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## The Weekender: Cambridge, MA

Across the river from Boston, explore a hidden designer store and many culinary delights

PSA: the fastest way out of New York City on Memorial Day Weekend is in a Jaguar. On the recent long weekend, we piled our luggage into an F-Pace and drove north to New England, passing miles of lush trees. Once we got into Cambridge, MA, it felt like we had arrived in a pop-up book where each page was a cutout of the West Village. Endless brownstones lined the cobblestone streets in this historic city across the Charles River from Boston, where we also explored.

This particular weekend was [Boston Calling](#) Music Festival at Harvard Athletic Complex. The three-day event included headliners Mumford & Sons and Chance the Rapper, with platinum passes for the weekend starting at \$900. On our itinerary, however, were dreamy meals at two new restaurants in Cambridge, [Waypoint](#) and [Les Sablons](#). Our meal at Waypoint was like a “choose your own adventure” book with dishes including smoked peel-and-eat shrimp with homemade saltines, buttermilk and made-in-house hot sauce; crab-dusted fries with crab mayo (we wanted to bottle this and take it with us!); and pork and crab soup dumplings with fermented apple, vinegar and more.

Below, our guide to a weekend in this charming city that’s rich with history and an under-the-radar culinary scene that rivals New York and Chicago.

**Friday afternoon:** If you're looking for a traditional New England stay, head to The Charles Hotel. A Cambridge fixture since 1985, the hotel recently renovated its 295 rooms just last year. The hotel has welcomed guests Or, if modern is more of your thing, and you don't mind a quick drive, check into The Envoy Hotel in Boston's Seaport District. Opened in 2015, The Envoy is the "it" hotel in Boston. Through the end of summer, try complimentary rooftop yoga every last Sunday of the month or visit Lookout Rooftop and Bar for a rosé-only menu.



*The Envoy Hotel*

The newly renovated Freepoint Hotel is also an option.

**Sunday evening:** This year marked the 20th anniversary of Boston mainstay Mistral. The best thing we've ever eaten (in life) is the beef tenderloin, mashed potato, and white truffle oil pizza (which makes amazing left overs too). Also, try the sushi-grade tuna tartare with crispy wontons, ginger and soy; and Maine crab ravioli with rock crab, thyme, and tomato broth.