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We here at swissnex Boston work hard during the week connecting the dots in art, science, education, and innovation. But on the weekends we are out and about, exploring our surroundings in quest of the most delicious foods, the most beautiful sites, the most eccentric shops, and ultimately the most authentic Boston experience—same goes for our counterparts at the New York Outpost.

Cumulatively we have amassed a deep knowledge and we don’t want this knowledge to go to waste! So we’ve put our heads together and compiled this guide. In these pages each of us has laid out a plan for a spectacular day spent locally. As you’ll see many of us gravitate toward earthly delights such as food and drink (we’re only human!) But you’ll also find the best in culture, history, shopping, and natural wonder.

Please enjoy! And be sure to let us know what you think on social media, using @swissnexboston and #exploreboston.

—The swissnex Boston team
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BOSTON
Bike the Historic Minuteman Trail

Felix Moesner, CEO of swissnex Boston, is from Appenzellerland in Switzerland. He is a born technology freak and city lover, but on the weekend he loves getting out of the house and into nature.

10 AM
Start from Alewife station, the northern most end of the Red Line. The Minuteman Bikeway has a long history: the trail closely approximates the route that Paul Revere took on his famous 1775 ride, which heralded the beginnings of the American Revolution. The bikeway is 16 km of paved trail, great for biking and walking. (And safe for families with small children.)
Path starts at Alewife Station

11 AM
After an hour’s worth of riding, you’ll come across the Ride Studio Café in Lexington. Let’s stop in for a late breakfast with great coffee and a friendly atmosphere. Hint: Pastries are also delicious!
1720 Mass Ave, Lexington MA 02421
12 PM
Next is Buckman Tavern, the oldest tavern establishment in Lexington, built between 1709 and 1710. It was the headquarters of the Minutemen, the self-trained and somewhat ragtag local militia of the time. Seventy-seven of these Minutemen gathered in the early hours of April 19, 1775 while awaiting the British regulars, (the “Red Coats.”) To the left of the tavern is a memorial to the Lexington Minutemen of 1775, erected in 1949. It features the iconic statue of Captain John Parker, who led Lexington militia at the start of the Revolutionary War.
1 Bedford St, Lexington, MA 02420

2 PM
Bike through Lexington and Bedford to Concord, and stop at The Cheese Shop, which carries 150 to 200 fine cheeses from around the world. Their philosophy: never buy a cheese if you can't taste it first. Wines are also available for tasting, so stop in and enjoy the wine and cheese-buying experience. If you taste too much wine: no worries. You can always return to Boston via the Commuter Rail…!
29 Walden St, Concord, MA 01742
First time in Boston?
The four must sees!

Sophie Sithamma, Operations Manager, is a fan of The Arcs’ latest album and likes biking in the city.

10 AM
Embrace early American history with the Freedom Trail. It’s a 2.5-mile redbrick route that will lead you to sixteen historically significant sites. The Freedom trail can be followed as a self-guided tour, or you can opt for a costumed guide. The Freedom Trail is a great way to learn about the American Revolution, which started here in Boston.
139 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02116

12 PM
Take a tour at Harpoon Brewery—it has a large beer hall with many long tables and a wide selection of their own beers. They also make excellent pretzels!
306 Northern Ave, Boston, MA 02210
**2 PM**
The TD Garden is a famous sports arena near the North End, one of Boston’s oldest neighborhoods. Boston is known as a sports-obsessed city and its citizens are always here to support the Bruins or the Celtics. (For the Red Sox you’ll have to check out the great Fenway Park on Lansdowne Street). TD Garden is centrally located and easily accessible by subway; North Station has its own stop on the Green Line. 
*100 Legends Way, Boston, MA 02114*

**6 PM**
Next is Davis Square, a subway ride away. It offers many options. If you are hungry: The Foundry will serve you great cuisine. It’s a cross between an American pub and French brasserie. Want to enjoy a drink with friends? Try the Burren, an Irish-style pub. Do you need a treat? Get yourself to J.P. Licks, where you can experience real homemade ice cream. If you still have time: the Somerville Theatre is a must. It screens both blockbuster and limited-release titles, as well as live acts. It’s the perfect way to end this journey.
*Davis Square, Somerville, MA 02144*
Let’s Get Local!

