

# THE BEANTOWN BARISTAS' GUIDE TO **BOSTON**

COFFEE • RESTAURANTS • BARS



Welcome to Boston!

The host city of this year's SCA Expo is one of the most inspiring and unique cities in the United States. It is the birthplace of the American Revolution, home of world-class educational institutions like Harvard and MIT, and home of some of the winningest teams in sports history. But Boston is also a top destination for its tasty New England cuisine, lively bar scene, and of course, its amazing specialty coffee.

To help you explore the best coffee, food and drink Boston has to offer, we have collaborated with four specialty coffee professionals who call Boston home. Each of the coffee shops, restaurants and bars in this guide have been personally recommended by one of these amazing contributors.

With recommendations from Rose, Kristina, Ellen and Emily, there's no excuse to not eat and drink like a real Bostonian this week.

We hope you find this guide useful as you explore this fantastic city. Enjoy the Specialty Coffee Expo, the 2019 World Barista Championship & World Brewers Cup, and the city of Boston!



## THE BEANTOWN BARISTAS



**ROSE WOODARD**



Rose grew up in Massachusetts and has been living and working in Boston for the past eight years. She began her coffee competition career last year, winning the 2018 U.S. Brewers Cup, and finishing in 14th in the 2018 World Brewers Cup. Rose was a Barista Trainer at George Howell Coffee, and is currently the Head Barista for Night Shift Roastery in the North End of Boston.



**KRISTINA JACKSON**



Kristina currently works at Intelligentsia Coffee in Boston. She has been in coffee for five years, after working in the restaurant business. Beyond her role as a full-time barista, she began a grassroots organization in 2017 called the Boston Intersectional Coffee Collective, in efforts to create a more inclusive, tight-knit community that focuses on anti-racism and anti-sexism work. When she is not behind the bar, she is a part-time classical musician.



**ELLEN BLANCHETTE**



Ellen has worked in coffee shops in Philadelphia and Boston for the past 13 years. Coffee became her career when she started to work at Pavement Coffee House managing their coffee shops, and later at Counter Culture Coffee for a sales role. Her favorite way to drink coffee is a well dialed-in batch brew. Ellen lives in Salem, Massachusetts with her wife, Anna, and two cats: Pickles and June.



**EMILY VARNER**



Emily has a passion for both coffee and Argentine Tango, learning the importance of community and value of connection from both. She has held many barista roles and had a brief stint in roasting. Lately, she's been working in brand development for Draft Coffee Solutions and green coffee sales for El Recreo farms, based in Nicaragua. Emily runs an online vintage clothing store and climbs (mostly fake) rocks.

## COFFEE

Some Bostonians will say the perfect cup of coffee is brewed at their local Dunkin' (the brand even claims that 'Boston Runs on Dunkin'). But just beneath the mainstream, the specialty coffee scene in Beantown is thriving. There are several homegrown cafés pushing the boundaries of quality and service in coffee, satisfying java-lovers of all types.



George Howell - Godfrey Hotel

## The Baristas' Home Shops

### Night Shift Roasting

1 Lovejoy Warf, Boston | [www.nightshiftbrewing.com](http://www.nightshiftbrewing.com)

Night Shift Roasting is the newest member of the Night Shift Family, which started brewing beer in 2012. Our café serves up a variety of blends and single origins as batch brew, espresso or pour over. The best part? We are attached to a brewery and full service restaurant. So whether you're looking for something to sip on in the morning or evening, or just grab a bite to eat, we have you covered!



### Intelligentsia

225 Franklin Street, Boston | [www.intelligentsiacoffee.com](http://www.intelligentsiacoffee.com)

In the Financial District in Downtown Boston, this Intelli location has been open less than a year. It's an upscale coffee bar resembling an old hotel lobby with communal seating around a marble bar to facilitate barista-customer engagement.



### Counter Culture Coffee Training Center

374 Somerville Ave, Somerville | [www.counterculturecoffee.com](http://www.counterculturecoffee.com)

Not a coffee shop! But we'd love to meet all you coffee people while you're in town! We host free coffee tastings every Friday morning at 10am. What's better than free coffee? DELICIOUS free coffee!



### Recreo Coffee

1 City Hall Square, Boston | [www.elrecreoestatecoffee.com](http://www.elrecreoestatecoffee.com)

If you're looking for a seed to cup experience, Recreo Coffee & Roasterie is the place for you! We source all of our coffee from the family farm in Nicaragua which supports sustainable jobs for their workers, health care support and two education programs on their property. The flagship location in West Roxbury is worth the hike, but we also have a small bar setup conveniently located in City Hall.



