

We know it can take a while to get to know a new city, and we also know that as a student it seems impossible to properly explore the city with limited funds. However, we're more than happy to share what we know about the area as well as some other money saving tips we've picked up or heard of along the way!

Clothing

Outlet Shops

If you're willing to look around you can find some great deals at the outlets!

- Assembly Square Row outlets just a few miles outside of Harvard Square in Somerville. Take the Orange line here for lots of options for clothes, food and more. www.assemblyrow.com/
- The Kittery Outlets are a little over an hour north of Cambridge and have plenty of stores to satisfy both your casual and dressy clothing needs. www.thekitteryoutlets.com/
- Wrentham Village has 170 stores to choose from. This outlet center is just about an hour south of Cambridge. www.premiumoutlets.com/wrentham
- If you just need a quick fix of shopping, the Gap Outlet at the Arsenal Mall is just a few miles away. 485 Arsenal Street, Watertown

Local Retailers with Reasonable Prices

Frugal Fannie's: 24 Wilson Way, Westwood
Garment District: 200 Broadway, Cambridge
K & G: Twin City Plaza, Somerville
Keezer's: 140 River Street, Cambridge
Kohl's: 3850 Mystic Valley Pkwy, Medford
Marshall's: Boylston Street, Copley Square
Marshall's: 455 Arsenal Street Watertown
Men's Wearhouse: Cambridgeside Galleria
TJ Maxx: 198 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge

Coupon Offers

Retail

The website www.dealhunting.com has valuable coupons and discounts for various retailers.

Grocery Items

Sign up for coupons at www.couponbug.com.

Housing

Craig's List

This website has everything from apartments for rent, people looking for roommates, house sitting opportunities, and sublets without expensive fees! After you've found your new place to live check back on this website to find all the furniture and household items you'll need.

www.Craigslist.com

Summer Housing

Planning on staying in Boston for the summer? Consider being a proctor for the Harvard Summer School. You'll receive housing in a dormitory in exchange for working as a mentor to students attending the Summer School.

Not interested in living in a dorm, or staying in Boston? Check out the housing postings at different universities in the area where you're planning on spending the summer.

Furniture / Household Goods

IKEA

1 IKEA Way, Stoughton

You'll find that the innovative and inexpensive furniture at this store are worth the 45 minute ride!

Salvation Army

483 Broadway, Somerville

This is a great place to find gently used furniture and household goods.

China Fair

Massachusetts Avenue, Porter Square

This eclectic store is a good place to buy kitchen supplies and dishes, as well as some other household items, for reasonable prices.

HomeGoods

60 Everett St., Allston

Just 2.5 miles from Harvard Square

Online

www.overstock.com - low shipping costs

www.craigslist.com

Money Saving Tips



Hints for living frugally in Cambridge, the greater Boston area, and beyond

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Groceries

Market Basket

400 Somerville Ave, Somerville

This is the cheapest grocery store in the area. It lacks the frills and does not have a gourmet section, but it has all of the staples and a large produce selection. Be prepared for crowds on weekends!

Trader Joe's

748 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

At TJ's you'll find a great selection of organic and unique/gourmet items at very reasonable prices. They have a very small produce section which is nearly half the size of their wine section! This is the place to go for cheap, but good, wine.

Dining Out

Grendel's Den

89 Winthrop Street, Cambridge

Located in the center of Harvard Square, Grendel's offers half-price appetizers during happy hour.

Pizzeria Uno

22 JFK St., Harvard Square

Steps from the Harvard Square T, Uno's offers 25% off on Saturday's with Student ID and Sunday - Friday nightly discounted special beginning at 9pm.

Atwood's Tavern

877 Cambridge St., Cambridge

Between Inman and Lechmere, Atwood's offers live music (roots, folk, blues), no cover except Friday's, an extensive beer selection and Wednesday night pub trivia, with prizes!

Restaurant Week

Fine dining on a budget! Twice a year (once in the spring, once in the summer) the area's best restaurants offer their menus at significantly reduced prices. www.restaurantweekboston.com

Travel

us.lastminute.com

If you're looking for last minute travel deals this site is perfect! The price even includes a car rental or hotel accommodations.

Priceline.com

Great prices, for those with flexible travel dates!

Entertainment/Culture

Somerville Theater

55 Davis Square, Somerville

A convenient place to see a movie for less . . . that way you can indulge in some popcorn!

Capitol Theater

204 Massachusetts Ave, Arlington

Another place to catch both blockbusters and unique movies.

Public Library

Did you know there is a movie section at the library and rentals are FREE!?

www.ci.cambridge.ma.us/CPL/

Longy School of Music

Enjoy live music? Check out Longy School of music for frequent free concerts. www.longy.edu

Plough and Stars

912 Mass. Ave, Cambridge

Great local music. Rarely a cover!

Harvard Museums

All of the Harvard museums are free with a Harvard ID.

Museum of Fine Arts

465 Huntington Ave, Boston

The MFA offers free admission with a Harvard ID, and is free to everyone after 4pm on Wednesdays.

Institute of Contemporary Art

100 Northern Ave, Boston

The ICA offers \$10 discounted admission with a student ID, and is free between 5pm and 9pm on Thursdays.

Boston Children's Museum

300 Congress St, Boston

This fun museum for young (and old) members of the HLS community offers \$1 admission on Fridays between 5pm and 9pm.

Local Activities

General Activities

The Boston Globe's Sidekick will keep you well informed about low cost fun!

www.boston.com/thingstodo/

Family Activities

Visit BostonCentral.com and sign up for their "Free Boston Activities Newsletter."

Transportation / Commuting

Zip Car

As a Harvard student you can join for just \$25 a year with no application fee. There are cars conveniently located around Harvard Square. The hourly rate includes gas as well as insurance! www.zipcar.com

Harvard Shuttles and other resources

Including an option to buy a bike helmet for \$10 <http://www.transportation.harvard.edu/>

Quad Bikes

Located in Eliot Hall (part of Cabot House), this student run bicycle shop is the cheapest (and friendliest) place around to buy bikes, bike accessories, and get tune-ups. They also offer inexpensive maintenance classes. Check them out at: www.quadbikes.org

Hubway: <http://www.transportation.harvard.edu/bike>

Travel across Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and Brookline on publically shared bikes. Bikes can be returned to any of the 140+ stations across the network including the 12 supported by Harvard.

Carpooling

Consider a carpool! Find out who may live near your home town and then "road trip!"

Banking

Harvard University Employee's Credit Union

Conveniently located in Harvard Square, HUECU offers lifetime membership and free checking and ATM use to Harvard University students.

Capitol One 360

An online bank that also has a credit card with no foreign transition fees and a higher rate of return on your money than a regular walk-in bank.

EmigrantDirect.com

Another online bank.

Bank of America

With branches all over the city, BoA caters to the Harvard population by waiving their checking fees for students.

Credit Cards

Do your homework about credit cards; there is no need to be paying annual fees!

- www.Bankrate.com
- www.Cardratings.com