



MetroWest Boston offers a wealth of arts and culture. We recommend the following as one amazing itinerary for groups:

Arts & Culture Tour

DAY 1: Start your day with a visit to the **Danforth Art Museum**, a jewel box housed in the historic Jonathan Maynard Building. Browse the 3,500+ pieces in their permanent collection reflecting works of **artists from the 18th century through to today**, including the largest collection of work and ephemera by the 20th century sculptor Meta Vaux Warrick Fuller. The Museum also offers special exhibitions, art classes and workshops, and special programs and events.



Once you have fully immersed yourself in the Danforth's glorious artwork, head to the **Framingham Station Brazilian restaurant** for a unique dining experience. This Rodizio-style grill includes Gaucho Chefs who carve twelve types of meat tableside, including steak, pork, lamb, chicken and more, accompanied by side dishes and salads, all served in a historic train station.

After lunch, download the map of the 32 heart statues in the Framingham Centre Common Cultural District's **"Many Cultures, One Heart" public art project**, and go on a scavenger hunt to find as many as you can. The hearts 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 telling their personal stories. One heart represents Brazilian immigrants in Framingham, the largest population of Brazilians outside of Brazil, as well as one telling the Indigenous story of Massachusetts, another includes the word "Welcome" in all 67 languages spoken in Framingham, and more.



After you've explored the hearts, check in to **The VERVE Hotel Boston Natick, Tapestry Collection by Hilton**, a truly unique property that includes displays of **American pop culture from the 1960's to the '90's** throughout the hotel. On check in, request a tour from the front desk, and they will happily point out to you all the little idiosyncrasies of this fun and funky hotel. Have dinner in their chic restaurant **Violet Thorn**, serving amazing fine dining, small plates, and craft cocktails, then be swept away by a **Clafin Hill Symphony Orchestra** concert.



DAY 2: Indulge in an excellent breakfast at the hotel, then make the short drive to the **Natick Center Cultural District** to wander the **lovely boutiques**, offering everything from artisanal foods to unique décor, and regional art to designer clothing. Be sure to stop in to **Helen's Handbags, Five Crows, and The Hive**, all of whom showcase local handcrafted items, and keep an eye out for the plethora of public art. The District also offers a huge variety of special events, including **fairs and festivals, open studio nights, live concerts, and more.**

After lunch in one of the charming cafés, diners or bakeries in Natick, head to **Hopkinton Center for the Arts**. One of the region's largest performing and visual arts centers, HCA includes a rotating **gallery of regional work, a wealth of art classes, workshops and special events, engaging lectures and educational programs, and indoor and outdoor performances**, such as their famous "A Play, A Pint & A Pie" summer stock production of one act plays submitted by playwrights from all over the world. With your ticket price comes a pint of local craft beer and a savory hand pie. HCA is always happy to create a custom class or book a private performance for your group.



DAY 3: After another night at the Verve, indulge in breakfast at one of the region's many farm-to-table restaurants to enjoy the local bounty, then book a unique flameworking class at **Elsie Kaye Glassworks**, where you can make your own jewelry, glass beads, and more. Then head to Boston for an afternoon of great Masters at the **Museum of Fine Arts**. One of the largest art museums in the world, the MFA is home to over 450,000 works of art. From ancient Egyptian artifacts to European Old Masters, French Impressionism to imperial Chinese ceramics, musical instruments to Native American art, you can spend hours exploring.

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