Guest Events

How to Register for Events
Guests may register for special events up until 24 hours prior to the activity, based on availability. Stop by the ACI Registration Desk to secure your spot. Registration is in the C-Ballroom at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Registration will be open during the following hours:

Saturday  2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday – Tuesday  7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday  8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Local information and maps will be available at ACI Registration.

Sunday – Wednesday
*Guest Hospitality – W-Burroughs
7:00 am – 10:00 am
Coffee, tea, and pastries will be available for guests each morning (Sunday – Wednesday). You must be a registered guest to attend.

Sunday – Wednesday
*Guest Lounge – W-Burroughs
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Stop by the Guest Lounge to relax and meet other ACI guests. Guests can enjoy the Guest Lounge Sunday-Wednesday.

Play Bridge & Other Card Games
Join ACI guests for a game of Bridge. Never played before? Learn Bridge from experienced players or start another card game of your own. All guests are welcome to play. If interested, meet in the Guest Lounge following the Guest Hospitality each morning. This activity is based on guest participation only.

Sunday, October 29, 2023
*Guest Overview – W-Burroughs
8:00 am – 9:00 am
Acquaint yourself with the week ahead in Boston, MA. Learn about the exciting things to do in and around the city.

Opening Reception – C-Ballroom
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Immediately following the Opening Session, attendees are invited to the exhibit hall for this evening reception. Reunite with colleagues, network with new acquaintances, and learn about the products and services offered by the exhibitors. A cash bar and light refreshments will be available.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023
Concrete Mixer – C-210
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
It's October 31st and you’re invited to a Spooky Soiree! Convention attendees and guests will enjoy an evening of networking, entertainment, and great food during the Concrete Mixer (with a ghoulish twist). Held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, a heavy assortment of food and beverages will be provided. Dress code is business casual, but feel free to elevate your style with a supernatural (but keep it professional) costume twist!

Rental Cars
Hertz is the official car rental agency for the Convention. Receive discounts on upgrades, weekly rentals, and weekend rentals. To make advance reservations, call +1.800.654.3131 or visit www.hertz.com. Provide Group Code CDP# 0077289 when making your reservation. For a list of all rental car agencies available at Boston Logan International Airport (BOS), visit https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/at-the-airport/car-rental-center/.

Ride-share
Ride-sharing apps/Uber and Lyft now offer pickup and drop-off transportation services for customers at BOS. For ride-share app information, visit https://www.massport.com/logan-airport/to-from-logan/transportation-options/ride-app/.

ATTRACTIONS
Boston is a city where the new and the old are in constant conversation, historic landmarks share streets with award-winning restaurants, storied sports stadiums stand next to star-studded concert venues, world-renowned performance theaters brush shoulders with trendy nightclubs, and immersive urban green spaces intersect vibrant neighborhoods.

Freedom Trail
For the ultimate walk through history, follow the red strip of the 2.5-mile Freedom Trail to see 16 sites important to American freedom and civil liberties.

In addition to the famous Colonial and Revolutionary War sites along the Trail, you'll see other attractions closely related to America's fight for liberty such as the USS Constitution, known as “Old Ironsides”—famous for its role in the War of 1812. Along the way, you'll pass through several famous historic Boston neighborhoods: Beacon Hill, the North End, and Charlestown. Be sure to allow time for a meal in one of the many wonderful nearby restaurants. If you love shopping, you’ll want to linger in Faneuil Hall Marketplace after you explore Faneuil Hall on the Freedom Trail.

WELCOME TO BOSTON!
ACI is excited to bring the ACI Concrete Convention to Boston, MA, USA this fall. It's the perfect destination for history buffs, sports fanatics, beer drinkers, marathon runners, and academics. But it's also the city for music lovers, foodies, outdoor enthusiasts, cultural travelers, and, truthfully, anyone!

* Separate fee required  * = Guest-only event

All listings and venues are subject to change.
Beacon Hill
Filled with elegant Federal-period mansions, gas lights, and cobblestone lanes, Beacon Hill is where Boston’s first European settler built himself a cabin in 1625. This is the city’s most historic neighborhood, home to Bostonians active in the abolition of slavery, religious freedom, and equal rights. You’ll find Freedom Trail and Black Heritage Trail sites here, along with plenty of other places to explore. Some of the city’s top boutiques and restaurants are located here as well.

Boston’s Theater District
Boston’s exciting downtown Theater District is lined with beautifully restored historic theaters boasting state-of-the-art performance spaces and comfortable seating. You can choose from Broadway shows, Boston Ballet performances, avant-garde productions, comedy, kids shows, and a lot more. Long-time favorites Blue Man Group and Shear Madness offer performances almost every night of the year, with plenty of matinées as well.