Christine Luiggi, Communications Manager, is a Boston-area local. Here she presents Magoun Square, the ‘square you’ve never heard of,’ located in Somerville. We start our tour at 7 PM on a warm summer night.

7 PM

First, pop into Pini’s Pizza and order a large cheese pizza to go. With said pizza in hand, cross Broadway to the bleachers at Trum Field, and settle in to watch the Somerville Alabrandis, a relentless and talented amateur baseball team that plays in the local Yawkey League. They are very good and killing it nearly every game. Sneak a beer if you like—everyone else there will be doing the same. Make a friend with a local—most people in the stands have Somerville roots that trace back many generations.

511 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145

8 PM

Next, stroll over to Magoun Saloon for an incredible local and non-local rotating selection of beers from around the world, including my personal favorites, cask ales from the U.K. If you want the truly local experience there is a myriad of local brews on tap.

518 Medford St, Somerville, MA 02145
9 PM
Next is Tasty Momo’s for dinner! Just across the street from Magoun’s. It boasts excellent Nepalese dumplings, handmade by the Nepalese owner. The spicy sauce is a must.
503 Medford St, Somerville, MA 02145

11 PM
Next is a visit to my friend Jeff, over one neighborhood in Winter Hill. He’s spent years working in various Massachusetts breweries, including Cape Cod Brewery and Harpoon. And now he’s opening his own business, Winter Hill Brewing, slated for an early 2016 opening. Enjoy beers brewed on site, and introduce yourself to Jeff!
328 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145

12 AM
Now we head back to Magoun Square for our last stop: the time has come for a proper nightcap. Enter into the dark wood interior of Daddy Jones. Let the bartender mix you a cocktail, and order some delicious, fresh Greek-inspired fare as you lounge under pretty chandeliers. This spot is owned and operated by Dimitra, a Somerville local: she can tell you stories about growing up in Somerville, before it was cool.
525 Medford St, Somerville, MA 02145
Lesser-Known Nooks & Crannies

Jonas Brunschwig, Project Leader for Academic Relations, has lived in Boston since 2010. Since then he’s done a lot of exploring into some of Boston’s best offerings.

10 AM
A mid-morning visit to the Mapparium kicks off the day. This three-story stained glass globe was commissioned in 1930 as part of the Christian Science Publishing Society headquarters, to compete with the other grand newspaper headquarters of the day. The Mapparium is the only place in the world where the surface of the earth can be seen without distortion, because you view it from the inside. The most curious part about the Mapparium is it forms a remarkable “whispering gallery.” Visitors standing at corresponding locations near opposite ends of the bridge can speak to each other at low volumes, and yet be heard as if they were standing side by side.

200 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02115

12 PM
After the Mapparium, hop on the Green Line toward Riverside. It’s time for a quick lunch stop at Cutty’s, located in Brookline Village. Let’s assume that today is the first Sunday of the month. Because, that’s when Cutty’s holds Super Cluckin’ Sunday. On this glorious day, Cutty’s offers only one sandwich, and that
sandwich features buttermilk fried chicken. Expect crispity-crunchity chicken, zippy ranch dressing, tangy BBQ sauce, shredded iceberg lettuce, and shaved sweet onion, all piled up gorgeously onto a butter-laden sesame brioche. Be warned, Super Cluckin’ Sundays are very popular!

284 Washington Street, Brookline, MA 02445

2 PM

After Cutty’s, hop on the 39 bus toward Jamaica Plain. Next is Salmagundi, the coolest hat store I’ve ever visited. Coming from a hat maker family, I’ve visited hat stores and milliners on each continent I’ve lived on— and let it be known that Salmagundi tops them all. The husband and wife owners Jessen and Andria stock over 12,000 hats. They work closely with independent milliners and hat makers, generations old, who create hand-blocked custom pieces so that Salmagundi can provide the finest headwear in the world. Soon Salmagundi will be selling Brunschwig hats too! Jamaica Plain 765 Centre St, Boston, MA 02130

5 PM

To conclude the day, we’re off to Bobby’s, located in the South End. Prepare to travel when you enter the store, because you’ll be staring into the face of a mind-blowing selection of prime vintage clothing. The movie industry loves Bobby’s store too: costumes for the Titanic and A Beautiful Mind, for example, were sourced here. If you’re lucky, you’ll see Bobby himself, sitting in his usual chair entertaining customers. Don’t miss the chance to talk to him if he happens to be there.

