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What's New: Spring 2019



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Highlights

ENCORE Boston Harbor

June 2019, Everett

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Rooms: 671

Bauhaus Centennial at the Harvard Art Museums

February 8 – July 28, 2019, Cambridge

Two new exhibitions at the Harvard Art Museums mark the Bauhaus centennial; both on display February 8 through July 28, 2019: The expansive exhibition *The Bauhaus and Harvard* presents nearly 200 works by more than 70 artists, drawn almost entirely from the Busch-Reisinger Museum's extensive Bauhaus collection. Featuring works by major artists, including Anni and Josef Albers, Herbert Bayer, Marcel Breuer, Lyonel Feininger, Wassily Kandinsky, Paul Klee, and László Moholy-Nagy, the exhibition presents rarely seen student exercises, iconic design objects, photographs, textiles, typography, paintings, architectural drawings, studies, sculpture, and archival materials. It explores the school's pioneering curriculum, the ways its workshops sought to revolutionize the experience of everyday life, the widespread influence of Bauhaus instruction in America, and Harvard's own Graduate Center (1950), designed by Walter Gropius's firm The Architects Collaborative. The complementary exhibition *Hans Arp's Constellations II* features a newly restored, room-sized wall relief commissioned by Walter Gropius for the Harvard Graduate Center—the work's first public viewing in 15 years.

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Masterpiece Trail

The Masterpiece Trail highlights 24 masterpieces from 24 galleries and museums around Massachusetts. Download at massvacation.com/masterpiece-trail.

Heritage Museum & Gardens: 50th Anniversary

April 2019

2019 marks the 50th Anniversary season of the Heritage Museum & Gardens. The focus is on the past, present and future, and on the visitor. Scattered through the buildings and grounds are 50 treasures – plants, autos, folk art, militaria, scrimshaw, carvings, and more – that tell the story of the museum's first 50 years. Heritage Museum & Gardens has created a series of exciting 50th Anniversary exhibitions and events that allow the visitor to explore the collections and pathways of their 100 acre grounds.

25th Annual Franklin County Cider Days

November 2019

CiderDays is an annual community celebration of all things apple in rural Franklin County. 2019 marks the 25th year with tours, cidermaking and tastings, workshops and much more in orchards and venues county-wide from Ashfield, Deerfield, Turners Falls, Shelburne Falls, and Colrain to New Salem and the towns in between. Whether you are a cider aficionado (hard or sweet), make your own cider, are an orchardist, like hanging out in bucolic orchards, or just enjoy soaking up all the goodness of autumn in New England, CiderDays is your event.

Plymouth 400

2020

America is poised for an anniversary of national and international significance, the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony. The Plymouth 400 Anniversary will highlight the cultural contributions and American traditions that began with the interaction of the Wampanoag and English peoples, a story that significantly shaped the building of America.

- Plymouth 400, Inc. is planning *Signature Events and Programs* honoring this historic Anniversary - America's story of *exploration, innovation, self-governance, religious expression, and thanksgiving*; the legacies sparked by these historic events and that continue today as cornerstones of our nation.
- *Signature Events and Programs* will include historical and cultural exhibitions, live televised and web events, multi-day festivals, original arts and entertainment collaborations and educational programming and resources. *Signature Events and Programs* will take place through 2020.

New Flights

Logan International Airport has direct, non-stop service to 77 domestic destinations and 56 international destinations, including Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Dubai, Tokyo, Istanbul, Oslo, Tel-Aviv, Doha, Lisbon, Bogota, Mexico City, and Panama City.

- Delta launched non-stop, seasonal service between Boston and Dublin.
- Avianca launched service 4x/week between Boston and Bogota, Columbia.
- Air Europa launched seasonal service between Boston and Madrid.
- Air Canada launched a daily seasonal service between Boston and Vancouver.
- Virgin Atlantic launched flights 2x/week between Boston and Manchester.
- WestJet launched double daily flights between Boston and Montreal.
- Level, the long-haul low-cost carrier, added nonstop Boston-Barcelona service 3x/week.
- Norwegian Air launched service between Boston and Paris, 4 times per week.
- LATAM Airlines launched year-round direct flights between Boston and the Sao Paolo.
- Avianca launched service 4X week between Boston and San Salvador.
- JetBlue launched a daily nonstop flight from Mexico City to Boston.
- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines will launch flights to Boston from Amsterdam in March of 2019, 3x/week. KLM will add a fourth flight in July of 2019.
- Norwegian Air will launch direct service from Rome to Boston, 4X/week on March 31, 2019.
- Virgin Atlantic will launch daily service from London Heathrow to Boston on March 31, 2019
- Korean Air will launch direct service between Boston and Seoul, 5 times/week, on April 12, 2019.
- Delta will launch new nonstop service from Lisbon on May 23, 2019.
- Delta will launch new nonstop daily service from Edinburgh, Scotland to Boston on May 23, 2019.
- Norwegian Air will launch direct service from Madrid to Boston, 3X/week on May 2, 2019.
- Royal Air Maroc will launch a Casablanca – Boston service, 3X/week starting June 22, 2019.
- Sichuan Airlines wants to launch direct service between Boston and Chengdu in early 2020.

Accommodations: Major Upcoming Openings

Greater Boston

Hotel 1868

Early 2019, Boston

The 50-room **Hotel 1868** is scheduled to open in early 2019 in the Porter Square neighborhood of Cambridge.

