



With 17 craft brewies, cideries, wineries, and distilleries, MetroWest Boston is a great place for a libations tour. We recommend the following as one amazing itinerary:

Hops, Grapes & Barrels Tour

DAY 1: Start your tour at **Exhibit 'A' Brewing Company** in Framingham for a flight of their amazing beers—try a **crisp German Kolsch**, a **roasty American porter**, a **hazy juicy IPA**, or one of their **taproom-exclusive Brewer's Special Kegs**, and experience all the uniqueness of this local craft brewery.



Afterwards, make your way to Jack's Abby Craft Lagers, also in Framingham, via a tour of the city's **"Many Cultures, One Heart" public art project**. The 32 heart sculptures represent the diversity of Framingham, and include work by artists of many races, religions, ethnicities, and nationalities. Each heart includes a plaque with a QR code that links to an artist's video, and is a fascinating look at the many faces of the region.

At **Jack's Abby**, get a **behind-the-scenes tour** to see how their beer is made, followed by lunch in their newly renovated beer hall and a tasting of their famous lagers. With two dozen choices on tap, including beer hall exclusives, you can try everything from their **Smoke & Dagger black lager** to the **Blood Orange Wheat radler**. And be sure to taste one of Jack's unusual offerings, like the **Nitro Cold Brew Brig mocha stout**. Pair your flight with a wood-fired pizza, some American bar fare, or even a schnitzel sandwich.



In the afternoon, take the short drive to Hopkinton to check out the **Hopkinton Center for the Arts**. One of the region's largest performing and visual arts centers, HCA includes a rotating gallery of regional work, art workshops and special events, engaging lectures, and live performances, such as their famous **"A Play, A Pint & A Pie"** summer stock production of one act plays. With your ticket price comes a pint of local craft beer and a savory hand pie.



In the evening, head up the street to [Start Line Brewing Company](#) to discover the many craft brews they have on tap, including a plethora of [IPA's, ales, and stouts](#), which you can enjoy with a tasty dinner and live music.

Spend the night at [Aloft Framingham](#), a brand-new lifestyle hotel with smart, sophisticated rooms and an eclectic, cutting-edge style.



DAY 2: Start the day at [Lookout Farm](#), where you can pick peaches, apples, and nectarines in season, followed by a flight of their [farm-brewed beers or hard cider](#) and a lunch of their famous open-pit BBQ fare. When sated, head to Franklin with a stop at [Putts & More](#), a great place for a friendly (or highly competitive!) game of mini golf.

In Franklin, drop in to [La Cantina Winery's tasting room](#) to experience their uniquely regional wines made in the Italian winemaking tradition, such as their [Cranberry & Honey wine](#) made from local honey and Cape Cod cranberries. The tasting room offers samples of over two dozen wines, which you can also buy by the bottle. Afterwards, trek over to [Dacey Field](#) to try your hand at a round of [disc golf](#) on their highly-rated 18-hole course.



In the evening, explore [GlenPharmer](#), a restaurant and whiskey distillery housed in the historic granite and heavy timber mill buildings of the Brookdale Mill. This premier [destination distillery and tasting room](#) offers behind-the-scenes tours, as well as creative, chef-inspired cuisine that embraces the intersection of fine food and craft spirits, making for an excellent conclusion to your MetroWest Boston libations tour.

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