Boston and Cambridge City Guide

ALLSTON

FIND - MARKETS

SUPER 88 MARKET

"It's a Chinese market that's been around for a long time." - Chef Ming Tsai (Blue Ginger, Wellesley) Allston / Asian Market 1095 Commonwealth Avenue T: 617.787.2288

EAT - RESTAURANTS

GARLIC N' LEMONS

"Cool Lebanese place. Amazing falafel and shawarma. This place is really, really good." - Chef Ken Oringer (Clio, Uni, Toro, KO Prime, La Verdad, Boston) Allston / Brighton / Middle Eastern 133 Harvard Avenue T: 617.783.8100 www.garliclemons.com

EAT - SWEETS

JAPONAISE BAKERY

"They have this great dessert, Azuki Cream Buns. It's like a creamed-filled croissant donut." - Chef Ming Tsai (Blue Ginger, Wellesley) Allston / Brighton 1032 Commonwealth Avenue T: 617.738.7200 www.japonaisebakery.com

BACK BAY

EAT - RESTAURANTS

CLIO

"I love Ken Oringer's casual concepts and his thinking outside of the box." - Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) Back Bay / French The Eliot Hotel 370 Commonwealth Avenue T: 617.536.7200 www.cliorestaurant.com

TICO

"Michael Schlow's restaurant is Spanish, but not as traditional as Toro. Big bar and really fun. More of a scene." - Chef Ming Tsai ((Blue Ginger, Wellesley) Back Bay / Spanish 222 Berkeley Street T: 617.351.0400 www.ticorestaurant.com

BEACON HILL

EAT - RESTAURANTS

SCAMPO AT THE LIBERTY HOTEL

"Scampo isn't classic yet, but Lydia's food is. Flat breads, pasta with crackling and chili flake. It's craveable."

- Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Coppa,Toro, Boston) Beacon Hill / Italian 215 Charles Street T: 617.536.2100 www.scampoboston.com

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BEACON HILL

DRINK - WINE BARS

BIN 26

Recommended by winemaker Mattheos Argyro

(Estate Argyros) Beacon Hill / Wine Bar 26 Charles Street T: 617.723.5939 www.bin26.com

BROOKLINE

EAT - RESTAURANTS

SHAWARMA KING

"For chicken shawarma and hummus." - Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) Brookline / Middle Eastern 1383 Beacon Street T: 617.731.6035 www.thebestshawarmaking.com

BURLINGTON

FIND - MARKETS

H MART

"It's like a Costco for Asians. It's a gigantic supermarket with everything from 70 different types of kimchee to a whole row of ramen noodles to diamond rings and mink coats. Huge display of meat, seafood and live fish that they butcher right there." - Chef Ming Tsai (Blue Ginger, Wellesley) Burlington / Asian Market 3 Old Concord Road T: 781.221.4570 www.hmart.com

CHINATOWN

FIND - MARKETS

C MART

"For anything Asian." - Chef Ken Oringer (Clio, Uni, Toro, KO Prime, La Verdad, Boston) Chinatown / Asian Supermarket 692 Washington Street T: 617.338.1717

EAT - RESTAURANTS

GOURMET DUMPLING HOUSE

"For the tripe tongue and tendon salad. The best choice for offal in Chinatown." - Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Coppa, Toro, Boston) "For their Sandong Pan Fried Dumplings, which are Taiwanese style. They are handmade to order, so it takes 15 minutes and they are just freaking delicious." - Chef Ming Tsai (Blue Ginger, Wellesley) Chinatown /Chinese 52 Beach Street T: 617.338.6223 www.gourmetdumpling.com

NEW JUMBO SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

"Authentic, consistent, never lets us down." - Chef Tony Maws (Craigie on Main, Cambridge) Chinatown / Chinese / Seafood 5 Hudson Street T: 617.542.2823

COPLEY SQUARE

FIND - MARKETS

SIENA FARMS STAND

Recommended by Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) Copley Square /Vegetables Copley Square

DOWNTOWN

EAT - RESTAURANTS

KO PRIME

"Josh Buehler is no bullshit. Straight-forward food inspires me."

- Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Coppa, Toro, Boston) Downtown / American / Steakhouse 90 Tremont Street T: 617.772.0202 www.koprimeboston.com

NEPTUNE OYSTER

"Get the hot lobster roll." - Chef Mike Lata (FIG, Charleston) Haymarket / Seafood 63 Salem Street T: 617.742.3474 www.neptuneoyster.com

OYA

"A phenomenal dining experience. They use herbs and oils to create interesting flavor profiles. Expensive." - Kristofor Lofgren (Bamboo Sushi, Portland)

Waterfront / Japanese / Sushi 9 East Street T: 617.654.9900 www.oyarestaurantboston.com

DRINK - COCKTAILS

DRINK

Recommended by mixologist Jim Meehan (PDT, NY) Waterfront / Lounge 348 Congress Street T: 617.695.1806 www.drinkfortpoint.com

NO.9 PARK

"Cat Silirie doesn't just put together a wine list, she creates a wine culture in a restaurant." - Sommelier Levi Dalton Downtown Italian / French Influenced 9 Park Street T: 617.742.9991 www.no9park.com

SILVERTONE BAR AND GRILL

"It's a great dive. They do have the best mac n' cheese in town, which is something you love at one am."

- Chef Ming Tsai (Blue Ginger, Wellesley) Downtown / Bar 69 Bromfield Street T: 617.338.7887

www.silvertonedowntown.com



EAST BOSTON

EAT - RESTAURANTS

ANGELA'S CAFE

"For Mexican food." - Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) East Boston / Mexican 131 Lexington Street T: 617.567.4972 www.angelascaferestaurant.com

BELLE ISLE SEAFOOD

"For the best lobster roll." - Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) East Boston / Seafood 1267 Saratoga Street T: 617.567.1619 www.belleisleseafood.com

KENMORE

DRINK - BARS

EASTERN STANDARD

"Close to Fenway, it's a fun, big bar. I get a draft beer or a Bloody Mary before a Red Sox game." - Chef Ming Tsai (Blue Ginger, Wellesley) Kenmore Square / American 528 Commonwealth Avenue T: 617.532.9100 www.easternstandardboston.com

CITIZEN PUBLIC HOUSE AND OYSTER BAR "We love the Fernet on tap."

"We love the Fernet on tap." - Avery and Janet Glasser (Bittermens Bitters) "For bartender Corey Bunnewith." - Mixologist Brooks Reitz (Jack Rudy Cocktail Company) Fenway / Kenmore / Pub I 310 Boylston Street

T: 617.450.9000 www.citizenpub.com

NORTH END

FIND - WINE SHOPS

WINE BOTTEGA

"It is mostly Italian, but they don't limit themselves, there's French, American, Austrian. It is one of those small, but super personal stores." - Wine Director Cat Silirie (Barbara Lynch Gruppo Restaurants, Boston) North End / Wine Store 341 Hanover Street T: 617.227.6607 www.thewinebottega.com

Boston

SOUTH END

FIND - MARKETS

MING'S SUPERMARKET

"It's just outside of Chinatown and it's phenomenal." - Chef Ken Oringer (Clio, Uni, Toro, KO Prime, La Verdad, Boston) South End / Asian Supermarket 102 Washington Street T: 617.338.1588

SPECIALITY FOODS BOSTON

"They are brokers for local and seasonal farms." - Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Coppa, Toro, Boston) South End / Specialty Foods Wholesaler 137 Newmarket Square T: 617.427.3200 www.specialtyfoodsboston.com

EAT - RESTAURANTS

BOSTON SPEED DOG

"For their Speed Dog." - Chef Tony Maws (Craigie on Main) Roxbury / Hot Dogs 42 Newmarket Square T: 617.839.0102 www.bostonspeeddog.com

B & G OYSTERS

"For oysters." - Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) South End / Seafood 550 Tremont Street T: 617.423.0550 www.bandgoysters.com

COPPA

Recommended by chef Erik Desjarlais South End / Italian 253 Shawmut Avenue T: 617.391.0902 www.coppaboston.com

FRANKLIN CAFE

"Down home, well prepared food, and stiff drinks made to order. Open until 1:30 am, seven days a week." - Chef Matt Jennings (Farmstead, Providence) American / South End 278 Shawmut Avenue www.franklincafe.com

MENTON

Two menu options: a four-course prix-fixe and a seven-course chef's tasting. Fort Point Channel / French/ Italian 354 Congress Street T: 617.737.0099 www.mentonboston.com

MYERS + CHANG

"Joanne Chang is a great baker and does traditional Asian street food." - Chef Ming Tsai ((Blue Ginger, Wellesley) South End / Vegetarian 1145 Washington Street T: 617.542.5200 www.myersandchang.com

SOUTH END

EAT - RESTAURANTS

OISHII

"For amazing Japanese food. I put it top five in the country." - Chef Ming Tsai ((Blue Ginger, Wellesley) South End / Japanese

