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## Daily Architecture Cruises to celebrate Boston's architecture for the 2016 season.

Co-sponsored by the BSA Foundation and Boston By Foot, and hosted by the Charles Riverboat Company, the 2016 season of Architecture Cruises opens on Saturday, May 28. Showcasing spectacular views of historic and contemporary architecture along Boston Harbor, the Charles River Locks, and the Charles River Basin, these 90-minute tours are a unique way to explore Boston's storied architecture heritage and evolving skyline.

Because of popular demand, weekday tours are now available from June 1 through August 30 at 2:30 pm.

These are some of the fun and little-known facts shared on the cruises:

*"Beacon Hill was originally called Trimountain and comprised three rocky peaks that were 60 feet higher than the present hill. They were scraped down in the early 19th century and used as fill for Boston's earliest land-making efforts at the harbor."*

*"The original State House dome was constructed of wood, which leaked and was clad in copper by Paul Revere in 1802. It was first gilded in 1874 and since then has been painted with gold leaf every 25-30 years."*

The boat has a cash bar where guests can purchase beer, wine, soda, and premium mixed drinks. Light snacks including chips and pretzels are also available.

Tours depart from the CambridgeSide Galleria (100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge)  
Season period: Saturday, May 28, through Sunday, October 9, 2016.

Hours:

From May 28 through October 9, every Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 am and 2:30 pm.

NEW: From June 1 through August 30, weekdays at 2:30 pm.

The cost is \$27.50 for adults and \$22.50 for children under 12, seniors, students, and Boston Society of Architects/AIA and Boston By Foot members. Private Architecture Cruises, ideal for corporate parties, can also be arranged. Call 617-621-3001 for pricing and availability.

Tickets are available online at [charlesriverboat.com/tickets](http://charlesriverboat.com/tickets) two weeks before a scheduled cruise date. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

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## About the BSA Foundation

The goal of the BSA Foundation (Foundation) is to enhance public understanding of the built environment and the processes that shape it. With understanding, the Foundation believes communities will be better equipped to enrich and preserve our physical and natural surroundings. The Foundation's vision is to build a better Boston by engaging communities, inspiring vision, and provoking positive change. The Boston Society of Architects/AIA established the Foundation in 1971 with a goal of engendering in current and future generations informed commitment to sensitive, well-designed, humanistic environments. A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Foundation is an independent corporation governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees that includes six architects as well as nine non-architect members. For more information, visit [architects.org/foundation](http://architects.org/foundation).

## Charles Riverboat Company

The Charles Riverboat Company specializes in sightseeing cruises and private charters on the Charles River and Boston Harbor. It is open daily, from May 22 through October 11, with tours departing from the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall. Visit [charlesriverboat.com](http://charlesriverboat.com) for more information.

## Boston By Foot

Founded in America's Bicentennial year of 1976, Boston By Foot is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting public awareness of Boston's rich history and architectural heritage through guided tours. Boston By Foot offers a wide range of daily and weekly tours throughout Boston's neighborhoods and on many special topics. Visit [bostonbyfoot.org](http://bostonbyfoot.org) for more information.