Four Season One Dalton

Spring 2019, Boston

The 211-room Four Seasons Hotel will occupy the first 20 floors of the building with 180 condos spread across the upper 40. The projected opening is early 2019.

Rooms: 211

The Whitney

Spring 2019, Boston

The Whitney will open in the Beacon Hill, the former John Jeffries space, in the spring of 2019 and will feature 66 luxury guest rooms along with a courtyard, garden space, restaurant and bar.

Rooms: 66

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Rooms: 671

Western Massachusetts

The Williams Inn

July 2019, Williamstown

With a grand opening of July 4, the 64-room hotel will also include a 200 person capacity event space and restaurant, offering a brand new hotel, hospitality, and conference center venue in the heart of Downtown Williamstown. The new 64-room hotel design will be reflective of the architecture of local area farms, built of stone and wood. Guests will find the interior decor to resemble a farmhouse, picking up cues of style from the surrounding Berkshires. The new Inn will offer a full-service restaurant and a welcoming bar area. Additionally, there will be 3,200 square feet of meeting and event space and a well-appointed fitness center. The inn will be located steps from Williams College, Spring Street shopping and dining, Clark Art Institute, and Williamstown Theater Festival.

Rooms: 64

Miraval Lenox

2019, Lenox

Miraval, a high-end resort company, has purchased the Cranwell Spa & Golf Resort and plans to renovate and enlarge the property with an expected grand re-opening as Miraval Lenox in summer 2019. The Resort will be fully operational during the renovations.

Courtyard by Marriott West Springfield

March 2019, West Springfield

Opening in March, this hotel will have a state-of-the-art lobby providing greater flexibility and choices including The Bistro, for breakfast, drinks or dinner. The lobby also includes inviting, flexible spaces to work or relax, free Wi-Fi and GoBoard technology.

Rooms: 120

Accommodations: Recent Openings

2019

Greater Boston

Hyatt Centric Faneuil Hall

February 2019, Boston

A 163-room **Hyatt Centric** opened in February 2019 in downtown Boston, Faneuil Hall.

Rooms: 163

Residence Inn Boston/South End

February 2019, Boston

This 108-room Residence Inn by Marriott opened on Melnea Cass Blvd in Roxbury on January 23, 2019.

Rooms: 108

North of Boston

Briar Barn Inn

January 2019, Rowley

Briar Barn Inn is now booking rooms for 2019 and beyond. Created by the seasoned team behind Willowdale Estate, the property extends renowned hospitality and exceptional service to a relaxed country setting.

Rooms: 30

Western Massachusetts

The Inn on Boltwood

January 2019, Amherst

The Lord Jeffery Inn, Amherst recently changed its name to The Inn on Boltwood after the New Year. In addition, this new name highlights the property's location on Boltwood Avenue.

2018

Greater Boston

The Revolution Hotel

December 2018, Boston

The Revolution Hotel, located at the intersection of Berkeley and Appleton Streets in Boston's South End, is now open. The 163-room hotel draws inspiration from the city's rich history of innovators, thought leaders and risk takers that have helped shape the modern world. Interpretive art and clever design cues speak to the notion of Boston 'firsts' – a common thread weaved throughout the guest experience.

Rooms: 164

The Row Hotel at Assembly Row, Autograph Collection

August 2018, Somerville

Close enough to the city, but far enough from the busy, the Row Hotel is a 5-minute train ride from Boston's most popular attractions, historical landmarks and sporting venues. This urban luxury hotel is situated at Somerville's Assembly Row and is a remix of history with a modern twist that pays respect to the original tenant of the locale, a Ford Motor Assembly Plant.

Rooms: 158

AC Hotel Ink Block

May 2018, Boston

The latest AC by Marriott opened in Greater Boston in the South End neighborhood.

Rooms: 105

No. 284

March 2018, Boston

Marrying a prime Commonwealth Avenue location with personalized service, thoughtful amenities, and luxurious design unlike large Boston Back Bay hotels, this former private residence, reopened in early 2018 after a complete renovation, is your home away from home in Boston's most coveted neighborhood. Just steps away from world class shopping, dining, and entertainment on Newbury Street, guests can unwind in their luxe library or serene urban courtyard.

Rooms: 23

AC Cleveland Circle

March 2018, Boston

Connect to the city in a new way at AC Boston Hotel Cleveland Circle, located at the crossroads of academia and athletics, history and entertainment, Beacon St. and Chestnut Hill Ave. Infused with European style, Spanish flair, and Boston soul, the stylish hotel in Brighton, MA offers innovative spaces, tailored to the needs of creative, well-traveled, entrepreneurial spirits.

Courtyard by Marriott Boston Downtown/North Station

March 2018, Boston

Opened in March 2018, the new Courtyard by Marriott Boston Downtown/North Station features a modern, sophisticated design that marries an urban location with tranquil energy. At 14-stories with 220 rooms, the hotel has 2500 sq. ft. of meeting space & "The Bistro" which offers breakfast, dinner & a full bar. The hotel is conveniently located within walking distance of TD Garden, home of the Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins. Boston's Financial Center, & Government Center are all within close proximity along with major transportation hubs such as Boston North Station, Logan International Airport, and all major highways. The Courtyard Boston Downtown North Station places guests in the ideal spot to enjoy all that Boston has to offer.

