

# WELCOME TO BOSTON

Get ready to amp-up your stay in New England's most revolutionary city. Whether you're visiting for work or play, we've got you covered with the coolest, locals-only tips to maximize your stay.



**Lana Del Rey**  
Saturday, 1/13 @8:00PM  
TD Garden, Boston

Lana Del Rey is truly a triple threat. She not only writes, sings and produces her chart topping songs, but she also models and even starred in her own short film, Tropicco.

Lana aka Lizzy Grant gained attention for her 2011 single "Video Games". The video went viral online and brought her album, Born To Die, up to number two on the US Charts.

Grant grew up right outside of New York City and headed into Manhattan at age 19 to pursue her singing career and volunteer at homeless youth and drug and alcohol reach programs.

She started singing and playing guitar in small underground clubs in The Bronx and Brooklyn. It wasn't until her current managers, Ben Mawson and Ed Millett, convinced her to adopt her stage name and got her featured on MTV Unplugged, that Lana Del Rey was born.

**INSIDER TIP** During Kanye's proposal to Kim Kardashian, he played Lana Del Rey's "Young and Beautiful". So, during their pre-wedding party, Kanye asked Lana to perform some of her top hits for their celebration.



**Formaggio Kitchen**  
268 Shawmut Ave  
Boston, MA 02118

If you are a self-acclaimed foodie and have somehow not found yourself perusing the isles of Formaggio Kitchen, I'm calling your bluff.

Formaggio Kitchen is a cheese-lover's mecca. It has hundreds of artisanal cheeses and meats, local and foreign. The moment you walk in, you are greeted by an ever eager professional cheese-monger that can nudge you in the direction of any specific flavors or textures that you desire.

If you are looking for a gift, they also can put together a one-of-a-kind basket stuffed with meats, fresh fruit, spreads, oils, crackers, wines and more.

**INSIDER TIP** Formaggio Kitchen also offers different classes to teach the masses about specific types of cheese and wine pairings. This coming Sunday, 1/7, there is a class at 5:30 dedicated to underground cheeses that are aged in caves. Not only will you gain some great dinner talking points, but there will also be free samples. Clear your schedule.



**Takashi Murakami**  
Museum of Fine Arts  
Boston, MA 02115

Murakami is definitely one of the most imaginative contemporary artists of the modern era. His creative works are juxtaposed next to historical Japanese art currently at the Museum of Fine Arts until April.

**INSIDER TIP** Murakami is the creator of the artist movement known as "Superflat". Superflat theory is a legacy of 2-dimensional imagery from Japanese art including manga and anime.

**TALK LIKE A LOCAL**  
Know slang from the streets.

**Nor'easter**

A strong winter storm with winds emanating from the Northeast.

"I'm staying in tomorrow, there is a huge nor'easter coming through!"