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# Dining



### Blackbird Doughnuts

From South End hot spot The Gallows comes this new bakery that focuses solely on the doughnut—and they are amazing. Fresh-made daily onsite, styles range from chocolate old-fashioned to wild berry Bismark, including nontraditional ones like the sesame Sriracha. 492 Tremont St., 617.482.9000. Map 5, F5



### The Breakfast Club

Within a 5-minute walk from Harvard Stadium, this place serves up top quality food (grass-fed beef, organic chicken) in a 1980's retro diner environment. Tasty meals range from "The Basket Case" breakfast and incredible house-made corned beef hash to the meatloaf panini with chipotle mayo. 270 Western Ave., 617.783.1212. Map 3, A3



### PARK Restaurant & Bar

This subterranean space is an eclectic, rustic-meets-luxe hangout flanked by a fireplace and vintage curios. The cocktail list offers small-batch spirits, artisanal bitters and more—try the St. Kevin, an Old-Fashioned made with the infamous Irish moonshine, poteen. 59 JFK St., Cambridge, 617.491.9851. Map 3, B2

## Food & Wine Events

**BOSTON WINE FESTIVAL—Food & Wine Events.** Chef Daniel Bruce and the Boston Harbor Hotel offer three months of vino-inspired events, tastings, seminars and meals. This month includes: Marchesi Fmanelli, **March 4** at 7 pm; Trefethen, **March 12** at 7 pm; Opus One, **March 18** at 7 pm; Cabernet Reception, **March 20** at 7 pm; Drouhin, **March 25** at 7:30 pm. Full schedule online. Tickets: \$85-450. www.bostonwinefestival.net. 70 Rowes Wharf, 617.330.9355. Map 5, I4

**CHOCOLATE BAR AT THE LANGHAM, BOSTON—Food & Wine Events.** Indulge in The Langham's famous Chocolate Bar, which features a massive spread of 100 different types of chocolate-laden desserts crafted by pastry chef Ryan Pike. Treats run the gamut from chocolate-cherry-pistachio gateau to a chocolate cylinder stuffed with smoked chocolate praline cream. **Sept. 6-June 27.** Seatings: Sa at 11 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm and 1:30 pm. Tickets: \$42, \$29 ages 5-12. Reservations recommended. www.langhamhotels.com. 250 Franklin St., 617.451.1900 Map 5, H4

## Back Bay

**5 NAPKIN BURGER—Gastropub.** The original "Five Napkin" burger got its start at NYC's Alsatian bistro-luxe Nice Matin and was such a hit that the partners decided it deserved a restaurant all its own. And here it is. There are actually a number of

burgers on the menu, but don't overlook apps like the deep-fried, house cured pickles and pastrami, or the decadent — and spiked! — ice cream sundaes. L and D (daily), brunch (Sa, Su). www.5napkinburger.com. 105 Huntington Ave., 617.375.2277. \$\$ Map 5, E4

**BAR BOULUD—French.** Acclaimed chef Daniel Boulud opens his first Boston restaurant as a French-inspired bistro and wine bar at the Mandarin Oriental hotel. Chef de Cuisine Aaron Chambers runs the kitchen, offering a menu of traditional Parisian bistro fare including coq au vin, signature New England dishes, decadent burgers, and charcuterie, terrines and pâtés. At the bar, craft beer and cocktails are a highlight, while the wine list focuses on Burgundy and the Rhône Valley. B and L (M-Sa), D (daily), brunch (Su). Opens Sept. 16. www.mandarinoriental.com/boston/fine-dining/bar-boulud. Mandarin Oriental, 776 Boylston St., 617.535.8800.

**CAFE JAFFA—Middle Eastern.** A quiet respite awaits diners in this den just off of busy Newbury Street that has a charming atmosphere of lanterns, candlelight, exposed brick walls and wooden floors. The menu is Middle Eastern but offers some American fare, and includes such Israeli and Lebanese treats as baba ghanoush, falafel and kebabs. The spot's houmous is great — garlicky and smooth and drizzled in pure vegetable oil. L and D (daily). www.cafejaffa.net. 48 Gloucester St., 617.536.0230. \$\$ Map 5, D4

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**DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE—Italian.** Grand and sophisticated, this restaurant is amenable to dates, business dinners, or even a simple glass of wine at the bar. Lengthy menu features regional dishes from northern Italy, as well as grilled meat a la carte; entrees run the gamut from lamb loin chops to tagliatelle Bolognese. We recommend starting with Davio's signature Philly cheesesteak spring rolls. Gluten-free menu available. L (M-F), D (daily). www.davios.com. 75 Arlington St., 617.357.4810. \$\$\$\$ Map 5, F4; 236 Patriot Place, Foxboro 508.339.4810. Map 1, E2

**GRILL 23 & BAR—Steak House.** Jacket preferred. The old Salada Tea Company building with its mahogany and brass accents provides a clubby setting for Chef Jay Murray's award-winning all-natural, prime, dry-aged beef. Order farm-raised cuts (like the 24 oz porterhouse or the 100-day aged rib-eye) a la carte. Excellent service and outstanding wine list that features more than 1,000 French, Italian and Spanish varieties. D (daily). www.grill23.com. 161 Berkeley St., 617.542.2255. \$\$\$\$ Map 5, F4

**HARU—Japanese.** Belly up to the sushi and sake cocktail bars for a fresh taste of what this modern, upscale Japanese-inspired restaurant offers. Menu features signature sashimi, sushi rolls and hand rolls, maki entrees and special rolls, tempura, edamame and tartare. If raw plates aren't your thing, try salmon teriyaki or grilled filet mignon. L and D (daily). www.harusushi.com. 55 Huntington Ave., 617.536.0770. \$\$ Map 5, E4



**OLD NORTH CHURCH** was loyal to the Crown during the Revolution, an irony for its two lanterns used to signal to Paul Revere the Redcoats' approach "by sea."