19 Thayer Street, Boston, MA 02118
Cécile Vulliemin, Project Leader for Art / Science is from Lausanne. She studied Art History and Museum Studies at University of Neuchatel in Switzerland. As an art and culture lover she always seeks creative and genuine spots!

9 AM
Second hand stores are numerous in Boston and Cambridge, and an original gift to yourself is a good way to enhance your travel memories! So I recommend you start your day in an eccentric manner by visiting Great Eastern Trading Co., a unique vintage clothing and costume shop where you can easily find the best (or worst) multicolored, crazy, knitted-by-grandma pullover, a fancy 70’s Hawaiian shirt or even a late 20’s sequined dress for your next disguised party.
49 River Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

12 PM
South Street diner was born in 1947 and was intended for local factory workers. Now it is a popular place for students or local residents: it provides the perfect atmosphere for enjoying an authentic full-calorie lunch break with fries, scrambled eggs, toast, and sausages. With its funny servers, and

*Bobo is a French adjective that is a contraction of “bourgeois-bohème.” It qualifies a certain group of persons who have a bourgeois but bohemian lifestyle, relating particularly to values and fashion.*
loud American pop music, it is the perfect spot to get lost on a cloudy Sunday. You should definitely order a coffee AND a coke and try out their blueberry pancakes if your stomach allows it!

70 Charles St, Boston, MA 02114

2 PM

The Institute of Contemporary Art / Boston, or ICA for short, is an experimental laboratory and the perfect showcase for contemporary media and art. With its spacious, flexible, and bright galleries, it presents original and relevant solo shows, as well as thematic exhibitions. Its theater perfectly completes the program, providing a venue for dance, music, and other performance art. The waterfront panorama is of course another big plus to this architecturally interesting building.

100 Northern Ave, Boston, MA 02210

6 PM

We finish the day on a cheerful note with a bit of music to soak up the atmosphere of the South at Wally’s Café Jazz Club. Established in 1947, this spot was one of many jazz clubs that enticed Bostonians in the 40’s and 50’s. Open every day of the year, its early jam sessions (starting at 6 PM daily) provide music students a stage on which to perfect their art. Small and convivial spot!

427 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118
Gary Weckx, Event Coordinator and Office Manager, is from Belgium. He studied Real Estate Business at the EFPME in Brussels. As the new dad on the block he’s always looking for fun activities for his kids around Boston.

**8 AM**

Founded in 2007, Tatte offers the best baked goods and eastern Mediterranean savories in Cambridge. At the start, founder Tzurit Or was baking twenty hours a day in her home kitchen and selling her delicious creations to Boston farmers’ markets. After only one summer, Tatte expanded to its first brick-and-mortar bakery in Brookline, MA. Tatte’s cookies, cakes, tarts, and pastries owe their unique look and exceptional flavor in part to carefully sourced raw ingredients. Your little ones will love choosing and devouring the breakfast pastries.

318 Third Street Cambridge, MA 02142

**10 AM**

Next find The Children’s Room of the Cambridge Public Library on Broadway in Cambridge, across from the swissnex Boston office. The Children’s Room spans the entire third floor of the Main Library, and feels as if its nestled in the treetops of Cambridge. The space is designed for young children: there are murals on the walls, kid-sized furniture, and cozy rugs. Their collection includes
books, magazines, music, movies, audio books, Nooks, iPads, and games: everything you need to captivate a kid’s attention for the rest of the morning. The best part is that you can easily obtain a library card, and bring home books home for free!

449 Broadway Cambridge, MA 02138

12 PM

Next is just over the river: the Boston Children’s Museum. It’s the second oldest children’s museum and one of the most influential in the world. It was founded in 1913 by the Science Teachers’ Bureau. Designed for children and families, this museum’s focuses on science, culture, environmental awareness, health and fitness, and the arts. It’s also one of the few children’s museums in the world to maintain collections on Natural History, Global Culture, Native American History and Culture, Dolls and Dollhouses, and Japanese artifacts. A toddler full of sugar will train his or her gross motor skills for hours running and climbing.

308 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210

5 PM

We wrap up the day back in Cambridge, at the Veterans Memorial Swimming Pool by Magazine Beach, on the Charles River. It’s a great spot for cooling down in the summer. Magazine Beach is actually not a beach but features lots of green space, including athletic fields and a playground nearby. The pool has changing rooms, showers and lifeguards on duty. Treat yourself with a frappuccino across the street at Starbucks and a snack from Trader Joe’s for the little swimmers. You’ll spend the end of the day splashing and giggling in the sunset.

