

Boston

The Top 20 Rooftop Bars and Restaurants in Boston

Head to a romantic hideaway in the North End, a swanky hotspot in Southie, or a popular pool bar in Back Bay.



Sometimes you're fine with simply finding the **closest possible restaurant patio** for a pleasant al fresco meal. At other times, though, there's something about ascending to a rooftop bar for a slightly more, well, *elevated* experience. When that mood strikes, here's where to head, from a romantic rooftop hideaway in the North End to a swanky new hotspot in Southie (plus a preview of a few cloud-scraping coming attractions).

Contessa

Another upcoming addition to Boston's rooftop-dining options, Contessa is a Northern Italian-inspired restaurant slated to open in June at the Newbury Boston, the Public Garden-side luxury hotel that recently replaced the Taj. As the first foray into Massachusetts from Major Food Group—a well, major food group with two-dozen swanky restaurants in major cities around the world—Contessa has enclosed the rooftop space with retractable glass panels and roofing, so it can serve as a four-season dining destination too.

1 Newbury St., Boston, 888-974-3948, thenewburyboston.com.