## Recommended Shops

### George Howell Coffee Shop

505 Washington Street, Boston | [www.georgehowellcoffee.com](http://www.georgehowellcoffee.com)



One of my first recommendation for coffee will, of course, be George Howell. They have two shops in Boston proper: The Boston Public Market in the north end and inside the Godfrey Hotel in downtown (this cafe has beer and wine too!). Each shop feature rotating batch brew, single origin espresso, a wide variety of pour overs and some really unique signature beverages.

### Kohi Coffee

125 Summer Street, Boston | [www.kohicoffee.com](http://www.kohicoffee.com)



Relaxing, minimalist decor with top notch coffee equipment - these folks don't skimp. Staff is welcoming and knows their way around a good coffee! Kohi serves Tandem as a main roaster along with a guest roaster program. And all of their delicious pastries are baked in-house!

### Haute Coffee

1 Canal Park, Cambridge | [www.myhautecoffee.com](http://www.myhautecoffee.com)



Haute Coffee serves up a wide array of single origin coffees, and their menu is never boring! Pourovers and espressos rotate frequently for you to enjoy. All their pastries are made in-house as well and shouldn't be missed.

### Barismo

295 Third Street, Cambridge | [www.barismo.com](http://www.barismo.com)



Barismo was one of the first shops to bring direct trade coffee to the Boston area. Throughout their growth, they continue to keep the producers at the front of their brand and conversation. Innovation has been a big part of Barismo's history as well. This is a good spot for an out-of-towner looking for something a bit different. Best part: they don't have wifi.

Kohi Coffee - Summer Street



## Intelligentsia - Post Office Square



## Another cup?

For more great coffee in Boston, check out these coffee shops around town:

### Pavement

286 Newbury Street | Boston | [www.pavementcoffeehouse.com](http://www.pavementcoffeehouse.com)

### Thinking Cup

165 Tremont Street | Boston | [www.thinkingcup.com](http://www.thinkingcup.com)

### Gracenote Coffee

108 Lincoln Street | Boston | [www.gracenotecoffee.com](http://www.gracenotecoffee.com)

### Flat Black

260 Franklin Street | Boston | [www.flatblackcoffee.com](http://www.flatblackcoffee.com)

### Render Coffee

121 Devonshire Street | Boston | [www.rendercoffeebar.com](http://www.rendercoffeebar.com)

### Nine Bar Espresso

11 Holland Street | Somerville | [www.ninebarespresso.net](http://www.ninebarespresso.net)

### Broadsheet Coffee

100 Kirkland Street | Cambridge | [www.broadsheetcoffee.com](http://www.broadsheetcoffee.com)

### 1369 Coffee House

1369 Cambridge Street | Cambridge | [www.1369coffeehouse.com](http://www.1369coffeehouse.com)



## RESTAURANTS

Whether you're in the mood for a satisfying clam 'chowdah' or refreshing 'lobstah' roll, Boston's got it. Seafood has historically been a standout option in the city, situated onshore of the Atlantic Ocean. But Boston has come a long way from only serving seafood and baked beans: the culinary options range from Italian food in the North End, Chinese food in Chinatown, and great bar eats all over town.



Row 34

### Row 34

383 Congress Street, Boston | [www.row34.com](http://www.row34.com) | Seafood & Oyster Bar

If seafood is your jam, Row 34 is an amazing spot within walking distance of the convention center. The food is great (they serve a New England clam chowder to die for) and their tap list is one of the best in the city.



### Tres Catos

470 Centre Street, Boston | [www.tresgatosjp.com](http://www.tresgatosjp.com) | Spanish Tapas

One of my personal favorite restaurants in Boston. Hip and intimate Spanish tapas and wine bar. There's a tiny book/music store in the back! If you want to visit, either come early or reserve a table because it's always packed!



### Blue Dragon

324 A Street, Boston | [www.bluedragonbos.com](http://www.bluedragonbos.com) | Asian Gastropub

For those who are not into the sea food scene, one my all-time favorite places in Fort Point is Blue Dragon. It is an Asian gastropub with snacks, noodles, dim sum and amazing cocktails by notable chef Ming Tsai (I highly recommend this place for anyone with allergies - they take it very seriously).



### Orinoco

477 Shawmut Ave, Boston | [www.orinocokitchen.com](http://www.orinocokitchen.com) | Latin & Venezuelan

Super authentic Venezuelan food. This is a great spot to feed your hole-in-the-wall authentic restaurant kind of hunger. Their prices are mid-range and modestly portioned, but they definitely pack in the flavor. If you're sticking to a budget, I'd recommend looking no further than their arepa menu.