719 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, MA 02139 (at Magazine Beach)
The Winter Trail

Thomas Maurissen, Junior Project Manager in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, spent last year at MIT completing his Master’s project. He can tell you from experience that in Boston during the winter, it’s good to have a plan. You don’t want to be waffling when the temps are sub-zero!

10 AM
Start your day with a delicious and warming breakfast at L.A. Burdick’s. Enjoy a rich hot chocolate—it’s the best in town! And they also serve other delicacies. You will feel sheltered and cozy and you will not want to leave!
220 Clarendon St, Boston, MA 02116

12 PM
Turn on to Newbury Street and walk off your rich breakfast. This street is home to the trendiest brands. Shops are niched in charming Victorian-style walk-ups. With its illuminated trees and historic vibe, Newbury Street is a great way to experience the Back Bay.
**6 PM**
Time for an early dinner. Walk through the Commons and find Five Guys, the famous burger joint on Summer Street. They proved themselves worthy of a Boston location after 2015's “Snowmagedon,” when Boston saw record snow accumulation. Many businesses closed their doors, but Five Guys Burgers kept regular hours, so you know you can count on them. Also they offer unlimited and free steamed peanuts: your thoughts will shift to the happy and warming act of peeling, allowing you to momentarily forget the icy breeze that awaits you outside.

58 Summer St, Boston, MA 02110

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**8:00 PM**
End your day with a walk along the waterfront, starting at Christopher Columbus Park near Boston’s North End neighborhood. Whether it’s a sunny day or snowstorm, the blustering winds coming off the harbor will help you prepare for any polar expeditions that may be in your future. Continue along the harborwalk; you will meander the inlets and look out over the harbor. The walk finishes at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Across from the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway, Boston, MA 02110
Maulde Cuérel, Junior Communications Manager, is from Lausanne. She studied art at écal and Marketing Management at University of Lausanne. She is a traveller at heart, and loves discovering the true identity of each city she visits.

9 AM
Start at Clover Food Labs, a self-proclaimed fast food joint, but not in the usual sense. They feature healthy vegetarian and vegan fare, and nearly everything is made in-store. Their philosophy is driven by simplicity, and they are committed to quality and sustainability, in addition to fast service. The Rosemary Fries are a must!
7 Holyoke St, Cambridge, MA 02138

11 AM
The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum was created by collector and philanthropist, Isabella Stewart Gardner, in what was once her private home. Back in her day, she hosted dinner parties with well-known guests including author Henry James and artist John Singer Sargent. The bohemian vibe here is still alive.
25 Evans Way, Boston, MA 02115
2 PM
Time to hit the Somerville Flea, an open-air market that brings together vendors, collectors, artists, and musicians every weekend. It’s located just outside Davis Square, so it’s easy to simultaneously enjoy an ice cream from J.P. Licks or a free concert performed by local buskers. The whole area is a true creative oasis.
52 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144

4:30 PM
Founded in 1807, the Boston Athenaeum is one of the oldest and most distinguished independent libraries in the United States!
10 ½ Beacon St, Boston, MA 0210

6 PM
The Brattle Book Shop is the definition of a hidden gem. It’s in a three-story building and carries an impressive stock of over 250,000 books crammed into shelves and stacked high along the walls. The shop has been run by the Gloss Family since 1949, handed down generation to generation. George Gloss and his son Kenneth built this shop into one of the largest antiquarian bookshops in the country.
9 West St, Boston, MA 02111
Deep dive in Boston

Simone Schmieder, Junior Project Manager for Science and Technology, is from Zürich, where she studied hydraulic engineering. Here in Boston she retains her passion for the deep blue.

10 AM
Do you ever wonder where you can get the most beautiful skyline pictures of Boston? I will tell you: definitely from a public ferry! There are twenty-one islands that belong to Boston Harbor Island National Recreation Area. You can even set up a tent and spend the night in some locations if you reserve early enough!

15 State St, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02109

12 PM
This year with swissnex, we had the chance to get on the Charles River with the Stämpfli Express, the Swiss-made 144 foot long rowing boat. But you don’t need to be sitting in the World’s Largest Rowing Boat to enjoy the view from this unique perspective. Either hop on a Duck Boat in Back Bay (which travels both by land and by sea) or rent a canoe at Kendall Square.

