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## Welcome to Beantown!

The Brown Club of Boston has crowdsourced recommendations from recent Brown grads in the area for favorite places to eat, play and explore around town. Get the most out of this vibrant city by sampling some of these tried-and-true destinations and experiences. Enjoy!

Your fellow Brown alumni



## HOUSING

The Redline seems to be where it's at with Brown alumni!

### Somerville

“Porter Square, Cambridge and Davis Square, Somerville are relatively affordable neighborhoods with vibrant restaurant, nightlife and shopping scenes, as well as Red Line access to easily get into Boston.”

*Danielle R. '10*

“Davis Square (easy access on red line, good bars/restaurants and young vibe). Harvard/Inman/Porter/Central Square are all different Cambridge neighborhoods that are similar to Davis but are a little closer to the city and have lots of good bars and restaurants.”

*Allison '12*

### Southie

“South Boston/Dorchester (a.k.a Southie) is also gaining some popularity now though prices can be steep.”

*Julie P. '10*

### Jamaica Plain (JP)

“Hipster and good food.”

*Khara G. '10*

### Chinatown/Theatre District

“The theater district/Chinatown is where it's at! Everything is open late and food abounds + you're really at the center of the city.”

*Matt D. '15*



## DINING & NIGHTLIFE

The best spots to kick up your heels and enjoy an evening with friends.

### **Grendel's Den** Harvard Square

"Grendel's Den in Harvard Square – cool vibe, good food, and 50% off food during happy hour!"

*Danielle R. '10*

"Unpretentious basement level restaurant in Harvard Square with a good rotating beer selection and cheap (but delicious and healthy) food. Also great deals on 1/2 off food on weeknights when you order a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) over ~\$5. There's also interesting history here if you check out the court case involving Grendel's Den and area churches."

*Julie P. '10*

### **A4cade** Cambridge

"It's a collaboration between Roxy's Grilled Cheese and Area Four. The front is a grilled cheese cafe, but in the back there is a hidden barcade! Fully equipped with 2 bars and a variety of different arcade games (both old and new!). It's a hidden gem that provides hours of fun with friends, and is always a great date-night place!"

*Vannida '16*

### **Shojo** Chinatown

"Awesome (but pretty small) bar and restaurant in Chinatown with delicious Asian small plates and fantastic cocktails. Great place to sit at the bar and chat with super talented bartenders while watching old-school kung fu movies. The decor is also incredible, featuring ever-changing graffiti art."

*Julie P. '10*

### **Union Square Donuts** Somerville Union Square

"Most delicious donuts I have ever eaten!"

*Alvina P. '14*

### **Painted Burro** Somerville Davis Square

"My favorite for fancy but not-overpriced margaritas."

*Hazel P. '11*

### **Dali Restaurant & Tapas Bar** Somerville

"I'm obsessed with the Queso Rebozado con Miel, and I went on my first date with my future husband here."

*Danielle R. '10*



## MAKING NEW MEMORIES

Not-to-miss local experiences.

### Mount Auburn Cemetery

"I'm a massive fan of the Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. It was the first cemetery in the country designed to serve as a park and arboretum after the humanist ideals, and it's absolutely gorgeous. You can go to get a history tour or to just soak in the beautiful grounds.

*Top tip:* there's a tower on a hill at the center of the cemetery that offers incredible 360-degree views of Boston and the surrounding areas. Even better —entrance is always free!"

*Julie P. '10*

"Walk around Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge in the fall to see the leaves and find peace and quiet. Get a snack and warm drink at Sofra after."

*Ethan M. '14*

### Drag Gospel Fest

"In October, you can check out the Drag Gospel Festival, with the biggest event being the Drag Gospel show at Club Cafe in downtown Boston. It's sponsored by First Church Somerville, UCC as a charity event, with all proceeds going to the LGBT Asylum Support Task Force, which actively houses and supports LGBTQI asylum seekers in the United States. You can also attend the Sunday service at First Church Somerville which features it's own drag gospel choir. The show at Club Cafe is wonderful and amazing and very reminiscent of activities at Brown!"

*Julie P. '10*

### Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

"Quirky and less well-known than the MFA (which also is great)."

*Meia G. '14*

"You can get in free if your name is Isabella!"

*Danielle R. '10*



## WORDS OF WISDOM

General advice and tips about adapting to your new home.

### Freedom to explore

“Explore all of the neighborhoods! Don’t stay in downtown Boston and don’t forget Cambridge is right across the bridge. Join the Brown Club of Boston!!! (I’m on the board!)”

*Khara G. '10*

### Safety first

“WEAR A HELMET”

*Meia G. '14*

“Wear a helmet if you bike, or else it will be pretty tricky for the sanitation workers to pick up your brain bits.”

*Matt D. '15*

### Neighborhood personalities

“Think about what kind of lifestyle you want when picking where to live. Despite how small the Boston metro area is, people’s social lives tend to be organized around what side of the river they live on.”

*Hazel P. '11*

“Go to concerts. Everyone tours through Boston and tickets are accessible. Explore smaller venues like the Sinclair, Brighton Music Hall, and the Middle East.”

Ethan M. '14

Your membership in the lifelong Brown alumni community starts NOW.

## Here are 5 easy ways to keep Brown in your life.

1. **Keep your Brunonia profile up to date** to stay in the loop on all things Brunonian and ensure classmates can find you.  
+ [brown.edu/go/profile](http://brown.edu/go/profile)
2. **Attend Brown Club of Boston events.** Rewarding activities. Fascinating people.  
+ [brownclubofboston.com](http://brownclubofboston.com)  
+ [facebook.com/BrownClubBoston](https://facebook.com/BrownClubBoston)
3. **Traveling?** Connect with Brown in cities around the world. Wherever you go, you'll never be far from a friendly face.  
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4. **Making career decisions?** **CareerLAB** is still here for you!
5. **Team Brunonia: your online guide to all things "alumni".** Access to free alumni perks, volunteer opportunities (yes, you CAN interview!), inspiring alumni stories, career resources, and more.  
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