

Your OCON 2025 Boston Area Guide

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Boston for OCON 2025!

To make things easier, we've put together this guide, with tips on travel, dining, and local attractions.

Airport Options

For the most convenient flight, we of course recommend using Boston Logan (BOS), which is less than 15 minutes by Uber to the conference hotel (the Westin Copley Place). From the airport, you can take the Logan Express Back Bay bus, which is **free** and leaves every half hour between 6:00 am and 10:00 pm. You'll see Logan Express signs in the terminal clearly leading to the pickup point. The bus will drop you off on Dartmouth St. (opposite the Back Bay train station), about a 5-minute (0.2 mile) walk from the Westin.

Trains and buses are available from surrounding cities, including Providence, New York City, and Washington D.C. If you're using public transport, look for options that drop off at Back Bay Station, which is the station closest to the hotel.

Dining Options

There are hundreds of restaurants in the area, spanning all price points and cuisines. We recommend using an app such as <u>Yelp</u> or <u>OpenTable</u> to browse the options, but here are few ideas to get you started.

\$: Newseed Cafe; Tasty Burger; Burritos and Tacos To Go; Viga Italian Eatery

\$\$: Cafe Bonjour; Krasi; RedWhite Boneless Ramen; Union Park Pizza

\$\$\$: Fogo de Chão; OAK Long Bar & Kitchen; Legal Sea Foods; Douzo

\$\$\$\$: The Capitol Grille; Wa Shin; Ostra; Mistral

Museums and Attractions (some highlights)

- The Boston Public Library (Free)
- Museum of Fine Arts (\$27)
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (\$15 \$22)
- Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum (\$35+)
- <u>Harvard Art Museums</u> (Free)
- <u>View Boston</u> (\$13+)
- Fenway Park (tours for \$27+)
- The Freedom Trail (Free, or guided tours for \$15 \$17)

Note, we also have a July 4th excursion planned, which includes parts of the Freedom Trail. But if you want to take your time seeing the whole route and/or prefer a guided tour, we recommend making arrangements.

Of course, there's a lot more we can say about all that Boston has to offer—this is just a taste! If you have questions, we're happy to help. Just email events@aynrand.org and we'll be in touch.

See you in Boston!

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