### Pammy's



928 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge | [www.pammyscambridge.com](http://www.pammyscambridge.com) | Italian & New American  
A gorgeously decorated and welcoming restaurant with Modern American/Italian inspired food. Folks, there are flowers everywhere, a fireplace, and negronis on tap! The wine list is also a joy, and the pastas are handmade. I would recommend reservations for the dining room, but there are usually a few walk-in spots at the bar or lounge.

### Boston Burger Company



1100 Boylston Street, Boston | [www.bostonbugerco.com](http://www.bostonbugerco.com) | Burgers, Fries & Shakes  
When it comes to a really solid burger, this is a really reliable spot! They've got some wild burger toppings that include mac and cheese or a stack of beer-battered onion rings. It's also a sports bar if you want to watch a game and have a beer while you're in town. BBC was featured on Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives with Guy Fieri!

### The Barking Crab

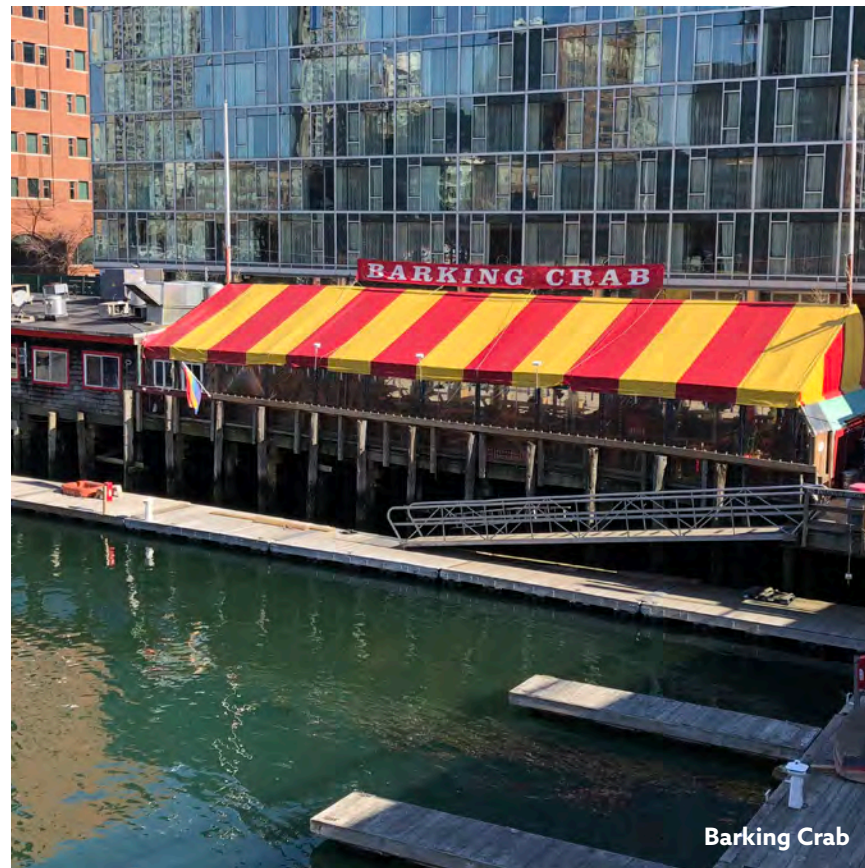


88 Sleeper Street, Boston | [www.barkingcrab.com](http://www.barkingcrab.com) | Casual Seafood  
If you're looking for a classic New England "Lobstah" roll, the Barking Crab is conveniently located near the convention center. It also boasts open-air picnic table dining and views of the Boston Harbor.

### Gourmet Dumpling House



52 Beach Street, Boston | [www.gourmetdumplinghouse.com](http://www.gourmetdumplinghouse.com) | Casual Chinese  
Chinatown. Juicy dumplings. All you need to know.



Barking Crab

## BARS

In recent years, there has been an evolution of drinking establishments in Beantown beyond Irish pubs. Cocktail lounges and wine bars scatter the city, and regionally- and nationally-known breweries such as Sam Adams and Harpoon allow locals to enjoy a home-grown brew at bars all around town.



### Trillium Brewing Company

50 Thomson Place, Boston | [www.trilliumbrewing.com](http://www.trilliumbrewing.com)

If you like craft beer, Trillium is a great local brewery with a location in Fort Point, right near the convention center. Trillium is grounded in the concept of a New England farmhouse brewery, using local ingredients whenever possible. From a wide selection of ales to sours and stouts, they have something for every beer-drinker!



