IT'S DISNEY'S WORLD

With its newest theme park in Shanghai, Disney once again proves that fun knows no boundaries.

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TO EVEN THE MOST WELL-TRAVELED BOSTONIANS, no place on earth quite compares to their city on the banks of the Charles River. What’s the best part? You’ll get a different answer depending on who you ask. Sure, Boston’s big on history. Sports, too (even elegant eateries broadcast the game). But the city’s award-winning restaurants, outdoor adventure and modern intellects are just headlines. At its heart, Boston is a small town, best discovered by exploring its eclectic neighborhoods. Once you’ve done that, consider taking a day trip out of the harbor via the high-speed ferry to Provincetown, located right at the tip of Cape Cod.
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WHERE TO STAY
The Liberty Hotel
This luxury hotel was once the Charles Street Jail, which housed Boston crooks such as James "Whitey" Bulger. Today the crowd here is hip—and the hotel is home to five dining and drinking establishments that promise far more than three square meals. libertyhotel.com

BREAKFAST
Flour Cafe + Bakery
Wake up early to beat the pastry-and-coffee crowd at Flour, a favorite soft-packed bakery owned by a James Beard award-winning chef. There are four locations, but the South End spot is the original. flourbakery.com

WHERE TO STAY
Fairmont Copley Plaza
Sprawled across a city block, this opulent hotel anchors Copley Square. Admire French and Venetian renaissance architecture and sip whisky at OAK Long Bar + Kitchen, its history-steeped restaurant. fairmont.com/copley-plaza-boston

WHERE TO STAY
Hotel Commonwealth
Its prime location—in the shadows of Fenway Park abutting Kenmore Square’s dining destination Eastern Standard—makes Hotel Commonwealth a must-stay. A $50 million expansion added guest rooms with views of the park. hotelcommonwealth.com

MORNING
Walking Tour
Explore the country’s first botanical garden, the Boston Public Garden, filled with fountains, monuments and the picturesque Swan Boats; then follow the Freedom Trail to Charlestown to see “Old Ironsides”—the oldest commissioned warship afloat—in all her glory.

WHERE TO STAY
Four Seasons Hotel Boston
This hotel overlooking the Boston Public Garden will craft any city adventure you crave. How does cruising via one of the hotel’s Boston-themed bikes (Paul Revere’s Wild Ride, perhaps) sound? foursseasons.com/boston

MORNING
The Charles River
The beloved river is best seen by kayak or bike. Pause at the Mass Ave. Bridge for a photo of the riverfront skyline, with the gilded dome of the Massachusetts State House gleaming in the distance.

WHERE TO STAY
The Envoy Hotel
Minimalism (white-walled rooms) meets forward-focused design (TV stands built from bike frames) at this sleek Seaport property. Hang out on the rooftop, where views of ferries docking in quiet waters offset the hustle of the financial district. theenvoyhotel.com

< MORNING
Institution of Contemporary Art
It’s hard to say what’s more captivating—the ICA’s location, the stunning waterfront or the galleries filled with works by artists such as Louise Bourgeois and Andy Warhol. ijaboston.org
**AFTERNOON**

**The North End**
The North End is Boston’s “Little Italy.” Pop into tiny tucked-away Trattoria di Monica for homemade pasta, Modern Pastry for cannoli or Regina Pizzeria for a slice. [monicasboston.com](http://monicasboston.com), [modernpastry.com](http://modernpastry.com), [reginapizza.com](http://reginapizza.com)

**DINNER**

**Craigie on Main**
This Cambridge restaurant makes a promise: No tomato is served out of season. The menu is ever-changing, but some mainstays, like the burger, remain—and only 18 are served a night. [craigieonmain.com](http://craigieonmain.com)

**LATE NIGHT**

**UNI**
Satisfy your after-hours cravings at the Eliot Hotel’s UNI, a happening Japanese pub that serves up sushi, late-night ramen (think squid and vegetable-smoked parmesan variations) and hip-hop music. [uni-boston.com](http://uni-boston.com)

**AFTERNOON** ➤ **Boston Harbor Historic Cruise**
From battleships to tales of English tea, the waterfront is Boston’s past. A 90-minute cruise takes you by Castle Island’s military fort and Boston Light, a lighthouse dating to 1716. [bostonharborcruises.com](http://bostonharborcruises.com)

**LUNCH**

**Amrheins**
Top Boston politicians have counted on hearty meals at Amrheins in Southie since the 1800s. Check out America’s oldest hand-carved bar and the city’s first draft beer pump. [amrheinsboston.com](http://amrheinsboston.com)

**LUNCH** ➤ **Pick Your Sports Bar**
The streets around Fenway Way (home to Fenway Park) are peppered with classics, including The Baseball Tavern and Bleacher Bar. Or head toward the TD Garden for wings at The Fours Boston. [basebalatlavern.com](http://basebalatlavern.com), [bleacherbarboston.com](http://bleacherbarboston.com), [thefours.com/boston](http://thefours.com/boston)

**EVENING ACTIVITY** ➤ **Red Sox Game**
Fenway Park is the rickety wooden ballpark that’s the soul of the city. Score tickets and you’ll catch a Boston legend, David Ortiz, wind down his career.

**AFTERNOON**

**Boston Harbor Islands**
Did you know Boston Harbor is home to 30 islands? Take a ferry to Georges or Spectacle: You can hike the highest point in the harbor, enjoy a yoga class or take a ranger-guided tour. [bostonharborislands.org](http://bostonharborislands.org)

**EVENING** ➤ **Top of the Hub**
Order a drink on the 52nd floor of the Prudential Tower, an elegant walls-of-windows restaurant in Boston’s second-tallest building. Handcrafted cocktails and city lights dazzle even the locals. [topofthehub.net](http://topofthehub.net)

**DINNER**

**Journeyman**
What began as a supper club is now a special yet easy-to-miss Somerville stalwart. Journeyman’s seasonally inspired tasting menu, with dishes like local shellfish or acorn-fed pork, lures adventurous diners outside the city limits. [journeymanrestaurant.com](http://journeymanrestaurant.com)

**LUNCH**

**Clover Food Lab**
Clover Food Lab is a purveyor of healthy “fast food,” with a serious following, no preservatives and organic ingredients. Stop by a shop or one of its many food trucks around the city. [cloverfoodlab.com](http://cloverfoodlab.com)

**AFTERNOON ACTIVITY**

**Café ArtScience**
Take a cocktail class at Café ArtScience, the tech解 Kendall Square restaurant and brainchild of a Harvard professor. Known for his "mad scientist" approach, bar director Todd Maul will teach you about ice, smoke or rum from around the world. [cafeartsience.com](http://cafeartsience.com)

**DINNER** ➤ **Area Four**
Dig into wood-fired pizza at Kendall’s industrial Area Four. Here: a science crowd roches on pies with homemade mozzarella and a killer crust. [areafour.com](http://areafour.com)