

# BOSTONPLYMOUTH



## Welcome to Plymouth, Pilgrim!

### *Things to do in "America's Hometown"*

Famous as the destination where the Pilgrims settled in 1621, Plymouth, today, retains a remarkable sense of history as it is on the verge of becoming a small city.

Despite fast development, Plymouth offers a relaxing aura with ocean beaches, a still-quiet downtown with lots of local stores, waterfront lodging and restaurants including Isaac's with excellent seafood, steaks, chops and pasta and a view of the Plymouth Harbor. **The**

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## BOSTON, THE "HUB OF THE UNIVERSE"



Boston, MA, is a one-of-a-kind city that boasts neighborhoods so diverse that sometimes you'll think you're in a different city every time you blink.

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## Seafood Dining in Plymouth

# Woods Seafood Offers Delicious, No-Frills Dining Overlooking Plymouth Harbor

Is Woods Seafood in Plymouth, MA, a fish market with a restaurant or a restaurant with a fish market?

The dual identity of this popular waterfront landmark really doesn't matter. What matters is the fresh-off-the-boat-seafood, affordable prices (example: a baked haddock plate for \$8.95!) and terrific views of Plymouth Harbor. Woods might not have a polished sheen outside and in, but who cares about the plain, shack-like look when the seafood is every bit as good as places that charge much more money? Whether lobsters, lobster rolls, clambakes, New England clam chowder (a true highlight; thick and full of clams), fried clam plates, fish and chips (really, really good!) or fresh scrod, Woods draws significant crowds to its scenic Plymouth waterfront location, year-round.

The route to some great seafood at Woods is easy: order at the counter, choose your table (all have water views), hear your number called, and bring back to your table fresh seafood that has been delivered that day from virtually a stone's throw away.

The fish market looks tempting, too, almost worth traveling 45 minutes to take home some amazing looking seafood.



With lobster tanks, heavy Boston accents, scenery and a wide variety of seafood dishes intact, Woods is ideal for those who want an informal seafood dining experience with a view.

*Woods Seafood*  
15 Town Pier  
Plymouth, MA  
Tel. 508-746-0261

## Dining Landmarks in Boston *"Wicked awesome" food!*

**Doyle's Cafe, 3484 Washington St., Jamaica Plain. Tel. (617) 524-2345.** The ultimate Boston Irish pub since 1882 is a favorite amongst working class blue collar types, yuppies and politicians. The large, cavernous rooms accommodate those who like to drink beer and tell great stories in sharp Boston accents. The food is decent, offering the usual chicken, steak and seafood dishes, along with pizza.

**Durgin Park, 340 Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Tel (617) 227-2038.** With its origins dating back to the pre-revolutionary days, Durgin Park evolved as a restaurant known for its sassy waitresses and classic New England fare. The sassiness has generally waned since the mid-1970s, but the great clam chowder, Boston schrod and Yankee Pot Roast dishes remain amongst a varied menu and lively atmosphere in the heart of Faneuil Hall.

**Pizzeria Regina, 11 1/2 Thatcher Street (North End). Tel. (617) 227-8180.** Legendary and still great, the Italian-style brick oven recipes haven't succumbed to suburban expansion. The service can have a little attitude and the atmosphere is rather plain, but none of that matters at this special Massachusetts landmark. While there have been a plethora of brick-oven pizza places opening in the region, none can quite duplicate the exquisite (can we use that word describing pizza?) pizza at this stellar North End eatery.

**Chau Chow City, 83 Essex St., Tel. (617) 338-8158,**

Located in Chinatown, this multi-level restaurant turns out authentic and abundant Hong-Kong style Chinese food -- the kind that restaurant critics love to write about and regular people like to eat. This pleasant, crowded and efficiently-run restaurant serves everything from dim sum to traditional pork, chicken and shrimp dishes. It's the perfect introduction to great Chinese food in Boston.



# Visiting Boston on a Budget



[www.visitingnewengland.com/santarpios.html](http://www.visitingnewengland.com/santarpios.html).

## **A local Web Site that will help you find Boston restaurants that don't require a second mortgage**

The owner of HiddenBoston.com has done the local dining scene a service by reviewing restaurants that aren't likely to take out a full-page color ad telling you why they perceive themselves as one of the best restaurants in the entire free world. At Hidden Boston, you'll find some truly cheap, unassuming inexpensive restaurants for your discount travel vacation, ranging from Thai and Mongolian to good old-fashioned burgers and pizza.