South End / Japanese 1166 Washington Street T: 617.482.8868 www.oishiiboston.com

SPORTELLO

"I admire Barbara Lynch for her vision and energy, and Cat Silirie taught me so much about wine with food." - Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) Fort Point Channel / Italian 348 Congress Street T: 617.737.1234 www.sportelloboston.com

TORO

"It's a must place. You can get such good authentic and amazing tapas." - Chef Ming Tsai ((Blue Ginger, Wellesley) South End / Spanish 1704 Washington Street T: 617.536.4300 www.toro-restaurant.com

DRINK - WINE BARS

THE BUTCHER SHOP

"Favorite wine bar." - Sommelier Levi Dalton Shawmut Wine Bar / Butcher 552 Tremont Street T: 617.423.4800 www.thebutchershopboston.com



FIND - MARKETS

FORMAGGIO KITCHEN

"One of the best cheese stores in the country." - Cheesemonger Sergio Hernandez (Bklyn Larder, NY) Cambridge Cheese / Specialty Foods 244 Huron Avenue T: 617.354.4750 www.formaggiokitchen.com

EAT - RESTAURANTS

CRAIGIE ON MAIN

"They have a cool bar program. A little off the beaten track, but everyone knows about it." - Chef Ken Oringer (Clio, Uni, Toro, KO Prime, La Verdad, Boston) Cambridge / Contemporary French 853 Main Street T: 617.497.5511 www.craigieonmain.com

HUNGRY MOTHER

"Superb Southern fare and really inventive cocktails as well." - Avery and Janet Glasser (Bittermens Bitters) Kendall Square/Southern 233 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue T: 617.499.0090 www.hungrymothercambridge.com

CLOVER FOOD TRUCK

"Breakfast of corn fritters, freshly baked banana & fig muffins, hearty breakfast sandwiches. Lunch of homemade Concord grape lemonade and spicy chickpea salad." - Chef Matt Jennings (Farmstead, Providence) Harvard Square & Various Locations

Harvard Square & Various Locations Vegetarian 7 Holyoke Street www.cloverfoodlab.com www.twitter.com/cloverfoodtruck

CAMBRIDGE

EAT - RESTAURANTS

OLEANA

"Chef Ana Sortun really captures Middle Eastern food at Oleana. It is an amazing journey through every course."

- Chef Lior Lev Sercarz (La Boite a Epice) Cambridge / Middle Eastern 34 Hampshire Street T: 617.661.0505 www.oleanarestaurant.com

RENDEZ-VOUS

"Chef Steve Johnson taught me everything about eating local." - Chef Ana Sortun (Oleana, Sofra Bakery, Cambridge) Cambridge / Mediterranean 502 Massachusetts Avenue T: 617.576.1900 www.rendezvouscentralsquare.com

RIALTO

"The food is so well balanced and light. Feminine and delicate with assertive flavors." - Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Coppa,Toro, Boston) Harvard Square / Italian I Bennett Street T: 617.661.5050 www.rialto-restaurant.com

SAPPORO RAMEN

"Only noodle game in town. Dirt cheap, great portions, and seasoned right."
Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Coppa, Toro, Boston)
"It's just a little kiosk of a ramen shop with about 15 seats and only two things on the menu, gyoza and ramen. Really unbelievable, great street noodles."
Chef Ken Oringer (Clio, Uni, Toro, KO Prime, La Verdad, Boston)
Porter Square / Japanese
1815 Massachusetts Avenue
T: 617.876.4805

EAT - SWEETS

JAPONAISE BAKERY

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- Chef Ming Tsai (Blue Ginger, Wellesley)

Allston / Brighton 1032 Commonwealth Avenue T: 617.738.7200 www.japonaisebakery.com

DRINK - COCKTAILS

HUNGRY MOTHER

"Great drinks. One of the few bars to play with sorghum syrup." - Avery and Janet Glasser (Bittermens Bitters) Kendall Square / Southern 233 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue T: 617.499.0090 www.hungrymothercambridge.com

GREEN STREET GRILL

"It's a fun place for cocktails. "- Chef Ken Oringer (Clio, Uni, Toro, KO Prime, La Verdad, Boston)

"To end the night." - Chef Tony Maws (Craigie on Main, Cambridge) Central Square / Lounge 280 Green Street T: 617.876.1655 www.greenstreetgrill.com

DRINK - BAR

CHARLIE'S KITCHEN

"A green and sustainable dive bar." - Chef Jamie Bissonnette (Coppa, Toro, Boston) Harvard Square / American 10 Eliot Street T: 617.492.9646 www.charlieskitchen.com