Rooms: 220 rooms

North of Boston

Garrison Inn

Summer 2018, Newburyport, MA

This downtown landmark hotel, which is in the process of a complete renovation slated to finish in 2019, has been symbolic to Newburyport's rich history and culture since its construction in 1809. Named in honor of the great American Abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison, the Garrison Inn blends rich historic character, urban sophistication, outstanding breakfast and afternoon tea with personal, friendly, modern service. Set in the heart of Newburyport's historic city center, this luxury boutique hotel preserves the finest aspects of this iconic landmark building, reinventing the spaces within to create a dynamic fusion of past and present. It is listed on the national register of historic places. The hotel is open during renovations.

Rooms: 24

Archer Hotel Burlington

February 2018, Burlington

Archer is a natural fit for this fashionable, and wonderfully walkable, neighborhood town center in Burlington, MA. With distinctive dining and unique shops, the Archer is an excellent location. Designed to showcase a signature industrial chic style that's brimming with curated local touches, Archer's 4-story boutique hotel greets guests with refined design, 147 luxe guest rooms and suites, thoughtful amenities, a lively cocktail bar and patio – and sincere service always.

Rooms: 147

South of Boston

New Bedford Harbor Hotel

Summer 2018, New Bedford

The New Bedford Harbor Hotel is located in the heart of historic downtown New Bedford, close to restaurants, shops and many local attractions.

Rooms: 70

Western Massachusetts

MGM Springfield

August 2018, Springfield

MGM Springfield covers three city blocks in the heart of downtown Springfield, Massachusetts. Igniting a cultural and economic renaissance in an historic New England city, the approximately 2 million square-foot development, which combines new construction with revived historic buildings, offers more than 125,000 square feet of gaming space, a 250-room boutique hotel on Main Street and superior spa services, diverse retail and inspired dining headlined by award-winning Chef Michael Mina's Cal Mare. MGM Springfield also features a luxury cinema, bowling lanes, a seasonal skating rink and outdoor marketplace displaying local art, events and talent. MGM Springfield opened on August 24, 2018. For additional information, please visit

www.mgmspringfield.com

Rooms: 250

Tourists

July 2018, North Adams

The Tourists concept is a 46-room hotel/resort, aimed at people with a passion for the outdoors, featuring expansive views of the forested riverside. The rooms are oriented for the views, and there are trails for hiking, riverside access for fishing or boating, and a suspension footbridge over the river for further access to hiking trails and riverside activity. There is also a swimming pool, with extensive wood decking around the pool and outside the rooms. A small restaurant and adjacent courtyard is planned for the former four-car garage structure outside the farmhouse. And the farmhouse itself will be converted into a multi-use space including a meeting and private dining space on the first floor and massage, spa treatment and yoga spaces on the second floor.

Rooms: 46

Blantyre

May 2018, Lenox

Blantyre has reopened after extensive renovations featuring updated accommodations including the new Riverview Cottage by Serena & Lily and Cloisters and LaCave, and a Dom Perignon indoor and outdoor champagne salon.

Tru Hotel by Hilton

April 2018, Chicopee

This bright and vibrant Chicopee hotel is located just off Mass Pike I 90 E/W, minutes from Springfield and the perfect half-way mark between Boston and Albany.

Rooms: 108

Holiday Inn Express Downtown Springfield

April 2018, Springfield

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites is located in downtown Springfield, next to the MassMutual Center. This Springfield hotel is 100% non-smoking with an indoor heated pool, fitness room, business center, and parking. Offering an ideal downtown Springfield location within walking distance to the MassMutual Center, the Dr. Seuss National Memorial, Springfield City Hall, the Springfield Library, as well as museums, restaurants and bistros.

Rooms: 98

Cape Cod & The Islands

Sea Street Inn

July 2018, Hyannis

Sea Street Inn boasts luxurious rooms, gourmet breakfast menu, beautiful photography collection, and an ideal location on Cape Cod. Innkeeper Adrian D'Ambrosi's passion for food and hospitality is ingrained in his DNA. Raised in Rome, Italy he was surrounded by generations of skilled family chefs. In addition to his culinary pedigree, Adrian was a Dean's List student in the Professional Culinary Arts Program at the International Culinary Center (ICC, formerly the French Culinary Institute) in New York. Over the years, Adrian has completed various culinary specialty programs at ICC and at Blue Hill at Stone Barns in New York.

The Inn at Yarmouth Port

July 2018, Yarmouth Port

Discover a perfect balance of modern amenities and European antiques throughout this historic ship captain's home. From century-old wide plank pine floors and beautiful moldings to fireplaces evoking times past, each guest room at this historic Yarmouth Port inn welcomes visitors to enjoy a piece of Cape Cod's history.

The Coonamessett

May 2018, Falmouth

With the style and comfort of a modern coastal home, The Coonamessett offers a perfectly relaxed jumping off point to explore the Cape by bike, catch a ferry to the islands, or just retreat to your private sitting room for a moment of calm. The spectacular gardens and elegant, airy, event and dining rooms at this Cape Cod inn create a uniquely beautiful backdrop for joyous celebrations with friends and family, while the handsome Eli's Tavern offers fine dining daily. In all seasons, The Coonamessett is a destination for a taste of life on the Cape.

Rooms: 29

Central Massachusetts

The Groton Inn

May 2018, Groton

Overlooking the picturesque rolling hills of Groton, MA, just 35 miles from Boston, The Groton Inn opened its doors to regain its stature as one of the most prominent lodging establishments in New England. America's oldest inn, the original structure (circa 1678) was destroyed by fire in 2011 and has been meticulously reimaged as a new boutique hotel – one that echoes the legacy of three centuries of gracious hospitality while featuring modern amenities and world class service.