## **Boston Attractions on a Budget**

**The Freedom Trail** allows tourists to learn about America's Revolution by walking a 2.5 mile red brick walkway where historic meeting houses, museums, churches and other landmarks offer a colorful, scenic educational experience. Includes the Boston State House, Old Corner Book Store, Park St. Church, Old South Meeting House, site of the Boston Massacre, the Paul Revere House and Faneuil Hall. Best toured in the warmer weather! Check out The FreedomTrail.org for more info.

**Faneuil Hall**, (1 Faneuil Hall Square), a historic network of over 100 shops and restaurants, is a wonderful place to walk around and take in the historic feeling of Boston. There are many take-out restaurants and bakeries, including the delicious **Boston Chowda** (yes, they do have clam chowder), **Steve's Greek Cuisine**, **Brown Derby Deli**, **Dale and Thomas Popcorn**, the **Boston Chipyard** (the best chocolate chip cookies I've ever had), and the deservedly famous **Pizzeria Regina** (not the original which is in the North End, but still great). The festive Faneuil Hall is a wonderful place to eat

outdoors, people watch, watch entertainment and browse the kiosk vendors (artists, hot dog stands, etc.).

As long as you're not acrophobic, the view from the **52nd floor of the Prudential Building** (800 Boylston St.) affords affordable sweeping, panoramic views of Boston and vicinity. We love the view of the Charles River and Fenway Park (no, you really can't view a ball game from here).

**The Fenway Park Tour at Fenway Park** (home of the Boston Red Sox) is just as enjoyable, for some, as the game itself. Colorful, Boston tour guides take you on a walk through the historic stadium, including the famed Green Monster. Chock full of fun anecdotes and lots of laughs! Check out <http://boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/tour.jsp> for more information

The scenic, pristine and free **Arnold Arboretum** (125 Arborway, Boston) with 265 acres and 15,000 trees, shrubs and vines is a nature lover's delight and a true oasis in this busy city.

A **Swan Boat Ride** through the Boston Public Gardens area is a low-cost attraction great for families. The novelty of the plastic swans on the boat and a truly relaxing experience is a nice way to spend part of an afternoon. Speaking of the Boston Public Gardens, the area is a virtual oasis with its fountains, flower beds and trees. It's beautiful and free to walk around.

**Castle Island** in South Boston is free to visit and features water views, swimming, a network of walking trails for walking, hiking or jogging, biking, fishing, picnic opportunities and the great Sullivan's hamburger stand in the summer.

The popular media may have you believe that Boston is an outrageously expensive city to spend a vacation -- not good news during a recession. That is absolutely true if you stay at the most expensive hotel, eat caviar for breakfast, have spa treatments, rent a luxury car and have your names legally changed to Biff and Muffy. For the rest of us, it's easy to come out ahead if you practice good, old financial common sense. So, have a pizza in working-class East Boston, research some of Boston's other most affordably priced restaurants, find terrific hotel travel deals, and go on the cheap by walking a city that's perfect for walking! You'll find that it's quite easy to experience a cheap Boston vacation without feeling cheap!

Here are some ways to save money when visiting Boston:

## **It's a dive, but, boy, are their pizzas good!**

Santarpio's, at 11 Chelsea St. in East Boston, has been around seemingly dating back to the 14th century. It's plain and dark inside with no-frills service, a jukebox with Sinatra and Bobby Darin playing, plenty of friendly local chatter and prices that recall the "good old days." The crispy, fresh pizzas with real toppings in ample portions often result in lines forming out the door! Read more on Santarpio's at <http://>

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That's good news for the tourist who wants to see a variety of historical and modern city attractions, many within walking distance of each other. Compact yet somewhat confusing to navigate, Boston isn't your typical city that's built on a cookie-cutter grid. It's more like a labyrinth on steroids. It seems the only neighborhood that isn't present in Boston is Mr. Rogers' neighborhood.

So, put on your Boston Red Sox cap, drop the Rs in your words, beep your horn at someone for driving too slow (10 miles over the speed limit) and enjoy this sampling of some of Boston's best neighborhoods for visiting tourists:

The most popular tourist area is downtown Boston with the **Boston Common, Boston Public Garden** (with the Swan Boats rides in the summer), and lots of shopping and dining opportunities at the historic Faneuil Hall area. Faneuil Hall, also known as Quincy Market, is perhaps Boston's most popular tourist attraction with 100-plus combination of retail stores, restaurants, bakeries and ice cream stops offering visitors a charming retail and dining destination. Steeped in history as a meeting place for the country's "movers and shakers" to convene prior to the American Revolution, Faneuil Hall Marketplace was eventually restored and gentrified into a wonderful tourist attraction. It consists of the original 1742 building and two other restored buildings.