Tea Party Ships & Museum
With costumed actors and high-tech and interactive displays, the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum gives you an all-encompassing, totally immersive experience that brings to life the time and events leading up to the American Revolution. The guided 1-hour tour of the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum takes you back to the momentous December night in 1773 when the Sons of Liberty touched off the American Revolution with their tea party in Boston Harbor. From mid-spring through mid-fall, spend a tranquil 15 minutes on a Swan Boat ride around the Lagoon, where you’ll see plenty of Mr. and Mrs. Mallard’s descendants, Duck Island, and perhaps a pair of real swans. The Public Garden is located across the street from Boston Common, and together, these two beloved parks form the green heart of the city.

Boston’s Top Waterfront Attractions
Surrounded by water on three sides, Boston offers a huge variety of waterfront parks, river and harbor cruises, and hotels and restaurants with spectacular waterfront views.

- Whale Watching Cruises - Boston’s top waterfront attraction takes place offshore at Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, a rich feeding ground for many species of large whales, dolphins, sea birds, and other marine creatures. Get your tickets for a whale watching cruise leaving from Boston’s convenient downtown Long Wharf, or learn more about the cruises.
- Charles River and the Esplanade - The Esplanade is one of Boston’s best hidden secrets—a long linear park between Storrow Drive and the Charles River. Lots of Boston visitors don’t even know it exists because you have to access it by special footbridges. Home to the famous July 4th Concert and Fireworks at the Hatch Shell, the Esplanade is a favorite of runners and walkers. Sit on one of the floating docks to get great views of the river. For a more exciting river experience, take a Charles River cruise or a Boston Duck Tour and cruise.
- Downtown Waterfront and Harbor Cruises - Historically and today, Boston is a maritime city—and there’s no better way to experience it than by going on a Harbor Cruise.
- South Boston Waterfront Entertainment - This is Boston’s liveliest neighborhood, with numerous restaurants and bars overlooking the Harbor, and also where you’ll find the popular Children’s Museum, contemporary art and performances at Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Boston, and the Leader Bank Pavilion, site of almost-nightly summer concerts.
- Boston Harbor Islands - Located just a few miles from the city and easily reached by ferry, the Harbor Islands played a special role in Boston’s history. You’ll still find a historic fort, spectacular views, and wonderful spots for swimming, hiking, and birdwatching.
- Castle Island - Connected to land by only a tiny strip of sand, Castle Island boasts its own fort, beaches, and plenty of grassy slopes perfect for a picnic and enjoying the views.

SHOPPING

Newbury Street Shopping, Dining, and Architecture
The famed Newbury Street shopping district in Boston’s swanky Back Bay neighborhood is where you’ll find internationally known designers such as Chanel, and Ralph Lauren, national retailers such as Rag & Bone, and locally owned shops such as Betsy Jenney, L’elele, and SooDee. Newbury Street is located in Boston’s elegant Back Bay neighborhood. All the shops can be found along eight blocks sandwiched between the Public Garden and Massachusetts Avenue.

If Newbury Street doesn’t offer what you’re looking for, visit nearby Boylston Street, Prudential Center, and Copley Place to sample a full array of international boutiques including Gucci and Saint Laurent, national brands such as Neiman Marcus, unique local shops, mid-range and big-box retailers, department stores, and discounters—basically everything you want can be found here.

DINING LANDMARKS

Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse - Seaport
Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse is an upscale restaurant which began in Boston and features regional Northern Italian cuisine with a focus on the grill. Chef/Owner Steve DiFilippo takes pride in hospitality and has been a mainstay in Boston and beyond for more than 30 years. Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse features an extensive wine list and menu items that range from Prime Brandt beef steaks to handmade pasta creations using the finest ingredients. Davio’s currently has 11 locations around the country, including Boston’s Back Bay, Logan Airport, Atlanta; and The Colony, TX.

Lord Hobo Seaport Restaurant and Taproom
Located in the heart of the city, the restaurant and taproom have both indoor and outdoor space. The draft lines consists of 16 rotating Lord Hobo beers. The food menu has a refined twist on true New England fare spanning from a mouth-watering, fresh-shucked Maine lobster roll to a classic chicken sandwich breaded with Freebird Golden Ale.

Rosa Mexicano
Serving authentic, regionally inspired Mexican cuisine since 1984. Don’t miss our famous guacamole or collection of over 150 fine tequilas. Open for brunch, lunch, dinner, and private dining.

Union Oyster House
Originally opened as the Atwood and Bacon Oyster House in 1826, the Union Oyster House in Boston is America’s Oldest Restaurant. The Union Oyster House near Fenway Park has endured the Gilded Age, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, and two World Wars. The building itself dates to 1716-1717, predating both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, yet it wasn’t placed on the Historic Register until 2003.