### Haley Henry

45 Province Street, Boston | [www.haleyhenry.com](http://www.haleyhenry.com)

Another cool wine bar that focuses on small production and natural wines, mostly produced by women! They don't have a full kitchen, but they serve charcuterie, cheeses and tinned fish. They also have a sister spot called Nathalie in Fenway.



### Drink

348 Congress Street, Boston | [www.drinkfortpoint.com](http://www.drinkfortpoint.com)

An absolute must for anyone looking to imbibe is called Drink, it is also within walking distance of the convention center. Drink is a speakeasy with no cocktail menu - just tell them what you like, and their extremely knowledgeable and talented staff will be sure to knock your "sox" off.



### Eastern Standard

528 Commonwealth Ave, Boston | [www.easternstandardboston.com](http://www.easternstandardboston.com)

Really it's a restaurant with an incredible bar, so go for either a drink or full meal, and you won't be disappointed. This is a staple spot in Boston and can accommodate larger groups so long as you make a reservation.





## Meadhall

4 Cambridge Center, 90 Broadway, Cambridge | [www.themeadhall.com](http://www.themeadhall.com)



Located in the heart of Kendall Square, Meadhall has 100 different beers on tap, from local brews to favorites from across the US and Europe. The beer selection also includes many rare and unique offerings like Flemish red and brown ales and a handful of sour beers.

## Rebel Rebel

1 Bow Market Way, Somerville | [www.rebelrebelsomerville.com](http://www.rebelrebelsomerville.com)



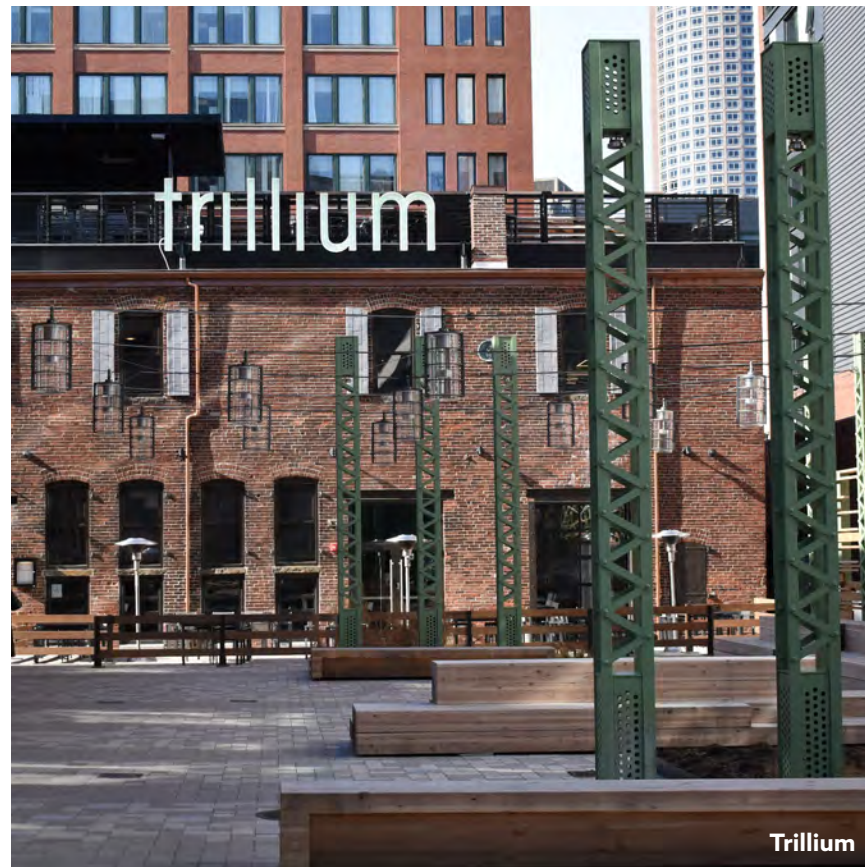
A wine bar serving up natural wines in a cozy spot with unpretentious vibes. The staff is friendly and knowledgeable about all the wines on the menu, and even the ones not on the menu.

## JM Curley's

21 Temple Place, Boston | [www.jmcurleyboston.com](http://www.jmcurleyboston.com)



Just around the corner from The Godfrey Hotel is a local watering hole called JM Curley's. Curley's is great for cocktails and, for those in the know, you can get the best steak in Boston at Bogie's Place (check behind the curtain at the bar).



