home>)

Museum of African American History: This museum aims to preserve and accurately portray African American history from colonial times. Here you will find different exhibits and can take a tour of the Black Heritage Trail.

<http://www.afroammuseum.org/>)

Museum of Fine Arts: From ground-breaking exhibits and state-of-the-art galleries to one of the world's largest Asian art collections, the MFA has something for all visitors, including the Katsushika Hokusai exhibition.

<http://www.mfa.org/>)

Museum of Science: This interactive museum is sure to be fun for the whole family! From hands-on exhibits to the planetarium, there is an endless amount of fun to be had.

<http://www.mos.org/>)

U.S.S. Constitution Museum: Visitors to the USS Constitution Museum's galleries experience the Constitution's history and the lives of the men who sailed her. Along with artifacts in cases, the Museum's exhibits let visitors explore and experience the ship's history in engaging interactive exhibits that make a personal connection to Old Ironsides.

<http://www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org/>)

Places To Eat

While Boston has too many fine bars and restaurants to list here, a useful resource for the best of Boston's restaurants can be found at Eater.com. Reservations are advised:

<http://boston.eater.com/maps/best-boston-restaurants-38>)

Alternatively, with technology and food becoming ever more entwined, there are a number of app's available to download on your smart-phone to help find a good place to eat. Here are a few suggestions for apps on both iPhone or Android phones:

OpenTable: OpenTable takes out all the hassle of booking a reservation at your favorite restaurant. You can simply choose a date, time, and party size to see available tables at your desired location, then hit the book button. It's easy enough to find a restaurant based on your location or cuisine needs, and OpenTable offers plenty of helpful reviews and rating options.

UrbanSpoon: Allowing you to compare restaurant choices by rating, distance, cuisines and popularity levels, Urbanspoon is a great help, especially when you're in a new city. You can browse menus and photos of the food on offer, as well as look at online restaurant guides by critics as well as other food fans. You can even make reservations using the app, ensuring it's the Swiss Army Knife of dining apps. It's stylish too.

Yelp: Yelp is one of the biggest and brightest services out there. While it has a lot of buzz and hype, its growth has been mostly due to the fact that it's such a great app.

Offering over 50 million reviews for businesses across the world, you can easily search for nearby restaurants, read plenty of reviews, and even view great local deals and photos of the place. Search filters ensure that you can narrow things down according to distance, price, and rating, so you know exactly what you're getting into. It works well for plenty of other establishments too.

Zagat: Sometimes, less is more. Zagat gives you concise reviews of restaurants and bars, saving you the hassle of having to dig around too much. The usual filters are placed along with a scoring system that rates food, decor, and service separately. Lists of expert-selected places to cover mostly any occasion, mood, or craving completes the well-rounded package, so you can spend more time eating and less time browsing.

Transportation

Taking the "T": Boston's public transportation system is operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, but locals know it simply as the "T". It offers subway, bus, trolley car and boat service to just about everywhere in the Greater Boston area and beyond. Subway stops are color coded - Red Line, Green Line, Blue Line, Orange Line or Silver Line. To ride the T, you need to purchase a CharlieCard or CharlieTicket. These can be purchased at every subway station at vending machines and at select convenience stores. The basic fare is \$2.65 and kids - 11 years and younger - ride free. And your Charlie Card will provide you with more than 75 discounts on attractions during your visit. The "T's" Day/Week LinkPass gives visitors unlimited travel on Subway, Local Bus, Inner Harbor Ferry and Commuter Rail Zone 1A for one day (\$12) or seven days (\$19). More than 500 fare-vending machines are located throughout all subway stations. For specific information on routes and schedules visit mbta.com. Information is in six languages and the website offers a very useful "Trip Planner" to get you to your destination.

Taxis: Boston's Taxi service is available throughout the city. From Logan International Airport to most hotels in Boston and Cambridge, current fares are approximately \$25-\$35.00, one way.

Uber: Yes, Uber came to Boston.... Uber is an On Demand Transportation, an app that connects you with a driver at the tap of a button. Request a ride and have a driver curbside in minutes. There's no need to carry cash. When you reach your destination, your fare is automatically billed to your card on file.

Places to Go For A Run

Charles River: An 18-mile loop from Science Park to Watertown Square makes the Charles a great pick for those looking for a nice, long walk, bike or run. With many places to cross over the river, you can easily create your own route tailored to how many miles you'd like to complete.

Commonwealth Ave. Mall: This route in the Back Bay neighborhood links the Public

Garden and the Olmsted park system. If you want to extend your route, you can always add a jaunt to Fenway Park and back.

Fresh Pond: The Fresh Pond reservoir in Cambridge is a perfect place to walk your dog, jog, or run. You can walk or run the 2.25 mile perimeter road for a nice little workout if you're short on time. Fresh Pond is about a 10 minute walk away from Alewife Station on the MBTA Red line.

Jamaica Pond: Many enjoy walking or running along the 1.5-mile path around the pond, while others enjoy sailing on the pond in the summer. The Green Street stop on the Orange line is the closest to the pond.

Boston's Neighborhoods

For a description of the different neighborhoods in Boston, see:

<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g60745-s204/Boston:Massachusetts:Neighborhoods.html>

For More Information...

For more information on "Things to Do in Boston," please visit:

(<http://www.cityofboston.gov/visitors/thingstodo.asp>.)

IPSO Gala Dinner and Boat Cruise!

IPSO members should keep in mind the IPSO members' lunch on Tuesday, July 21st, 2015, which is sponsored by IPSO, and the IPSO Gala Dinner, on Friday, July 24th, 2015. The dinner will take place on the Odyssey Cruise line and will consist of dinner, open-bar, and dancing, while on a tour of the Boston Harbor. Tickets for the dinner are being sold with registration for the IPA/IPSO congress, for the bargain price of \$100.

Friday July 24, 2015
8pm-1am

(Cruise leaves the dock at 9pm sharp, so be early!)

Address: Odyssey Cruise Line, Boston Harbor, 50 Rowe's Warf, Gate B, Boston MA

Attire: For women, cocktail wear, a dress or dressy-casual attire is appropriate. For men, collared shirts and dress pants are recommended. Casual jeans, t-shirts, athletic shoes or flip flops are discouraged.

(Tickets available for sale [here](#) you can book together with Full congress or day tickets)

IPSO LUNCH

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

12:30-2:30 pm

Address; MJ O'Connor's Westin Hotel Waterfront, 425 Summer Street, Boston MA
(Tickets available to **IPSO Candidates only** [here](#) you can book together with Full
congress or day tickets)