



THE GENERATION ORANGE GUIDE

— to —

# Boston

*Insider Advice on Adulting in Your New City*

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## Welcome

Dear 2017 grad and new member of Generation Orange,

WELCOME TO BEANTOWN!

What is Generation Orange, you ask? Gen O grads are Syracuse University alumni who have graduated in the past 10 years—and are now establishing their roots as young leaders and professionals. Boston is just a small piece of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—home to 296 towns and 55 cities. There are more than 2,962 members of Gen O right here in Boston!

We're sure you're excited—and also a little nervous—as you embark on this next chapter of your life. Have no fear! We've put together this guide for you featuring tips, tricks, and advice to help you as you transition to life in Boston.

No clue how to start the apartment hunt? *We've got you covered!*

Feel like going on an adventure? *No problem!*

Need new Instagram foodie photos? *We have plenty of suggestions on where to eat!*

So take a moment and skim through the pages that follow. We're sure you'll find something worth your while. :)

Best of luck on your endeavors and as always, GO ORANGE!

- The Generation Orange Leadership Council



## **Boston Alumni Organizations + Resources**

- SU Alumni Club of Boston - The club hosts various events throughout the year. Check out what's coming up and sign up for their mailing list by emailing [suinboston@gmail.com](mailto:suinboston@gmail.com).
- Keep up with the latest and greatest news and happenings of SU in Boston on [Facebook](#), [Linkedin](#), and [Twitter](#)!

## **Apartment Hunting Tools**

### **Resources to Find Apartments**

- Craigslist - Great for subleases or to move into an existing lease.
- Roomi - You can find great apartments if you already have a roommate, but there are also listings for folks looking for roommates to join a lease. They also host events where you can meet potential roommates in addition to viewing apartments.
- Zillow - Great to find apartments if you are looking solo or have roommates.
- Trulia - Great to find apartments if you are looking solo or have roommates.
- Padmapper - Great to find apartments if you are looking solo or have roommates.

### **Things You'll Need Before You Go Apartment Hunting**

- Letter of Employment or Proof of Income Letter that states the length of work and annual salary. Ask for this on your first day/orientation session at your job.
- Your two most recent pay stubs. If you don't have pay stubs yet, explain that to your leasing office and the Letter of Employment should suffice.
- Latest bank statements.
- Copy of your photo ID or passport.
- Bring a blank check or your checkbook. You'll be surprised at how quickly some apartments come off the market, so if you find something you fall in love with, you'll be ready to make it yours.

### **Common Things To Know When Looking For An Apartment**

- Start your search by narrowing down what part of Boston you want to be in. The next section shows a breakdown of all the various neighborhoods in the Boston metro area.



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- Schedule viewings quickly. Apartments are taken off the market quickly, so reach out as soon as you find a place you're interested in. It would also be wise to spend a day viewing multiple apartments so that you can compare and contrast. Try to bundle viewings by neighborhood.
- Keep an eye out for places with "No broker fees." Brokers are individuals who will help you look for an apartment based on the criteria you provide them with, but for a steep cost. Usually one month's rent. You can avoid this fee by joining an existing lease or looking at properties that are either rented by owner or where a leasing company will pay the broker fee on your behalf.
- You (and your roommates, if applicable) will likely need to make 40x the annual rent (combined salaries). This is to ensure that you have the proper cash flow to pay rent.
- In the case that you do not make 40x the rent, have no credit history/have poor credit, or lack employment or rental history, you will need a guarantor. A guarantor is an individual who guarantees payment on the lease if you cannot pay. The most common guarantors are family members, but they will need to make at least 40x the monthly rent. This is assessed through pay stubs and other financial documents.
- Provide a security deposit, first month's rent, and sometimes the last month's rent to fully secure your apartment.