## LOCATION MAP

Included in this map are locations that are within walking distance of the convention center.

### Coffee Shops

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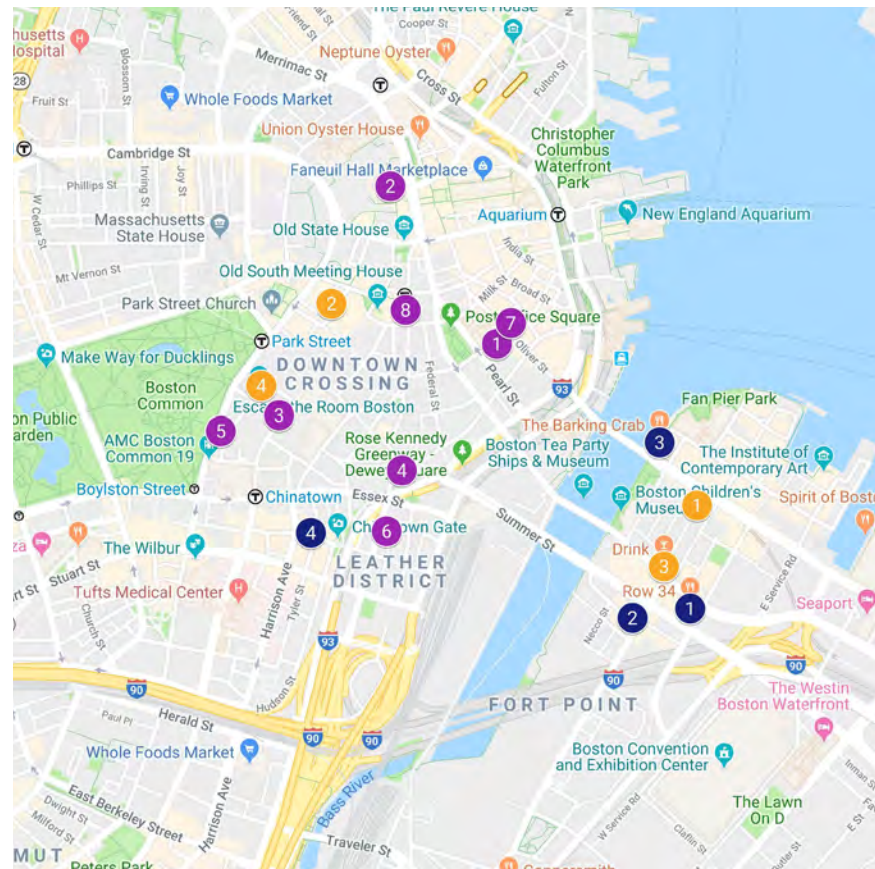
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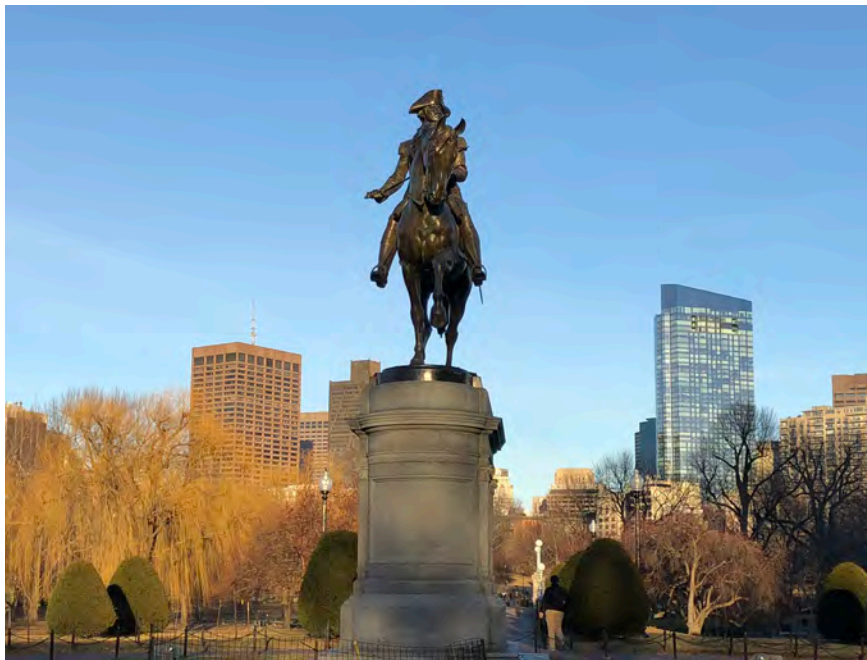
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