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# CULINARY CORNER: THE BOSTON FOOD REVOLUTION



State Street Provisions

**T**he city of Boston is well known across the globe for its deep rooted history, crazy sports fans, baked beans, clam chowda and of course lobsta! When visiting the area for any extended time one must experience a few of the infamous activities available from taking a walk on the Freedom Trail, experiencing a duck tour to get a firsthand view of the city from the land and sea and if the timing is right, attending a Red Sox game at Fenway!

When spending the day diving into the dense, packed historic culture that it quintessential Boston, it can be quite easy to work up an appetite. Luckily for locals and tourists alike there is an endless amount of delicious culinary delights at every turn. No stopover in this city would be complete without experiencing some of the best seafood New England has to offer.

True foodies can easily spend days hopping from one food establishment to another taking in the latest and greatest the city has to offer. To cut down your research time we have a few "Best of Boston" suggestions your stomach will be thanking us for later.

## STATE STREET PROVISIONS

This contemporary new player to the local restaurant scene sits at a prime location on the edge of the financial district and only a few steps away from the Boston Aquarium. State Street Provisions is today's answer to the taverns that once offered respite to the fishermen and tradesmen who worked in Boston's bustling Long Wharf. With historically inspired surroundings, masculine décor and dark wood finishes the restaurant showcases a bustling bar, a well planned out menu and inviting service staff that caters to business professionals by day and tourists by night.

**What to Expect:** Good vibes and a relaxed environment, hand crafted cocktails and delectable New England inspired menu.

**LATM Recommendations:** *Salumi*, (house made pickles, marinated olives, grilled bread), *Tuna Crudo* (green chili infused olive oil, crispy shallots, lime), *Lobster Roll* (Aioli, tarragon, lemon).

## YVONNE'S

Another recent addition to the Boston dining scene, Yvonne's is taking the city by storm. Replacing the iconic restaurant Locke Ober (the third oldest restaurant in Boston est. 1875). Yvonne's has struck a chord with trend-setting Bostonians and for good reason. Foodies are in for a real treat as this modern interpretation of a supper club restaurant is presenting some of the best food the city has to offer along with an uber hip and luxurious atmosphere. The owners of Yvonne's have brought style, ambiance and lush décor all together perfectly to quickly become one of the top spots in Boston. This tapas style dining hideaway features tantalizing menu items, unique liquor concoctions and a swanky scene.

**What to Expect:** A balanced list of wine and spirit offerings, cutting edge menu items and the place to be seen.

**LATM Recommendations:** *Corn & Farro Salad* (Arugula, smoked blue cheese, pickled peach, pistachios), *Grilled Octopus* (Gigante bean salad, smoked harissa, shaved fennel, grapefruit)



Yvonne's



Eastern Standard

*Wild Gulf Shrimp* (Green mojo, pimentón, fingerling chips), *Hamachi Crudo* (Avocado, passion fruit brown butter, porky cashews).

### EASTERN STANDARD

Opened in May of 2005, Eastern Standard Kitchen & Drinks quickly became one of Boston's top locations for late night cocktails and small bites. Owner, Garrett Harker offers an atmosphere that is perfectly suited before or after a red sox game, a first date or a night out with friends. Eastern Standard has become well known as the number one place to get a hand crafted cocktail in the city. Don't take our word for it, just ask the locals. Nine out of ten times Eastern Standard is the place to be when asked where to find the best bar in Boston. At first glance, you may think it could be just a high end sports bar, but nothing could be further from the truth. Eastern Standard has some of the finest seafood in Boston which is proudly displayed on ice in the back of the restaurant. Their seasonal seafood is fresh, perfectly prepared and greatly depicts what classic New England fare is all about.

**What to Expect:** *Progressive, non-pretentious bar scene, excellent service and a noteworthy selection of bar bites.*

**LATM Recommendations:** *Roasted Bone Marrow* (shallot jam, persillade), *Steak Tartare*

(cornichons, baguette), *fresh oysters* are a massive hit brought in daily, *½ Maine lobster* with lemon and the *Eastern Standard shellfish platter* which is a mixture of the freshest local seafood one can source from the Boston area. Don't miss out on trying the *Curry Martini*, sounds a bit scary but it is over the top delicious.

### STAY

#### THE LOEWS HOTEL

Whether visiting Boston for history, relaxation or a culinary adventure; the Loews Boston Hotel is a prime spot for all city access. Perfectly

situated in the historic building that was once home to the Boston Police Headquarters, the Loews Boston Hotel is an ideal spot to experience authentic New England hospitality. With an optimal location, the property is easily accessible to various tourist sites from Boston Common to Faneuil Hall, the Freedom Trail, Fenway Park and the North End. With spacious rooms and suite offerings, impeccable service from the moment you walk in the door and classic décor it's no wonder this centrally located property is donned as one of the city's best hotels.

### PRECINCT KITCHEN + BAR

One of the finer points about staying at the Loews is you don't need to go very far for modern local New England cuisine. Simply jump in the elevator and within seconds you arrive a few floors below at Precinct Kitchen + Bar. Offering breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as a delectable bar menu this contemporary bistro is open until 11pm. Classic New England staples are served in a warm, casual environment and feature a large furnished patio and indoor fire place. Seafood is a prime focus at Precinct with traditional favorites such as local oysters, seared Georges Bank scallops, Glazed Atlantic Salmon or sweet Maine shrimp. If you're not a seafood fan there are still plenty of options from the charcuterie station, select cuts of beef and even a classic burger. ■

