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BOSTON, January 14, 2011 – Considered America's most Irish city, Boston offers visitors a packed schedule of entertainment, food and drink during the 4-day St. Patrick's Weekend and offers an experience unrivalled anywhere outside of Ireland.

During St. Patrick's Weekend and throughout the month of March, Boston becomes the stage for live music, comedy and sports. The weekend offers live music performances ranging from Irish and South African folk music to classical and jazz performances. Boston boasts of 100+ Irish pubs within walking distance of hotels and easily accessible by public transit, so there is no need for a car the entire weekend.

Visitors can walk the Irish Heritage Trail, a 2.5 mile trail of 20 landmarks that mark the Irish experience in Boston (<http://www.irishheritagetrail.com/>). Free maps for self-guided tours are available at the Visitor Information Centers on Boston Common and at The Shops at Prudential Center, Center Court.

The weekend also includes the second week of the Restaurant Week Boston, March 13-18, with dining deals all over town, and marks the start of spring with the March 16-20, 2011 Boston Flower & Garden Show at Seaport World Trade Center.

The Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau (GBCVB) suggests celebrating St. Patrick's Weekend in Boston and sampling some of the great events for visitors:

- The St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 20, 2011, attracts 100,000 visitors to South Boston's main boulevard and features more than fifty (50) marching bands and organizations, politicians, and plenty of local color

- The annual Dropkick Murphys performances; there are four this year, March 16, 17 & 18 at Boston's House of Blues on Lansdowne Street near Fenway Park

- Visitors can wear their green when the Boston Celtics play the Indiana Pacers at home at the TD Garden on Wednesday, March 16 to kick off the weekend.
- "Celtic Woman" in concert has been added this year on March 13th at the Citi Performing Arts Center
- On March 19th, the John F. Kennedy Library & Museum presents: New England Irish Harp Orchestra and Réagánta
- On Saturday night, March 19th visitors can see comedienne Paula Poundstone at the Wilbur Theatre or The Del McCoury Band with Preservation Hall Jazz Band at Symphony Hall
- On Sunday, March 20th, Ladysmith Black Mambazo (one of the main inspirations of Paul Simon when he recorded the groundbreaking album Graceland) appears in concert at the Sanders Theatre in Cambridge

St. Patrick's Weekend events and activities can be found on www.BostonUSA.com - [Calendar of Events](#)

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Boston Visitor information – events, tips on visiting and Great Deals! are on the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau www.BostonUSA.com

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