18 Best Restaurants in Boston

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This city's food scene goes far beyond lobster rolls and clam chowder.

Few cities wear their history as proudly as Boston does. As the birthplace of the American Revolution, All-American cuisine flourished here for a long time. But as the city's thriving education and technology sectors engaged more and more with cultures from around the globe, diversity began to thrive here, too. Although lobster rolls, clam chowder, and steakhouses still very much reign supreme, Boston has reached its culinary stride. Today, the city has moved beyond traditional New England classics, offering everything from high-brow French to Asian street food, and everything in between. Somehow, combining those cuisines with New England's tradition of foraging and fresh seafood feels more "Boston" than ever. Here, our snapshot of the best places to eat your way through this complex and world-class city.

Boston Chops (Downtown Crossing) →

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"Old meets new" can be a bit of a cliché, especially in Boston, but nobody does it better than Boston Chops. Located in the landmarked Old Colony Trust Bank building, this two-story steakhouse preserved the historic nature of the building—vaulted ceilings, sweeping marble walls, original mosaic tile floors—but updated it in a way that today's foodie can relate to. Between the strong wine program, lighthearted cocktails, perfectly executed, classic steakhouse items, and "Rarely Celebrated" section of the menu, serving less-popular yet equally delicious cuts of meat, this is clearly not your grandpa's steakhouse.