### **Major Neighborhoods in Boston**

- Boston
  - Back Bay
  - Beacon Hill
  - South End
  - Fenway
  - Bay Village
  - Jamaica Plain
  - Dorchester
  - South Boston
  - East Boston
  - Roxbury
  - Allston
  - Brighton
- Somerville
  - Union Square
  - Davis Square
  - Teele Square
  - Powderhouse Square
  - Winter Hill



- Cambridge
  - Kendall Square
  - Central Square
  - Harvard Square
  - Porter Square
  - Inman Square
- Other popular cities:
  - Brookline
  - Medford
  - Arlington

## **Must Eat/Drink Places**

### **Brunch**

- Lincoln Tavern (Southie)
- Coppersmith (Southie), also good for drinks!
- Commonwealth (Kendall)
- Five Horses Tavern (Somerville)
- La Qchara (Melrose)

### **Lunch/Dinner**

- Santarpios (Multiple Locations)
- Papagayo (Multiple Locations)
- Area Four (Multiple Locations)
- Lolita Cocina & Tequila Bar (Back Bay)
- Toro (South End)
- Parish Cafe (Back Bay)
- Blue Ribbon BBQ (Arlington)
- Clover (Multiple Locations)
- b.good (Multiple Location)
- Douzo Sushi (Back Bay)

### **Sweet Tooth**

- Flour (Multiple Locations)
- Union Square Doughnuts (Union Square)

- The Buttery (South End)
- Ho Yuen Bakery (Chinatown)
- Paris Baguette (Central)
- Tatte Bakery and Cafe (Multiple Locations)
- Sofra Bakery and Cafe (West Cambridge)
- Toscani (Central)
- Petsi Pies (Multiple Locations)
- Mike's Pastry (North End, Harvard)

### **For A Drink or Two**

- Aeronaut Brewing Company (Somerville)
- Somerville Brewing Company (Somerville)
- Drink (Fort Point)
- Delux Cafe (South End)
- The Beehive (South End)
- The Publick House (Brookline)
- Ned Devine's Boston (Boston)
- The Burren (Somerville)
- Down Boston (Boston)
- Baseball Tavern (Boston)



### **Where Syracuse Grads Typically Gather**

- The Pour House (Back Bay)

### **Fitness + Outdoor Activities**

#### **Gyms**

- Equinox - \$235 / month, special offer: 3 Day Free Guest Pass
- Boston Sports Club - \$79/month
- YMCA - \$91/month
- Planet Fitness
- Lifetime Fitness

### **Alternative Options**

- Class Pass - \$65/month for 5 classes to a range of studios
- November Project - free outdoor group exercise

### **Yoga, Barre and Cycling Studios**

- Karma Yoga Studio (Multiple Locations)
- Barre and Soul (Harvard, Brookline and Melrose)
- Bar Method (Downtown and Back Bay)
- Recycle Studio (South End and Back Bay)

### **Beaches**

- Revere Beach (Revere)
- Nahant Beach (Nahant)
- Good Harbor Beach (Gloucester)
- Crane Beach (Ipswich)
- Spectacle Island (Boston Harbor Island)

### **Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding**

- Blue Hills (closest option)
- Bradford
- Wachusett Mountain
- Mount Sunapee
- Stratton, Mt. Snow, Okemo in Vermont
- Sunday River in Maine

### **Cross Country Skiing**

- Weston Ski Track
- Great Brook Ski Touring Center

### **Hikes**

- Esplanade (Boston)
- Boston Harborwalk (Boston)
- Breakheart Reservation (Saugus)
- World's End Reservation (Hingham)
- Blue Hills Reservation (Milton)



- Noanet Peak (Dover)
- Middlesex Fells Reservation (Stoneham)

## **Things to Do in Boston**

### **Uniquely Boston**

- Fenway
- Faneuil Hall
- Top of the Hub
- Boston Commons
- TD Garden

### **Big Events**

#### Boston Marathon

The world's oldest annual marathon

Third Monday in April

#### New England Country Music Fest

Country music festival held at Gillette Stadium

Line Up: Kenny Chesney, Thomas Rhett, Old Dominion and More

August 25-26, 2017

#### Boston Calling

Annual music festival, held at Harvard Athletic Complex

#### Head of the Charles Regatta

The largest 2-day regatta in the world, with 11,000 athletes rowing in over 1,900 boats in 61 events.