15 Broad Canal Way, Cambridge, MA 02142
2 PM
The most dramatic way to encounter sea life in Boston is definitely via a whale-watching excursion. Find one that offers trips to the humpback whale population’s feeding areas—this is where you are most likely to score some sightings. But, if you get seasick easily, or if Boston is stricken with heavy rainfalls, consider visiting the New England Aquarium instead.
1 Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110

8 PM
Well, at the end of the day all you need is a pint of special treated water, i.e. beer. It’s hard to choose which local brewery makes the best craft beer: perhaps the most famous Samuel Adams or the Harpoon Brewery? There are also countless microbreweries sprinkled all over town. However some Junior Project Managers here at swissnex Boston always gravitate toward the frozen margaritas at Sinclair’s rooftop in Harvard Square. Head downstairs for concerts and dancing, with local and established bands such as DIIV, Yacht, and many more...
52 Church St, Cambridge, MA 02138
Ines Morgan, Junior Project Manager, is currently a student at the Ecole Hotelière de Lausanne. Here she presents Cambridge, the city on the other side of the Charles River, and home of Harvard University.

11 AM
“Study” at the Harvard Law Library. Established in 1817, Harvard Law School is the oldest continuously operating law school in the nation. The library remains the largest academic law library in the world, and continues to reinvent itself to meet the evolving needs of the school. The library is only open to Harvard students, but it’s possible to sneak in. Get creative! It’s worth it.
1545 Mass Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138

2 PM
Harvard is well known for its competitive athletics, and you might as well see what it’s all about. Tennis clinics at the Murr Harvard Center are held every day at different times, and open to all levels. It’s a great way to meet people from the Harvard community. Did you know that famous NBA player Jeremy Lin attended Harvard?
65 N Harvard St, Boston, MA 02163
If you are interested in film, the Harvard Film Archive screens movies every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It’s a great, arty-culty alternative to the usual blockbuster movie theatre experience.

Moreover, often film-makers will come to discuss their work and engage with the public. HFA is located in the only building in North America designed by Swiss-born architect Le Corbusier. This building also houses the Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, worth a visit. 24 Quincy St, Cambridge, MA 02138

It’s time to relax. Enjoy a drink at Felipe’s Taqueria, Cambridge’s (and probably Boston’s) best rooftop. If you like frozen margaritas, this is the place to be! It’s the perfect after-work spot to gather with friends and colleagues—all while enjoying a spectacular sunset.

33 Brattle St, Cambridge, MA 02138
Discover Boston through its Literature & books

Angela Ferreira, Junior Project Manager for Academic Relations, is a former English student, and a lover of books, coffee, cats, and city exploring. She also loves following in the footsteps of great authors (of whom there is a great abundance here in Boston and Cambridge.)

11 AM

Edgar Allen Poe is a master of American gothic fiction and hailed by many as the inventor of the detective story with his short story “Murder in the Rue Morgue.” You might also know him by his most famous poem, The Raven. Even though Poe is better known for his work in other east coast cities such as Baltimore or Philadelphia, he is originally from Boston and therefore Bostonians like to lay claim on him. Currently a group of Poe enthusiasts are working hard to make his Boston connection better known.

Which brings me to our first stop. The Poe enthusiasts’ biggest achievement so far is a statue of Poe erected at the corner of Boylston Street and Charles Street, right by the Boston Commons. After you’ve admired this statue of Poe, check out Bartevian, nearby on Boylston Street, a jewellery store that doubles as HQ for the Edgar Allan Poe Foundation. The Poe enthusiasts among you might find the perfect Poe trinket to take home!

