

EXPLORING



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Whether you're parking the car in Hahhvahd Yahhd or shipping up to Boston à la the Dropkick Murphys, you are guaranteed to have a memorable experience at the 2024 NALP Annual Education Conference. Boston is a beautiful and walkable city that offers something for everyone. Conference attendees will have a plethora of fun activities in the area to choose from.

The Hynes Convention Center is surrounded by outstanding shopping, historical landmarks, world class museums, and fun activities. In fact, the Hynes is connected to the [Prudential Center](#) (or “the Pru” if you’re a local), which is ranked among the top shopping centers in the nation. Not only will you find 72+ shops and eateries here, but also a post office and access to [Zipcars](#), the [MBTA](#), and [Boston Duck Tours](#) (a narrated historic tour of Boston in a World War II-style vehicle that travels on land and water).

In addition, [View Boston](#), an observatory on the top three floors of the Pru, offers a 360 degree open air observation deck (and bar!) and the chance to explore a 3D model of the city, learn about Boston’s neighborhoods, and create your own personalized itinerary.

With everything the Pru offers, you may not even need to venture outside! But if you have a little time to get out and explore the city, here are some suggestions, along with restaurant recommendations from members of Boston’s city group and law school consortium.

We look forward to welcoming you to Boston in April!



Within a five-minute walk:

- [Copley Place](#) (this luxury shopping mall with 50+ stores is connected to the Pru via an enclosed walkway; the Boston Marriott Copley Place, one of the conference hotels, is connected to Copley Place)
- [Newbury Street](#) (famed shopping district known for outstanding restaurants and upscale shops, such as Gucci and Neiman Marcus, though it also offers a variety of affordable alternatives)
- [Boylston Street](#) (this street runs parallel to Newbury and is another place to find a variety of shops and restaurants)

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- [Kings Dining & Entertainment](#) (bowling, billiards, arcade, karaoke, food, and drinks)
- [Christian Science Plaza](#) (this Boston landmark is the largest privately owned, publicly accessible open space in Boston; enjoy some quiet time near the reflecting pool and tour the Mapparium, a three-story-tall globe made of stained glass)
- [Symphony Hall](#) (this Boston landmark is home to the famed Boston Symphony Orchestra; tours are available)

Restaurants:

- [Eataly Boston](#) (inside the Pru — a three-floor authentic Italian experience with four restaurants)
- [Krasi Meze & Wine](#) (Greek wine bar)

- [Joe's on Newbury](#) (classic American comfort food)
- [Abe & Louie's](#) (fine dining restaurant and steakhouse)
- [Back Bay Social](#) (old-fashioned neighborhood bistro)
- [Lolita Back Bay](#) (Mexican restaurant and tequila bar)
- [Atlantic Fish Company](#) (serving Boston's freshest catch)
- [The Capital Burger](#) (elevate your burger experience)



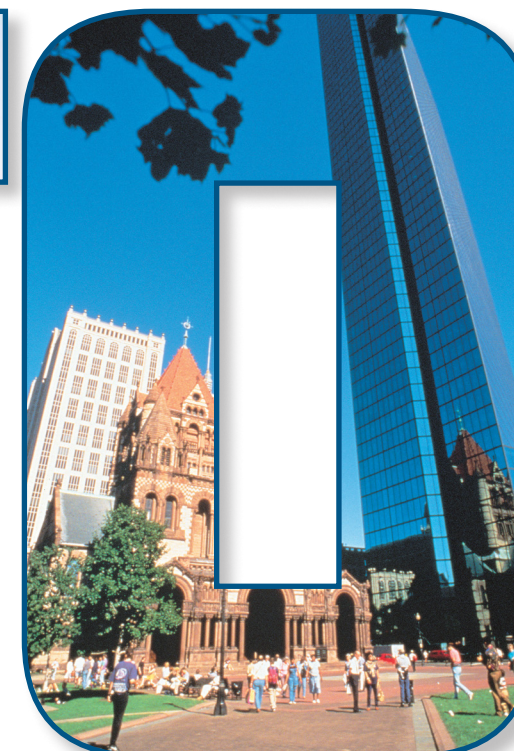
Within a 10-minute walk:

- [Boston Public Library](#), [Trinity Church](#), and [Old South Church](#) (all Boston landmarks with beautiful buildings and historical significance)



Restaurants:

- [Flour Bakery](#) (fabulous bakery led by James Beard Award-winning pastry chef Joanne Chang)
- [Saltie Girl](#) (charming seafood restaurant — amazing lobster roll!)
- [Sonsie](#) (classic bistro with top-notch international cuisine)
- [Petit Robert](#) (Parisian-style bistro)



- [Greystone Cafe, Bakery, and Provisions](#) (neighborhood cafe and bakery)
- [Buttermilk and Bourbon](#) (New Orleans-inspired dishes from Chef Jason Santos)



Within a 15-minute walk:

- [Fenway Park](#) (if you're looking to catch the Red Sox in action, there are several home games from which to choose)
- [Boston Public Garden](#) (America's first public botanical garden; ride on one of the famous Swan Boats)



Restaurants:

- [The Beehive](#) (underground bohemian restaurant and bar offering live music and excellent cocktails)
- [Contessa Ristorante Boston](#) (rooftop Italian restaurant)
- [Coppa Boston](#) (Italian food by James Beard Award-winning Chef Ken Oringer)
- [Uni](#) (lively, contemporary izakaya serving inventive Japanese cuisine)
- [Bistro du Midi](#) (outstanding bistro overlooking the Public Garden)



Within a 20-minute walk:

- [Museum of Fine Arts, Boston](#) (the crown jewel of Boston's art scene, the MFA has

a comprehensive collection of works from ancient through modern times)

- [Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum](#) (this intimate art collection housed in a Venetian palace in Boston is a one-of-a-kind experience)
- [Boston Common](#) (considered the oldest public park in the U.S. and among the most visited outdoor public spaces in Boston; be sure to visit [The Embrace](#) statue)
- [Blue Man Group](#) (Boston's Theater District plays host to an array of touring Broadway shows as well as an ongoing — since 1995! — production of Blue Man Group)
- [Freedom Trail](#) (a 2.5-mile long path leading to 16 nationally significant historic sites in Boston)
- [Cheers](#) (visit the pub that inspired the iconic TV show, where everybody knows your name)
- [Charles River Esplanade](#) (this 17-mile stretch of land along the Charles River is a great place to jog, walk, bike, and people watch; visit the Hatch Shell, the site of Boston's famous July 4th fireworks)



Restaurants:

- [Hojoko](#) (a rock n' roll tavern honoring the pulse of Japanese nightlife)

- [Myers + Chang](#) (upscale Asian-inspired food by James Beard Award-winning chef Joanne Chang)
- [Toro](#) (Spanish tapas restaurant and bar)
- [1928 Beacon Hill](#) (prohibition era cocktails in a speakeasy-style space)



An uber away (but worth the drive):

- [Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Quincy Market](#) (one of the top 10 tourist destinations in the country)
- [North End](#) (Boston's Little Italy)
- [Seaport District](#) (Boston's revitalized waterfront with amazing restaurants and museums)
- [USS Constitution Museum](#) (discover Old Ironsides, the oldest warship afloat in the world)



Restaurants:

- [Time Out Market](#) (25,000 square feet of Boston's best food from 15 restaurants)
- [Giacomo's](#) (One of the 20 best Italian restaurants in the U.S.)
- [Neptune Oyster](#) (cozy seafood restaurant in the North End)
- [Mike's Pastry](#) (known for its oversized and delicious cannoli)

- [Grace by Nia](#) (speakeasy lounge with a laid-back, whimsical soul-infused menu)
- [Woods Hill Pier 4](#) (farm-to-table dining in the Seaport)
- [Oleana](#) (outstanding Mediterranean and Middle Eastern fare)

Boston offers an abundance of restaurants, historical sites, cultural experiences and fun activities that will make your stay memorable. Register [here](#) for NALP's Annual Education Conference here and we'll see you soon! +



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