Last weekend in October

### **Markets**

#### SoWa Open Market

Arts market, farmers market, food truck bazaar, and beer garden.

Weekends, April-October



Boston Public Market

Year-round indoor market with scores of vendors selling local produce, fish, gourmet treats & more.

Haymarket

Historic outdoor greenmarket specializing in fruits & vegetables, open Fridays & Saturdays.

### **Cultural Institutions**

The Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)

Free admission on Thursday nights from 5-9 p.m.

deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

Free the first Wednesday of every month for visitors

Harvard Museum of Natural History

Free admission every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. from September to May each year with Massachusetts ID

The Museum of Fine Arts (MFA)

Free on Wednesdays after 4 p.m.

Harvard Art Museum

Free for Massachusetts residents from 10 a.m. to Noon on Saturdays (Free daily for Cambridge residents!)

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Free on your birthday. If your name is Isabella, it's free all the time! Also, \$2 off if you wear Red Sox year round!

Boston Public Library

Not a museum, but filled with magnificent paintings, sculpture, and architectural details.

Museum of Science

\$25 for adults

## Free Events

Shakespeare in the Common

Free, Shakespeare shows in the Commons. For 2017 the play is Romeo and Juliet!

July-August 2017

Freedom Trail

Touring Boston's 2.5 mile (4 km) Freedom Trail, marked by a red line for important historic spots

Boston Fireworks and Pops Concert

July 4

Hatch Shell Events

Exercise classes, concerts and movies on Boston's Esplanade

During the summer

## Helpful Apps

### Entertainment & Activity Apps

- Yelp - If you're looking to try new food and even venture into a new neighborhood, Yelp will give you reliable suggestions.
- Groupon - An app that is filled with discounts.
- Hopper - Looking to get out of town? Hopper does an analysis of various airlines and provides you with best deals. You can even track them so if you prices drop, you will be the first to know!



### Food

- GrubHub - Feeling lazy, but hungry? GrubHub has your back with literally hundreds of restaurants that deliver to your doorstep.
- Eat 24 - Same as GrubHub, but Yelp's version.
- ChefNightly - Boston startup that has developed an app that lets you order on-demand curated meals from a variety of local chefs. It also learns what kind of food you're into.
- Caviar - order on-demand meals from "top-rated" restaurants.
- Fodler - Boston-based startup that lets you order on-demand meals for delivery or takeout from nearby restaurants.
- DoorDash - order on-demand meals from restaurants.

## **Transit/Navigation**

- Transit - An app made for exactly that—Transit! It gets you where you need to go.
- Uber/Lyft/Fasten - Ride share apps when public transits seems just a little too much or a little too far.

## **General Tips & Tricks**

- Keep your student ID with you. You never know when you can pull it out for a sweet discount—particularly at museums and other cultural institutions
- Always check for a “first time user” discount code. This particularly applies to things like new apps that you download (ride sharing, food ordering, etc).
- Get the monthly unlimited Charlie Card. It gives you unlimited rides on the T and buses that run throughout the city. That allows for unlimited adventures!
- If you’re looking for slightly used and inexpensive furniture, use Craigslist. You’ll find some gems on there that won’t cost you an arm and a leg. Or, keep an eye out in your neighborhood because people are always moving and often times leave some great items on the sidewalk. There are also the “free” page—definitely some gems on there as well.
- If you ever find yourself bored, there’s always something to do in Boston. Google events happening on that particular day, because there will almost always be a farmers market, flea market, comedy show, street festival, movie screening, or concert going on.
- Meetup is also helpful finding new friends who share the same interests as you.

