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Boston

Guac This Way

Satisfy all your Mexican cravings at these 10 Boston hot spots. *by* EMILY PELLINI



Sabina Mezcaleria's ribeye aguachile paired with the Ofrenda cocktail, featuring Sabina's Mezcal house reserve, a refined fusion of Vermouth Rosso and Holy Leaf infusion.

CASA ROMERO

Hidden in Back Bay, Casa Romero offers a Mexican escape with delectable bites and sips. Indulge in a plate of the signature cochinita pibil while sipping a Smokey Flower. *30 Gloucester St., casaromero.com*

EL CENTRO

From housemade tortillas to spiced sangrias, the recently renovated El Centro brings authentic Mexican cuisine to Boston. Foodies will swoon over family recipes from owner Allan Rodriguez, like charcoal-grilled carne asada served "Sonora style." *472 Shawmut Ave., elcentroinboston.com*

EL TACUBA

This vibrant Mexican restaurant brings bold flavors and a lively atmosphere to the city. Indulge in favorites like pescado tacos and the camarones machos while sipping an Old Oaxacan. *35 Salem St., Medford, eltacuba.com*

LA NETA PINCHE TACO SHOP

For a more casual yet authentic taco spot, stop by this Back Bay Mexican eatery. Specialty tacos from shrimp chipotle to al pastor never disappoint. Just be sure to save room for a slice of tres leches. *255 Newbury St., lanetataco.com*

LOCO TAQUERIA & OYSTER BAR

Featuring a rustic yet chic look, Loco Taqueria in Southie and Fenway dishes out Baja-style Mexican fare and fresh oysters. We recommend ordering the signature Coco margarita with blanco tequila, fresh lime, coconut and milk. *Multiple locations, locotacosshops.com*

LOLITA COCINA & TEQUILA BAR

Lolita serves up Mexican-inspired eats, margaritas and tequila aplenty under the Gothic glow of its Back Bay and Fort Point locations. Blackened mahi-mahi tacos will delight your taste buds, while handcrafted margaritas make



for a night of revelry. *Multiple locations, lolitamexican.com*

LONE STAR TACO BAR

Transport yourself to Oaxaca or Mexico City's open-air markets and taquerías with Aaron Sanders and Max Toste's Lone Star Taco Bar. The flavor-packed menu focuses on mezcal, tequila and Mexican street food while utilizing fresh ingredients: think bites like the chicken ranchero tostada. *Multiple Locations, lonestar-boston.com*

THE PAINTED BURRO

This spot showcases a mouthwatering seasonal menu boasting modern interpretations of beloved Mexican dishes. For a bit of heat, try the roasted chipotle chicken enchiladas or Gulf shrimp diablo tacos. *Multiple locations, thepaintedburro.com*



Left: Lolita's tres chili chicken nachitos with chipotle mezcal sauce, hatch chili gouda and hot pickled onion.

SABINA MEZCALERIA

As Boston's first mezcaleria, this Back Bay spot offers creative cocktails and delectable tapas. Enjoy bites like chipotle grasshopper guacamole and mini ribeye tacos with seasonal sips like the sweet Bacanorazo cocktail. *253 Newbury St., sabinamezcaleria.com*

YELLOW DOOR TAQUERIA

Located in the South End and Dorchester, Yellow Door Taqueria is a must-try spot for California-Mexican cuisine. Pair savory chili duck tacos with a sweet sip like the coconut margarita. *Multiple locations, yellowdoortaqueria.com*

Clockwise from top: Loco's Coco margarita; the taco minini and passion fruit mojito at La Neta Pinche Taco Shop; El Centro's charcoal-grilled carne asada with refried beans, guacamole, pico de gallo and flour tortillas.