Rooms: 60

Attractions

Statewide

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Greater Boston

[Bow Market](#)

Somerville

Once a storage building, Bow Market now provides small-scale storefronts to established and aspiring chefs, retailers, and artists from Somerville and Greater Boston. On site, you'll find 30+ independent food, art, and retail shops around a public courtyard in the heart of Union Square.

[Institute for Contemporary Art – Watershed](#)

Boston

The Institute for Contemporary Art has expanded its artistic programming across the Boston Harbor to a temporary site in the East Boston Shipyard and Marina. The new space, called the Watershed, presents art and public programs in the new 15,000-square-foot space seasonally while continuing its regular programming in the Seaport year-round. The Watershed is a raw, industrial space for art unlike any other in Boston, where visitors can experience immersive projects by artists engaged with the site, space, and issues related to this unique location

[Boston Wax Museum](#)

Boston

The Boston Wax Museum opened in a 16,516-square-foot space at 1 Washington Mall. The multi-level museum is located just outside City Hall Plaza and features ground-floor retail.

[Off the Beaten Path Food Tours](#)

Cambridge, Lowell

[Off The Beaten Path Food Tours and Experiences](#), a start-up tour and events business, is debuting three new food tours in a series of nine food & history walking tours. The new tours include: a Food and Mural Arts Tour in [Central Square, Cambridge](#); a [Food Innovation Tour in Kendall Square, Cambridge](#); and a [Cultural Canalways District Food Tour in Downtown Lowell, Massachusetts](#).

North of Boston

[The Farm Market at Mill No. 5](#)

Lowell

Fresh, local food in a friendly and vibrant environment at the center of Lowell. **Every Sunday** between 11am and 3pm, discover the hallways of Mill No. 5 filled with local vendors featuring farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, artisan bread and pastries, locally sourced meat and eggs, and handmade craft goods.

[Hands-on History Workshop](#)

Lowell

Lowell National Historical Park and the Tsongas Industrial History Center are excited to offer hands-on workshops for everyone to come and experience history by doing! Bring the whole family down to the Boott Cotton Mills and use their educational workshop spaces to discover the Industrial Revolution and its legacies. Activities are appropriate for all ages. **Hands-On History workshops will occur every second Saturday of the month** – giving you plenty of opportunities for fun in downtown! All are welcome. Drop in any time from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

South of Boston

[DATMA- Summer Winds](#)

July 2019, New Bedford

DATMA's inaugural public events will take place as part of Summer Winds 2019—a celebration of New Bedford's emerging leadership in wind energy. Alongside wind-themed international exhibitions and collaborative programs with partners from arts and culture, science, and technology, the site-specific signature Skynet *Silver Current*, will be on view in Custom House Square from July through September. To celebrate New Bedford's involvement with wind energy, wind themed exhibits and programs will be coming to the area.

The Blue Lane

New Bedford

The Blue Lane is a connection of recreational pathways that allow for easy travel and connection to New Bedford Attractions.

Western Massachusetts

The Bidwell House Museum

May 2019, Monterey

Native American Tours return this season. Learn about the history of the land on the new self-guided Native American Interpretive Trail.

Tanglewood Learning Institute

June 2019, Lenox

The BSO and Tanglewood recently announced the first season of the Tanglewood Learning Institute, launching in summer 2019, and a first look at the new four-building Linde Center for Music and Learning. This is the first major change in programming in Tanglewood's 82-year history. With a whole new layer of activities (more than 140) available for patrons curious to get closer to our world of music and even venture beyond it, TLI programming will offer visitors a sense of discovery and participation on a scale never before offered by the festival.

Iconic Illustrators Trail

Western Massachusetts

Explore the worlds of iconic illustrators Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, and Norman Rockwell and save with a combined ticket package. Enjoy the scenic trails to three amazing museums located within an hour radius of each other.

Museum of Dog

North Adams

In February 2018, North Adams opened a new, one-of-a-kind museum dedicated to all things dogs. Located blocks from the country's largest contemporary art museum, Mass MoCA, Museum of Dog (M.O.D) features a private collection of dog inspired paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs and accessories. The 8,000 square-foot historic space, at the merging point of Union Street and the Mohawk Trail, formerly housed Quinn's Wallpaper & Paint. The museum features over 180 pieces from more than 50 notable artists ranging from William Wegman photographs to Mary Engel "Watch Dog" sculptures and rare dog collars dating back to the 1800s.

Mass MoCA

North Adams

In May 2017, Mass MoCA debuted its new Building 6 exhibition space. This new 150,000 square foot expansion makes Mass MoCA the largest museum of contemporary art in the United States. This space supports both the museum's increasing collection and dive into performing arts programming.

The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum

Springfield

Springfield, Massachusetts boasts the only museum which honors the life and work Theodor Seuss Geisel. The Museum features highly interactive experiences for children, with a strong focus on promoting literacy, as well as artwork, memorabilia, and furniture from Ted's home studio.

Cape Cod & The Islands

African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard

The African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard has reached two important milestones in 2018. The Trail and its interactive documenting of the rich history of African Americans on Martha's Vineyard turned 20 years old, and the group just dedicated and added its 30th historic site to the Heritage Trail.