**The North End**, about a 10-minute walk from Faneuil Hall, offers colorful Italian neighborhoods, charming narrow streets and wonderful, authentic Italian restaurants (**al Dente** at 109 Salem St., **Joe Tecce's** at 61 N. Washington St., to name a few) and bakeries (**Mike's Pastry** at 300 Hanover St. is amazing!). The North End is the home of the original Regina Pizzeria, turning out amazing Italian-style pizza in brick ovens since 1926. Commercial St. leads to the Boston waterfront with fine dining opportunities and the world-class **New England Aquarium** at 1

Central Wharf. You could spend a day at the Aquarium which seems, at times, like it has more fish than in the sea!

**East Boston** is a closely-knit, series of largely Italian neighborhoods, home of Logan Airport and the famous **Santarpio's Pizza** (111 Chelsea St.) - perhaps the best Italian pizza we've ever sampled. Because it's on the other side of Boston Harbor, the skyline views in certain area are simply amazing!

On the west side of the downtown is **Beacon Hill** -- bound by bound by Beacon St., Bowdoin St., Cambridge St., and Storrow Drive -- with its brick sidewalks, gas lamps, million dollar brownstone neighborhoods, and the stately, historic **Massachusetts State House** at 24 Beacon St. (which you can tour). **Charles Street** is quaint, with many antique and specialty shops and dining ranging from basic to upscale and romantic. We especially like the **Paramount** at 44 Charles St., with two personalities: cafeteria-style dining for lunch and dinner and a romantic dimly-lit bistro at night. Cambridge Street, another commercial area near Beacon Hill, has a history of being a bit shabby, but has really cleaned itself up with more upgrades on the way. Along Cambridge Street are many restaurants and shops as well as access to Storrow Drive -- the perfect place to walk, or jog along the scenic Charles River. Across the Charles River is **The Museum of Science** (MOS), at Science Park, generally regarded as one of the best of its kind in the United States. The MOS features more than 500 exhibits including Imax films, superb revolving exhibitions (the computer model on how to fight urban traffic is appropriate for Boston!) and a planetarium. Given the myriad activities here, you could easily spend a whole day although a morning or afternoon is more common.

**The Copley Square and Back Bay** areas offer the European flair of Newbury Street, fine hotels and restaurants, an upscale intown **Copley Place Mall** at 2 Copley Pl. and the **Boston Public Library** at 700 Boylston St. -- the largest municipal library in the United States. Two of Boston's tallest buildings, the **Prudential** at 800 Boylston St. and **John Hancock** at 200 Clarendon St. interestingly contrast with

historic landmarks like H.H. Richardson's **Trinity Church** (206 Clarendon St.). The trendy South End is nearby with its diverse lifestyles, arts scene, and small, quaint restaurants.

**The Fens and Kenmore Square area** feature historic **Fenway Park** (home of the Boston Red Sox), lots of nightlife on Landsdowne Street and beyond, and other college hangouts given that world-renowned Boston University (BU) resides primarily on Commonwealth Ave. Allston and Brighton are located on the west side of Boston University and feature BU and Boston College neighborhoods, bars, restaurants and shops. On the Fens side, the **Museum of Fine Arts** (465 Huntington Ave.), **Isabella Stewart Gardner Art Museum** (280 The Fenway) and **Symphony Hall** (301 Mass. Ave.) lend a true cultural feel to the area, given their world-renowned reputations.

**South Boston**, or "Southie" has working class leanings, Irish pubs, two-family homes with small yards and architectural charm, and the benefit of Castle Island area, a coastal recreational area perfect for walking, hiking, swimming, fishing or grabbing a hot dog or hamburger at Sullivan's take-out stand.

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**and Kettle** (In the **John Carver Inn & Spa**, 25 Summer St., Plymouth, Tel. 508-746-7100) is also a beloved breakfast, lunch and dinner dining spot with "Cape Cod Cooking." That means great seafood and muffins! Plenty of attractions abound in Plymouth and vicinity including **Plymouth Rock** (Water St.); the Pilgrim lifestyle recreated at **Plimoth Plantation** (137 Warren Ave.); **Edaville Railroad Fun Park** (5 Pine St., Carver), a theme park with train rides and amusements); **Mayflower II** (State Pier, Plymouth Harbor), a replica on the ship that brought Pilgrims to the new world; and the **Pilgrim Hall Museum** (75 Court St.). **Myles Standish State Forest** (5 Cranberry Rd., S. Carver) is a beautiful natural destination with 15 miles of bike trails, 35 miles of equestrian trails, 13 miles of hiking trails, and swimming at College Pond. Of course, no trip to Plymouth would be complete without an ice cream at **Peaceful Meadows** at 170 Water Street -- the homemade ice cream is perhaps one of the best in the state!