160 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02116
1 PM
As the second biggest library in the United States, the Boston Public Library is simply a must for the book lovers out there. All the travel guides will tell you to come here, and they are not wrong! With its beautiful halls and gardens, walking through is like visiting a museum. And the best thing – it’s free! Make sure to take some time to explore the whole building, as it’s one of the most beautiful sights in all of Boston. The library is open seven days a week, so you have no excuses for not going.
700 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02116

4 PM
Next up is Trident Booksellers on the Mass. Ave. side of Newbury Street. It’s both a bookshop and café – and the perfect destination after a morning spent at BPL. Trident generally complies with all the trademarks of an awesome bookshop! It is small, has many hidden corners, and offers up a great selection of books. If you tire of browsing, take a break at their café – the food is good and you can enjoy your new purchases over a “cuppa coffee,” as we say in Boston. The Trident, located as it is on Newbury St, also serves as a fantastic starting point for a shopping spree, or a stroll to the Museum of Fine Arts, only a couple of blocks away.
338 Newbury St, Boston, MA 02115
EXTRA DAY: Experience Walden
If you are in Boston for more than just a few days, I highly recommend a day trip to Concord and Walden Pond. It is easily reached by the commuter rail, and will provide a good example of a classic small-and-located-outside-of-Boston town. Plus, Concord is the hotspot of many Boston literary figures. Not only do Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louisa May Alcott and Henry David Thoreau all have very long names, they also all lived in and around Concord. Immerse yourself fully in the small-town charm of Concord by wandering along Main Street, checking out the various antique stores and getting an ice cream at Bedford Farm’s Ice Cream – but beware: their smallest size will easily feed a whole family. For the Gilmore Girls fans among you, grab lunch at Helen’s. You will feel like you’ve been transported to Luke’s diner in Stars Hollow.

Henry David Thoreau’s masterwork *Walden* describes his experiences and musings on life lived in the woods. Visit Walden Pond to see what he was talking about. On a warm and sunny day, you might even take a dip! In the fall it’s one of the prime locations to see the beautiful, colorful leaves of New England.

915 Walden St, Concord, MA 01742
A summer escape to Martha’s Vineyard

Andreas Rufer, Project Leader for Art and Culture and Head of Operations, has travelled around the globe, and has lived and worked in seven countries on three continents. He can finally answer the often-asked question: “But which post is your favorite?” After living in ‘Beantown’ for 5 and a half years, Andreas can now answer with gusto: “Boston!”

6 AM
Get up early to enjoy the utmost of your day off! You want to reach the Ferry Terminal at Woods Hole by 9 AM. It is worth renting a car for this trip, and if you have bikes and enough space, load them into the car. Also: pack two sandwiches per head.

9 AM
Buy your tickets to Martha’s Vineyard at the counter of the Steamship Authority, and enjoy your first or second coffee and your morning sandwich on the ferry. The fresh sea breeze will make you want to jump into the clear ocean. But hold on!

9:45 AM
You arrive at picturesque Oak Bluffs. If you brought your own bike, start pedalling south on Beach Road on the bike path that runs along the ocean towards Edgartown. If needed you can rent one just beside the ferry terminal.
10 AM
Take a first plunge into the crystal clear, refreshing ocean at Joseph Sylvia State Beach. If you are courageous enough, do as the kids do: jump into the channel from the bridge! I did it and it was good fun.

11 AM
Continue your trip through the pleasant,arty town of Edgartown to the next beach on the South shore of the island. The ocean there is much rougher than on the east coast. If you are a good swimmer, jump into waves and have fun. Or, relax on the white sand. Time for your second sandwich!

2 PM
Time to ride your bike back to Oaks Bluff to catch the return ferry. It will take you one and a half hours at most. Stroll through Oak Bluffs, enjoy an ice cream, and if you like, rent jet-skis! But make sure to be back at the terminal by 5 PM for your return ferry ride.

6 PM
Don’t miss out on dinner in the Landfall restaurant in Woods Hole. This romantic restaurant is made of wood salvaged from old ships. Also you will enjoy a beautiful water view while enjoying your lobster or other traditional seafood.
9 Luscombe Ave, Woods Hole, MA 02543

8 PM
Take your time to drive home; you will sleep well and dream of a week-long vacation on the beach.
12 PM
First: the Lobster Pool. Think outstanding food and spectacular views matched with a casual environment. Situated on Ipswich Bay, this establishment has a west-facing view over the ocean, a rarity in New England. On a warm summer evening, diners order their food at the counter, then wander down to outdoor picnic tables to soak in the exquisite view of three states: Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. There are few spots on the Massachusetts coast that are this beautiful, and even fewer that have the benefit of a great restaurant.