Native Earth Teaching Farm

Chilmark

If all goes well in the goat herd, Native Earth Teaching Farm and Josey Kirkland will be hosting goat yoga again this season. Sessions are held Wednesday evenings at 5:30PM and Saturday mornings at 10AM. Sessions run a little over an hour; cost is \$25 per person. Both goats and yoga are therapeutic for many people; combine them for a fun and relaxing experience in a lovely farm setting.

Boundless Adventures

Berlin

Boundless Adventures is family owned by Brian and Lorrie Funtleyder. Boundless Adventures provides an outdoor adventure park experience for individuals of all ages. Their mission is to empower and inspire people to challenge themselves both mentally and physically. "With challenge comes greater self-confidence and achievement" is a family motto.

Cape Cod Inflatable Park Expansion

West Yarmouth

The Cape Cod Inflatable Park expanded on an adjacent 1½-acre property purchased by Park owner Joseph Marrama. This completely new area of the park opened in June 2018. Known as the H20, it includes a lazy river, an aqua play area, lily pad walks, inflatable thrill slides, rental cabanas, and more – all great features for a full day of family fun, in addition to features just for adults.

Cape Cod Rail Trail

Extension to Yarmouth

Yarmouth's extensive network of cycling paths and roadways has been supplemented by the Rail Trail extension. This section can be cycled presently by parking at the lot west of the intersection of Old Townhouse and West Yarmouth Roads and continuing south on Forest Road to Long Pond Road. This long-awaited extension will open in Yarmouth, where the western end of the Rail Trail meets a local bike trail at Peter Homer Memorial Park. Long-range plans call for extending the Trail farther westward into Barnstable. Crossing Station Avenue on a pedestrian bridge, the Trail will roll through woods for 2.5 miles to a 160-foot bridge (scheduled for opening in mid to late 2018; signs will be posted at the trailhead regarding the bridge status) over tidal Bass River, and then another pedestrian bridge over MA 134 to the current trailhead in South Dennis. Yarmouth will be the new start of the Rail Trail, at least for a few years, until it extends further down. The next two sections, from Station Avenue to Mary Dunn Road and Mary Dunn Road to Route 132, or some alternative routes, should be completed by 2020.

Art's Dune Tours

Provincetown

New [excursion brochure](#) Includes: painting classes, sunrise amateur photography, sunset tours, land and lake (includes rafting on old East Harbor/Pilgrim Lake), dune tour and sunset sail.

2019

South of Boston

Merrill's On the Waterfront

Early 2019, New Bedford

This waterfront restaurant was recently purchased by the LaFrance Properties.

2018

Greater Boston

Spyce

Boston

Spyce is the **world's first restaurant featuring a robotic kitchen** that cooks complex meals to order. Founded by four MIT graduates with a vision to reinvent fast casual dining, and led by the culinary talent of Michelin-starred Chef Daniel Boulud and Sam Benson, Spyce offers wholesome and delicious meals at \$7.50 in three minutes or less. The purpose is to provide delicious and wholesome food without the expected price tag.

Fool's Errand

Boston

Fool's Errand has 12 seats and a reservation structure that uses transferrable tickets. The restaurant is situated next to Sweet Cheeks, with a separate entrance.

North of Boston

The Roof at The Salem Hotel

Salem

Unique among Salem restaurants, The Roof offers Salem's only rooftop bar and restaurant serving the necessities — strong drinks and simple food. Located at the top of The Hotel Salem, this seasonal dining space features an outdoor kitchen and expansive views of Salem's cobblestone streets and bustling harbor. Expect to find some of the best-crafted cocktails in the area, as well as tacos, ceviche, and oysters.

Walden Woods Brewing

Marlborough

Walden Woods Brewing is a partnership of two beer geek brewers who also love history, particularly Henry David Thoreau's compelling example of living deliberately. With a walkable downtown location, the owners hope to foster human connection, empathy, and conversation, along with a transcendent beer experience.

East Regiment Beer Co.

Salem

East Regiment Brewing Company's space is located at 30 Church Street in Salem, and salutes the historical military organization in the area. The brewery has a tasting room, outdoor seating, and basement brewing area.

Cape Cod & The Islands

Ten Pin Eatery

Hyannis

Ten Pin Eatery has officially open its doors for dining, play, and all things fun! Ten Pin Eatery is a joint venture between two long-time Cape Cod businesses – Chapin’s Restaurant Group and Ryan’s. It features a 300-seat restaurant and bar area, more than twenty TVs and several large projection screens, 8 lanes of ‘Ten Pin’ bowling, 3 additional private bowling lanes, a Cape Cod-themed laser tag arena, an arcade area and a VIP lounge for special events.

Epic Oyster

North Falmouth

Nestled in a beautifully renovated railroad car in North Falmouth, the tiny Epic Oyster makes exquisitely good use of every inch. Sarah and Marc Warner, opened Epic Oyster, a raw bar and dinner restaurant that is all locals could have hoped for: excellent food, attentive wait staff, and owners who roll up their sleeves and dedicate themselves to details.

The Drunken Seal

Sandwich

Energetic and visionary Christopher Wilson, owner of the popular Belfry Inn & Bistro, the Next Door Burger Bar, and Gallery on Jarves, has reincarnated the former Horizons on the Bay restaurant property.

The Buffalo Jump

East Falmouth

Brandon Baltzley and Laura Higgins-Baltzley have made the Buffalo Jump pop-up permanent, taking over food operations at Coonamessett Farm in East Falmouth with a daytime cafe and multi-course fine dining several nights a week.

