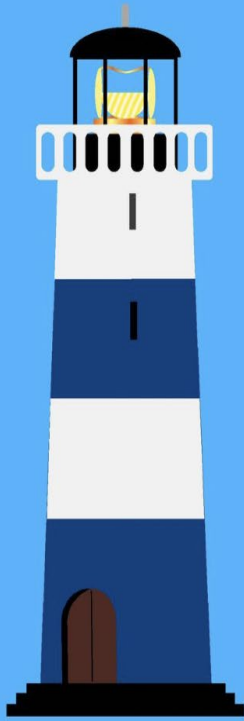


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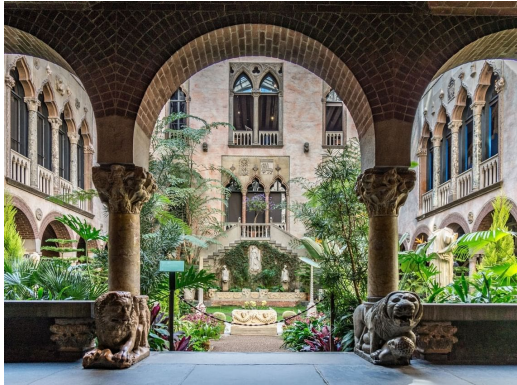
YOUR GUIDE TO (UMASS) BOSTON'S
CULTURAL SCENE
REMINDERS, & UPDATES FROM THE
OFFICE OF GLOBAL PROGRAMS

Hello Beacons! I hope your semester is going well, and that you all have had a great time in Boston so far! As fall sets in and the weather gets cooler, here are some fun ways to explore Boston in the coming weeks!

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Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



Do you enjoy seeing beautiful artwork accompanied by incredible plants? Not only is the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum a wonderful place to be, but they host **free evening admission (3-9 pm) on the first Thursday of each month**. These evenings are accompanied by the addition of spectacular lights and musicians in the courtyard so viewers can appreciate the museum through a different lens.

When: October 5, November 2, December 7

Where: 25 Evans Way, Boston, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK station, take the Red Line inbound to Alewife. Get off at Park Street and transfer to the Green Line E, outbound to Heath Street. Get off at the Museum of Fine Arts stop and walk five minutes there.

Tickets: Thursday night tickets are free but advanced registration for timed-entry passes is encouraged. Available two weeks in advance. <https://tnew.gardnermuseum.org/31844/32156>

Red Sox at Fenway Park



Did you know that Fenway Park is the oldest baseball stadium in the United States and known as "America's Most Beloved Ballpark"? Watching a Red Sox game at Fenway is an experience you don't want to miss. At this historic stadium, you can sit and enjoy the game, get food and drinks, and sing and dance to Sweet Caroline.

When: September 23, 24, 26, 27

Where: 4 Jersey Street, Boston, MA

Directions: From UMass/JFK station, take the Red Line inbound to Alewife. Get off at Park Street and transfer to the Green Line B, C, or D, outbound to Boston College, Cleveland Circle, or Riverside. Get off at Kenmore and walk five minutes to the stadium.

Tickets: Find reduced-price tickets for UMass Boston students here at <https://www.umb.edu/campus-life/current-students/discount-tickets/>.

Museum of Fine Arts



Do you want to get yourself immersed in art from different parts of the world? head on over to museum of fine arts for FREE!! (with the UMB student ID). MFA is one of the oldest and most popular museums of Boston. it contains collection from different part of the world such as Asia, Europe, early American art, Africa etc. they have about 500,00 pieces of work from all over the world. There are lots of things you can explore at the Museum of Fine Arts!

When: Monday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, they are open from 10 am to 5 pm. Thursday and Friday, they are open from 10

am to 10 pm. Closed Tuesdays.

Where: 465 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA

Directions: Take the Green Line, branch E and get off at the Museum of Fine Arts stop and walk for 2 mins from the station to the museum.

Tickets: UMass Boston students can enter for free. Bring your UMB ID!

Open Newbury Street



If you want to go out for a walk in a car-free street in the gorgeous Back Bay neighborhood, and explore the surroundings, then Open Newbury is the right place for you. You can walk around freely as you have the whole street to yourself. You will also get an opportunity to explore different markets in the area. They have different shops and food stalls. If you go to Instagram and look up "open Newbury Street Boston", you can see pictures posted by lots of people at Newbury Street.

When: Open on Sundays from 10am till 8pm until October 15.

Where: All of Newbury Street, Boston, MA

Directions: From Park Street, take a green line D to Riverside. Get off at Arlington. If you are taking a car, there are parking garages available in the Copley Square area.

Website: [Open Newbury Street 2023 \(Local Guide\) \(bostoncentral.com\)](https://www.bostoncentral.com/open-newbury-street-2023-local-guide) No sign-up needed!

"Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour" Concert Film



Experience TAYLOR SWIFT | THE ERAS TOUR Concert Film, spanning a 17-year award-winning musical career. Immerse yourself in this once-in-a-lifetime concert film experience with a breathtaking cinematic view of her history-making tour. Taylor Swift Eras attire and friendship bracelets are strongly encouraged! The film will be released simultaneously at the local AMC movie theaters.

Release date: Friday October 13, 2023, tickets are available now.

Where: AMC Boston Common 19

Directions: Take the Red Line from campus to Park Street. Transfer to any Green Line train, ride one stop to Boylston.

Theater is across the street.

Tickets: \$24.89 Adult Ticket (Tickets are per person; reserve in advance)

Halloween In Salem

For the entire month of October, Salem, MA, turns into a perfect Halloween Town for tourists to explore and enjoy. The streets are adorned with decorations of a true New England Halloween. The commuter rail runs to Salem, which makes transportation to the location much easier than driving. As well as open shops and food vendors, there is a wide variety of walking tours that you can sign up for to learn about



the history of Salem, MA. You can also sign up for a variety of spiritual readings and events throughout the many stores in the historical district. Learn more at:

<https://www.hauntedhappenings.org/>

Where: Salem, MA

Directions: From North Station, take the Newburyport/Rockport commuter rail line to Salem. Train tickets are \$10 rountrip on weekends!

When: For the month of October, 10 am to 11pm

Hiking in the Blue Hills and the Blue Hills Trailside Museum



The hiking paths of Blue Hills are a great way to enjoy the fall nature that is so famous in New England, and there is a museum at the base of the mountain that showcases the many popular animals that call Massachusetts home. It's a nice, affordable, fun adventure close to the UMB campus!

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/blue-hills-reservation>

Where: Blue Hills Reservation (Milton, MA)

Directions: Take the Red Line (Ashmont Branch) to Ashmont, then switch to the Mattapan Trolley. Ride to Mattapan, then take the 716 bus to Royall St. @ JW Foster Blvd. Blue Hills is a 5 minute walk from the stop.

When: Any time, but Friday or Sunday 7am-3pm are best!

Castle Island



Castle Island is a stretch of land that anchors Pleasure Bay Beach, as well as other South Boston beaches, looking out onto Dorchester Bay. A great spot for a day of walking and picnicking, and it gives a great view of Dorchester Bay. Take a free tour of Fort Independence, a fort that sits on Castle Island, said to be oldest fortified military site in British North America! <https://www.mass.gov/locations/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-beach-and-carson-beach>

Where: 2010 William J Day Blvd, Boston, MA 02127 (parking at Fort Independence lot)

Directions: An easy 1-hour walk on the Harbor Walk connected to campus – passes by many beaches to stop at and enjoy the sea breeze and view! Not in the mood to walk? Only a 15-minute bike ride or 10-minute drive!

When: Open sunrise to sunset. Free to park, picnic and tour!

Quincy Quarries Reservation



Quincy Quarries was one of Massachusetts's primary producers of granite for over a century and is now the perfect spot for picnics and exploring! Many of the boulders left are used as canvases for beautiful art, so this spot provides great views and relaxation spots!

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/quincy-quarries-reservation>

Where: Ricciuti Dr, Quincy, MA 02169

Directions: Take the Red Line train from JFK/UMass stop toward Braintree, ride 4 stops to Quincy Adams stop (about 30 minutes), walk (40 minutes) to Quarries OR take bus 238 from station (10 minutes) 8 stops to West St. Stop and walk 15 minutes to Quarries! Only a 20-minute drive!

When: Open 6:30AM-6PM. Free to park & explore!

Ignite Festival in Somerville



“IGNITE! A Global Fire and Food Festival” brings you an evening of international eats, fire throwers, roving entertainment, and a raucous celebration of global culture! Get to know the diverse and exciting Somerville community just outside of Boston, and try lots of delicious food. It gets dark earlier now, but Ignite will light up your night!

<https://somerilleartscouncil.org/artsunion/2023/ignite>

Where: Union Square in Somerville, MA

Directions: Take the Green Line (D Line) to Union Square station.

When: Saturday, 9/30, from 6pm to 10pm

Boston Lights at Franklin Park Zoo



The Franklin Park Zoo will be lit up this fall! A fun environment combined with large intricate light displays, the exhibition creates some interesting designs and many chances for photo ops. Don't miss your chance – the event ends October 29th.

When: Evenings everyday through Sunday, October 29th

Where: Franklin Park Zoo

Directions: Take the 8 Bus at Mount Vernon St @ South Point Dr, just outside the dorms. Get off at Massachusetts Ave @ Columbia Rd, then get on the 16 Bus. Depart the bus at the Franklin Park Zoo stop, then proceed to the entrance

Tickets: Admission ranges from \$20-25, and the link to the website is here:

<https://www.zoonewengland.org/engage/boston-lights>