*Lobster Pool, 329 Granite St, Rockport, MA 01966*

2 PM
Manchester’s beaches are some of the most beautiful on the North Shore. Singing Beach in particular is a dream; it is easily accessible by commuter rail from Boston, and if you are lucky the warm currents provided by the Gulf Stream will allow you to spend more than thirty seconds in the water—
8 PM

There is really nothing quite like the Market Restaurant on Lobster Cove. Tucked away in one of the many coves in Annisquam, the Market has a small menu, updated daily, and an impressive wine list.

The menu is created every morning based on what’s supplied by their purveyors. Let me assure you that the food never disappoints. You can always expect oysters, salads, and offerings for seafood, meat, and pasta. The bar is first come first serve, but if you want to enjoy a dinner the rest of the restaurant is reservation based.

The Market Restaurant, 33 River Rd, Gloucester, MA 01930

10 PM

Next is the Shalin Liu Performance Center, located down the coast a bit in Rockport. It has come to be known as “The Window,” due to the floor-to-ceiling glass wall at the back of the stage. It provides a spectacular view of the harbor, including boats, seagulls and the ever-shifting colors of sea and sky. For performers and audience members alike, the Shalin Liu setting is as much a part of the experience as the music itself.

37 Main St, Rockport, MA 01966
A MOUNTAIN LOVE AFFAIR
THE STORY OF MAD RIVER GLEN
Munch your way through Vermont

Anita Suter, Senior Communications Manager, loves living in an American city, but is also committed to “getting out there” in order to breathe some fresh air once in a while. Her favorite escape is the beautiful state of Vermont. It’s name is derived from French – les verts monts, which is a perfect description of one of the US’s most rural states: it’s made up of rolling green hills, forests, and lakes. Also there are some great eats.

8 AM
Take Highway 89 to White River Junction, from there venture off onto country roads. First stop is the Sugarbush Farm in Woodstock: sample their homemade cheddar cheese and maple candies, pet the farm animals, and learn about the making of maple syrup.
591 Sugarbush Farm Rd, Woodstock, VT 05091
**11 AM**
Next is Killington, considered THE ski area, nick named “the beast of the east.” Take route 100, which is a sight by itself: it’s a scenic drive through Vermont’s back country, and you’ll find farm stands and waterfalls along the way. Rochester is a particularly cute town: definitely stop in for coffee and a snack at Sandy’s Books and Bakery!

30 N Main St, Rochester, VT 05767

**12 PM**
Further up on Route 100, follow the signs to Mad River Glen Ski area. Their single chair lift is legendary. On fall weekends it’s open for foliage rides. Make sure to dress warmly, it gets windy up there!

57 Schuss Pass, Waitsfield, VT 05673

**2 PM**
Continue on route 100, which brings you to Waterbury, i.e. home of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream. You can tour the factory or simply enjoy some ice cream while relaxing in one of their Adirondack chairs. Don’t miss out on the flavor graveyard, where past ice cream creations rest under their very own tombstones!

1281 Waterbury Stowe Rd, Waterbury, VT 05676
3 PM
Not far from Ben and Jerry’s you must stop again for Cold Hollow Cider Mill: watch apple cider in the making, taste the many products derived from it, and don’t leave without sampling their specialty: a cider donut.

3600 Waterbury Stowe Rd, Waterbury Center, VT 05677

5 PM
A great place to spend your evening is Burlington, Vermont’s biggest town with a big college crowd. Make sure to get there before the sun goes down, as the sunset viewed from the shores of Lake Champlain is spectacular – and in the cold winter, parts of the lake freeze through so that you can explore by foot.

Burlington Waterfront, VT 05401

6 PM
After wandering around the UVM university campus for a bit, enjoy some time on pedestrian-only Church Street. Stop into American Flatbread and try to get your name on the list—it’s the best dining experience in town. Enjoy a beer from their on-site brewery while you wait.

115 St Paul St, Burlington, VT 05401
9 PM
Still not tired? Or need a coffee to re-energize? Go to the all-wood Muddy Waters coffee shop. Then check out Nectar’s next door for some live music. If that’s not your taste, take the 15-minute walk to the Radio Bean, a small and intimate bar featuring live music most nights.
8 N Winooski Ave, Burlington, VT 05401

THE NEXT DAY
You’ll have to sleep at some point, and wherever that is make sure to add in extra time the next day to take more back roads, and to sample more food. If you’re there in the fall (the best time for a Vermont visit), participate in the pleasure of apple picking. I can highly recommend Champlain Orchards in Shoreham. It’s a beautiful, huge orchard over looking the Champlain Valley and offering glimpses of Lake Champlain. It’s a bit off the beaten track, but the drive there is gorgeous as well.
3597 VT-74, Shoreham, VT 05770