Soprano’s Casino by the Sea

Falmouth, MA

This sibling to Soprano’s Ristorante, an Italian restaurant in Mashpee, will be open year-round in the former Casino Wharf FX space on the water. Their oceanfront location makes for a wonderful dining experience with a view of Martha’s Vineyard.

Naukabout Brewery & Taproom

Mashpee

Years in the making, the Naukabout Brewery & Taproom is finally open and pouring beers. Located on an iconic property that once housed The Flume Restaurant at 13 Lake Avenue in Mashpee, the brewery is just 10 miles from the Sagamore Bridge and has views of both Lake Mashpee/Wakeby and the Mashpee River.

The Cardboard Box

Oak Bluffs, MA

Red Cat owner Ben deForest’s Cardboard Box opened in May 2018. The restaurant has elements of steakhouse culture and is both farm-to-table and “sea-to-table” to highlight the best of New England cuisine.

Western Massachusetts

The Proprietor’s Lodge Restaurant

Lanesborough

The Proprietor’s Lodge Restaurant is a completely renovated event space and restaurant, right on Pontoosuc Lake with views of Mt. Greylock.

White Iris

Lenox

From dumplings to burgers, Chef/Owner Laura Shack and Chef Frank DiLorenzo’s fresh takes on a menu that will always surprise! Enjoy the tiki bar and a cocktail on one of the best porches in Lenox.

No 10

Great Barrington

After 25+ years, Castle Street Café underwent a full makeover and reopened as No10., a steakhouse with small Plates, crafted cocktails and live entertainment.

Central Massachusetts

Maddi's Cookery and Taphouse

Worcester

The team at Maddi's Cookery + TapHouse maintains a strong commitment to both their local community and customers; they pride themselves on using only the freshest ingredients, always sourced from local area farms, to prepare each scratch-made dish. Every dish served is prepared from scratch with care, passion, and a creative twist.

Brew Barn

Red Apple Farm, Phillipston

Summer meets fall thanks to a collaboration between Red Apple Farm and Moon Hill Brewing Co. From mid-June through mid-August, Brew Barn will be serving up local brews, fresh roasted nuts, and popped-on-the-spot popcorn along with other farm favorites. Make sure to try their co-produced Rick & Al's Apple Ale!

Amory's Tomb Brewing Co.

Maynard

Named after town founder, Amory Maynard, this community focused brewery is firmly rooted in local history and culture. Its brewing focus is on the classic farmhouse ales of Belgium as well as their sometimes tart American counterparts.

Events

Greater Boston

Bauhaus Centennial at the Harvard Art Museums

February 8 – July 28, 2019, Cambridge

Two new exhibitions at the Harvard Art Museums mark the Bauhaus centennial; both on display February 8 through July 28, 2019: The expansive exhibition *The Bauhaus and Harvard* presents nearly 200 works by more than 70 artists, drawn almost entirely from the Busch-Reisinger Museum's extensive Bauhaus collection. Featuring works by major artists, including Anni and Josef Albers, Herbert Bayer, Marcel Breuer, Lyonel Feininger, Wassily Kandinsky, Paul Klee, and László Moholy-Nagy, the exhibition presents rarely seen student exercises, iconic design objects, photographs, textiles, typography, paintings, architectural drawings, studies, sculpture, and archival materials. It explores the school's pioneering curriculum, the ways its workshops sought to revolutionize the experience of everyday life, the widespread influence of Bauhaus instruction in America, and Harvard's own Graduate Center (1950), designed by Walter Gropius's firm The Architects Collaborative. The complementary exhibition *Hans Arp's Constellations II* features a newly restored, room-sized wall relief commissioned by Walter Gropius for the Harvard Graduate Center—the work's first public viewing in 15 years.

Frida Kahlo and Arte Popular at the Museum of Fine Arts

February 27, 2019 – June 16, 2019, Boston

Following the recent acquisition of *Dos Mujeres (Salvadora y Herminia)* (1928), this is the MFA's first exhibition on Frida Kahlo. It tightly focuses on Kahlo's lasting engagements with arte popular, exploring how her passion for objects such as decorated ceramics, embroidered textiles, children's toys, and devotional retablo paintings shaped her own artistic practice. A selection of Kahlo's paintings—including important loans from the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), and the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin—is brought together with representative examples of arte popular. Bringing fresh attention to Kahlo as an ambitious, ever-evolving painter, this exhibition also opens broader discussions about the influences of anonymous folk artists on famed modern painters.

[Love is Calling: Yayoi Kusama's work will be at the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston](#)

Fall 2019, Boston

The Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston has acquired Yayoi Kusama's *LOVE IS CALLING* (2013), one of the artist's 20 existing *Infinity Mirror Rooms*. *LOVE IS CALLING* is one of Kusama's most immersive, psychedelic environments and features vividly colored, tentacle-like, inflatable sculptures covered with the artist's signature polka dots and encased in a mirrored room to create an illusion of infinite space. It is the second work by Kusama to enter the collection, alongside a 1953 work on paper of organic forms, dots, and colors—elements that are characteristic of her work.

North of Boston

[Peabody Essex Museum](#)

February 2- May 5, 2019, Salem

Nature's Nation: American Art and Environment is the first exhibition to trace environmental awareness in American art over the last three centuries. More than 100 works, including iconic masterpieces as well as rare works by such artists as John James Audubon, Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Cole, Valerie Hegarty, Winslow Homer, Georgia O'Keeffe and Jaune Quick-to-See Smith (Salish-Kootenai) compel us to reconsider the relationships between art, the environment and ourselves.

