

Kenmore Square & Fenway

Neighborhood Top Five

- 1 Spending a day at the **Museum of Fine Arts** (p120), immersing yourself in the Art of the Americas and lunching at the New American Cafe, then dedicating the afternoon to exploring other treasures, especially the Impressionist and post-Impressionist paintings.
- 2 Watching the Red Sox whip their opponents at **Fenway Park** (p119).
- 3 Venerating the artistic, aesthetic and cultural legacy of Isabella Stewart Gardner at her namesake **museum** (p122).
- 4 Hearing the world-renowned **Boston Symphony Orchestra** (p127) play in the acoustically perfect Symphony Hall.
- 5 Hitting **Lansdowne St** (p126) for a night of drinking, music and merry-making.



For more detail of this area see Map p247 ➔

Lonely Planet's Top Tip

If you can't score tickets to the baseball game, you can still watch the action and soak up the atmosphere at one of the bars on Lansdowne St (they all definitely have TVs). You can even hear the gasps and the cheers from the fans inside the ballpark.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Island Creek Oyster Bar (p125)
- ➔ El Pelon (p125)
- ➔ Gyro City (p125)
- ➔ Audubon Boston (p125)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Bleacher Bar (p126)
- ➔ Lower Depths Tap Room (p126)
- ➔ Hawthorne (p126)
- ➔ Pavement Coffeehouse (p127)

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Best Places to Watch the Game

- ➔ Bleacher Bar (p126)
- ➔ Tasty Burger (p126)
- ➔ Boston Beer Works (p126)
- ➔ Lansdowne Pub (p127)

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Explore Kenmore Square & Fenway

Kenmore Sq is the epicenter of student life in Boston. In addition to the Boston University behemoth, there are more than a half-dozen colleges in the area. As such, Kenmore Sq has a disproportionate share of nightlife, inexpensive eateries and dormitories disguised as brownstones.

Come to Kenmore Sq to cavort at cool clubs and devour cheap food. If you get the timing right, you can do so before or after the Red Sox game. Watch the boys battle it out from your perch at one of the local sports bars or, if you're lucky, at Fenway Park.

While Kenmore Sq is best for baseball and beer, the southern part of this neighborhood is dedicated to more high-minded pursuits. Dubbed 'Avenue of the Arts,' Huntington Ave represents a concentrated area of major and minor artistic and cultural venues, including Symphony Hall, two universities and two museums. Art-lovers should devote a day to exploring one of Boston's celebrated art venues (although deciding which one will be a challenge).

Local Life

➔ **Cheap Grub** Locals know that Peterborough St (p125) is a hub for affordable eating. Ethnic eateries and take-out joints line the little residential street, making it a sort of urban food court.

➔ **Music Scene** Buy tickets in advance to see national acts at the House of Blues (p128), but hang out at Church (p128) any night of the week for a glimpse of the local music scene.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** West of the center, the green line of the T forks into four branches, so you have to pay attention not only to the color of your train, but also its letter (B, C, D or E). To reach Kenmore Sq or Fenway Park, take any of the green-line trains except the E-line to Kenmore T station. Sights along Huntington Ave in Fenway are accessible from the E-line Museum station or the orange-line Ruggles station.