Make your Vermont weekend last by bringing back not only the apples you’ve picked, but also some maple syrup, cheese and apple cider.
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11 AM
What do dogs in disguise and the poet Walt Whitman have in common? The answer may lie in leafy Fort Greene Park, a 12-hectare oasis in the midst of one of Brooklyn’s most charming residential areas. Its historical significance dates back to the American Revolutionary War, as its elevation provided the ideal location for fortifications, which were ultimately built by General Washington’s Continental Army in advance of the Battle of Long Island. A half-century later, under the impulse of Whitman, the fort gave way to a beautiful park that was later redesigned by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, the landscape architects better known for creating Central Park and Prospect Park. At the park’s center, atop a hill, stands a column: the Prison Ships Monument, which commemorates (and houses the remains of) 11,500 men and women who died aboard English prison ships that were moored less than a mile away in Wallabout Bay. But nowadays, the park welcomes one of the most hilarious bohemian-bourgeois happenings in Brooklyn:
the annual Halloween dog costume competition. 2015 saw the likes of a Donald Trump puppy, a minion, and a very Frida Kahlo-esque composition of Dia de los Muertos.

Washington Park & St Edward St, Brooklyn, NY 11205

1 PM

Next, a ten-minute walk will take you to my favorite weekend activity in New York: brunch at Vinegar Hill House. A hipster haven of reclaimed wood and repurposed ironwork, this restaurant features New American food, including the most delicious eggs benedict: it’s served on smoked trout, with pickled pearl onions and hollandaise sauce. The sourdough pancake is also a “must sample.” Dinners there rank among the most heart warming and mouth watering in town, and have garnered attention from Michelin’s 2016 Bib Gourmand list of best affordable restaurants.

Vinegar Hill is unique in many respects. Sleepily isolated, yet in the very heart of Brooklyn, it is only a few uneven cobblestoned blocks in each direction. As Brooklyn’s oldest area, it boasts houses from several early to mid-nineteenth century architectural styles: Federalist, Georgian, Greek Revival, Italianate. Bordered by DUMBO, the BQE expressway, and the former Brooklyn Navy Yards, it is well worth a short tour on your way to either Building 92, the Navy Yard Museum, or in the other direction: DUMBO, the acronym for “Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass.” 72 Hudson Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11201
Four Ultimate Things To Do in New York

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1 PM
Central Park, one of the most famous and beloved urban parks in the world is a must-explore experience. Central Park was designed in the 19th century and covers 843 acres in the heart of Manhattan. Rent a bike at one of the many bike rentals around the park and explore the park at your own pace. Stop along the way to enjoy attractions such as the Belvedere Castle, the Bethesda Terrace, and Cherry Hill Fountain. Recharge your batteries at the elegant Boathouse Café while admiring an unparalleled view of the lake.

From 59th St. to 110th St. between Fifth Avenue and Eighth Avenue, NY

4 PM
New York is well known for its many rooftop bars. The Ides Rooftop at the Whyte Hotel in Williamsburg, Brooklyn stands out because it offers breath-taking views of the Manhattan skyline. Relax and enjoy the spectacular, panoramic view while sipping on one of their signature cocktails.
And if the weather is cold, don’t worry: the view from inside is just as beautiful.

6 PM
Watch a magnificent NYC sunset and enjoy incredible views of the urban landscape from the Brooklyn Bridge Park. The Park is an 85-acre, post-industrial waterfront site stretching along the East River in Brooklyn. From Pier 1, you can admire the sun going down on the Statue of Liberty, the famous skyline of lower Manhattan, and the majestic Brooklyn Bridge. And then why not take the East River Ferry to get back to Manhattan?

2 Old Fulton St, Brooklyn, NY 11201

8 PM
Next is Salinas, a unique and vibrant Michelin-rated restaurant in the heart of West Chelsea. With its traditional and inventive tapas and its authentic regional entrees, eating there will transport you directly to Spain. The Nuestra Paella and the Arroz Vasco Marino, a Basque-style risotto, are true delights for the senses. The atmosphere is warm, charming and intimate, evoking the spirit of the Balearic Islands.

80 Whyte Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11249

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