[Addison Gallery of American Art](#)

February 16–July 31, 2019, Andover

In and Out of Place: Drawn from the Addison's rich holdings of American art from the colonial era to the present, this exhibition endeavors to investigate the nuanced and varied physical and human characteristics that set place apart from mere location. Divided into three salient categories: nature, home, and city, the works on view demonstrate the ways in which our individual, subjective notions of place are fundamentally shaped by visual imagery.

March 30-July 31, 2019

Harlem: In Situ explores the depth and complexity of this renowned neighborhood, highlighting the work of some of the most important visual artists working from the late 1920s through today. Initially inspired by the Addison's trove of Harlem street-photography, which includes significant bodies of work such as *Harlem Document* (1935) by Aaron Siskind, *Harlem Heroes* (1930–1960) by Carl van Vechten, *Harlem, USA* (1975–1979) by Dawoud Bey (a three-time Elson Artist-in-Residence at Phillips Academy), *1920s–1950s (Harlem)* by Lucien Aigner, and *The Sweet Flypaper of Life* (1984) by Roy DeCarava, this show also includes prints from the collection by Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, James Lesesne Wells, and Vincent D. Smith, as well as several key works by nearly a dozen artists, working across time and media, including Charles Alton, Jordan Casteel, Aaron Douglas, Miatta Kawinzi, Alice Neel, Lorraine O'Grady, and Kehinde Wiley, that will come to the Addison as loans from sister institutions.

April 13-July 31, 2019

John Goodman: not recent color Comprised of brilliant color photographs, the majority of which have never before been exhibited, John Goodman: not recent color examines the American cultural landscape through the coming of age of a young artist in the 1970s and 1980s.

[5th Annual Grand Tasting and Culinary Marketplace sponsored by North Shore Magazine](#)

March 28th, 2019, Salisbury

Come celebrate North Shore's gourmet cuisine, fine wines, best brews, and signature cocktails. Award-winning chefs, exquisite wines, and tantalizing tastes from the region's top restaurants, as well as gourmet cuisine and wine shops, come together once again for this fun foodie event. Enjoy scrumptious savory and sweet nibbles from local food artisans—making everything from farmhouse cheese to hard cider to award winning hand-made chocolate treats. General Admission will begin at 7p.m.

[Salem Film Fest](#)

March 29-April 4, 2019, Salem

Salem Film Fest is one of New England's largest documentary film festivals and presents a rich and diverse collection of the year's best work from all over the world.

The House of the Seven Gables

April 5, 2019 from 5-7 p.m., Salem

Pop! Goes the Gables Exhibit Opening: The exhibit will explore how Hawthorne's novel and our 1668 mansion have influenced pop culture over the centuries. Light snacks and a cash bar will be available. Members of The House of the Seven Gables can enjoy a special treat upon arrival!

Lowell Auditorium: Experience Hendrix

April 4, 2019 from 7:30PM-9:30PM, Lowell

The Experience Hendrix Tour, the critically acclaimed multi-artist celebration of Jimi Hendrix's musical genius is returning in 2019 with its biggest ever tour—30 dates through the East Coast, South and Midwest. What began as a single show tribute at the Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame in 2000 has blossomed into a full-fledged concert experience that has thrilled countless fans across the US. The tour presents a host of great artists collaborating and interpreting Hendrix's legendary songs as part of a powerhouse, three-hour concert experience.

Newburyport Literary Festival

April 26-27, 2019, Newburyport

A celebration of Literature, Readers, and Writers. For 2019, such illustrious authors as Russell Banks, Andre Dubus III, William Martin, Elinor Lipman, and Jenna Blum will be on hand to discuss their latest books. On Saturday night, April 27, 2019, the Newburyport Literary Festival will be honoring book clubs with a special panel event featuring selected members from local book clubs talking about the books they've discussed over the years. Inspired by [PBS's Great American Reads](#), we want to know which book has generated the best discussion and which book has had the greatest impact on your lives.

South of Boston

Children's Museum of Easton: Engineering Marvels

February and March 2019, Easton

Children explore STEAM exhibit which allows children to discover the laws of motion and the properties of wind, flight and gravity. The STEAM exhibit encourages innovative thinking and building skills by using fun and unique materials.

Plymouth 400

2020

America is poised for an anniversary of national and international significance, the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* voyage and the founding of Plymouth Colony. The Plymouth 400 Anniversary will highlight the cultural contributions and American traditions that began with the interaction of the Wampanoag and English peoples, a story that significantly shaped the building of America.

- Plymouth 400, Inc. is planning *Signature Events and Programs* honoring this historic Anniversary - America's story of *exploration, innovation, self-governance, religious expression, and thanksgiving*; the legacies sparked by these historic events and that continue today as cornerstones of our nation.
- *Signature Events and Programs* will include historical and cultural exhibitions, live televised and web events, multi-day festivals, original arts and entertainment collaborations and educational programming and resources. *Signature Events and Programs* will take place through 2020.

Cape Cod & The Islands

Heritage Museum & Gardens: 50th Anniversary

April 2019

2019 marks the 50th Anniversary season of the Heritage Museum & Gardens. The focus is on the past, present and future, and on the visitor. Scattered through the buildings and grounds are 50 treasures – plants, autos, folk art, militaria, scrimshaw, carvings, and more – that tell the story of the museum’s first 50 years. Heritage Museum & Gardens has created a series of exciting 50th Anniversary exhibitions and events that allow the visitor to explore the collections and pathways of their 100 acre grounds.

Internationally Acclaimed Sculptor Patrick Dougherty to Build Large-Scale Stick Sculpture at Highfield Hall & Gardens

June 2019, Falmouth

In June 2019, a one-of-a-kind stick sculpture by internationally acclaimed sculptor Patrick Dougherty will be built on the front lawn of Highfield Hall & Gardens. For three weeks in June, Dougherty will work with many of Highfield’s garden and community volunteers to construct his artwork on site. The large-scale Stickwork at Highfield will be open for exploration beginning June 30, 2019 during Highfield’s annual summer open house.

The design for Dougherty’s site-specific structure will be inspired during the creation process. Known for his whimsical, elegant structures made of woven branches, Dougherty toured the seaside village of Falmouth and Highfield Hall & Gardens this past summer to inform his preliminary design concepts. Saplings from a farm in upstate New York will be used to create the massive sculpture. Due to the organic material and outdoor setting, **the massive sculptural installation will be on view on Highfield’s front lawn for approximately two years for visitors and the community to enjoy.** There will be numerous programs and special events to celebrate and embrace the creativity of this beautiful, interactive art. Visitors can learn more about Stickwork sculptures, including the process of building the structure, in an educational room located inside Highfield Hall.

Western Massachusetts

Toytopia

January 12, 2019–April 28, 2019, Springfield

This immersive special exhibition is sure to rekindle the wonder and delight of your favorite childhood moments. It is also a warm indoor place where children and families can play all day in a world of big toys:

- The World’s Largest Etch A Sketch – It’s almost 8 feet tall!
- Retro Arcade Area, with working classic games
- A life-size Doll House, with engaging play areas
- Life-Size Monopoly Car and game board – Visitors can sit inside for a unique photo opportunity
- LEGO® Play Area/LEGO Wall

Historic Deerfield: Inspired Design - Asian Decorative Arts and Their Adaptations

Mar 2, 2019 – Feb 9, 2020

This new exhibition highlights 18th- and 19th-century Asian decorative arts and their imitations, drawn from the museum’s rich collection. The exhibition explores how Western craftsmen adapted Asian decorative arts into a design vocabulary more familiar to them and their customers, and highlights New Englanders’ own quest for these imported goods.

Historic Deerfield: Furniture Masterworks - Tradition and Innovation in Western Massachusetts

Apr 13, 2019 – Dec 22, 2019

Seating and case furniture made in Massachusetts before the 1840s is as varied as the craftsmen and consumers who created it. From Beacon Hill to the Berkshires, the extremes test the richness of the whole region.

Baby Animals on the Farm

April 13 – May 5, 2019, Pittsfield

A beloved tradition for families from the Berkshires and beyond, celebrate spring and meet newborn piglets, lambs, calves, chicks and kids at the barns, and explore the historic village too!

[Norman Rockwell Museum Turns 50](#)

June 8 – October 27, 2019, Stockbridge

Norman Rockwell Museum celebrates 50 years as the nation’s leading center for illustration art with a suite of three special exhibitions that explore Rockwell’s art, life, and legacy.

[25th Annual Franklin County Cider Days](#)

November 2019

CiderDays is an annual community celebration of all things apple in beautiful Franklin County, Massachusetts. 2019 marks the 25th year with tours, cidermaking and tastings, workshops and much more in orchards and venues county-wide from Ashfield, Deerfield, Turners Falls, Shelburne Falls, and Colrain to New Salem and the towns in between. Whether you are a cider aficionado (hard or sweet), make your own cider, are an orchardist, like hanging out in bucolic orchards, or just enjoy soaking up all the goodness of autumn in New England, CiderDays is your event.

Other

[The Loop](#)

Springfield

“The Loop”, a free bus service between MGM Springfield and Union Station, opened on August 24, 2018 and will help tourists better experience the arts, restaurants and tourism attractions in downtown Springfield by bringing visitors to the doors of places like the Armory, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the Springfield Museums and MGM Springfield. The loop provides stops to MassMutual Center, Holiday Inn Express, The Sheraton, Hampton Inn, and La Quinta Inn & Suites.

New Charter Airline on Martha’s Vineyard

Air carrier, [Jannus Air](#), will operate seasonally out the Martha’s Vineyard Airport making travel throughout New England and the Northeast quick, efficient and affordable.

[Watertown Riverfront Park and Braille Project: \[mass.gov\]\(#\)](#)

The Watertown Riverfront Park and Braille Trail Project is a two-phased effort to restore the mile-long Charles River Reservation multi-use paths and parkland between Watertown Square and the Watertown Yacht Club along Charles River Road. The **Phase 1** project area is a 3,200-foot-long, crescent-shaped swath of parkland along the north bank of the river between Watertown Square and the Perkins School, encompassing 12 acres. It includes a Braille Trail and Sensory Garden, with a design managed by DCR and developed with the assistance of the Perkins School, as well as improvements to the site’s riverbank, pathways, and landscape. A signalized crossing at the Irving Street-Charles River Road intersection will be among the improvements made.

Phase 2 of the project will include pathway improvements and riverbank access and restoration along the area located on either side of the Phase 1 area, running upstream to the recently-restored Watertown.



Photos (from left to right): New Bedford Harbor Hotel; Toytopia, Springfield)