

Thrillist Boston - Pitches

Pitch #1 — The 5 Best Boston-based Theaters to see *Godzilla*!

[Note: Pitch #1 is a fully detailed list in the style of an actual Thrillist Boston article.]

With the release of Gareth Edward's super-sized reboot of the most famous kaiju (that is monster) of all, *Godzilla*, you're going to need a great theater to see this epic summer blockbuster in! If you live in the Boston area, here are five of the best theaters in which you and your date can truly enjoy a night out and **The Big G** himself!

5. The SuperLux Theater, Chestnut Hill

Five miles down Route 9 from Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and Northeastern University is the SuperLux theater. Somewhat overpriced for the luxury-minded, this new concept in fine-movie-theater-going offers a unique experience for film buffs. First there's no box office to speak of: you purchase your tix online and just show up. You have two seating options: comfy first-class-like seating, closer to the screen, with partial table service before the show begins for \$22 a seat, and super-luxurious reclining seating further back with full-table service during the movie at a hefty \$30 a ticket. The ticket price includes a \$5 drink voucher, that is good both in the theater and at the bar in the lobby. Your servers will provide you with a wi-fi connected iPad where you can choose your drinks and dining options from the American-fusion bill of fare. If you want greater dining options there is a high-end Davios directly attached to the theater and further down in the upscale promenade of shops and restaurants, called The Street, you have a Shake Shack with great gourmet burgers, a Legal Sea Food, and the NYC-based Del Frisco's Grill for a killer steak.

This theatrical experience may not give you the ultimate in kaiju sound and picture but if you're trying to impress a date, this is the place to go!

4. Regal Cinemas Fenway Stadium 13

The last surviving movie theater in Boston's historic Back Bay, this theater offers some good stadium seating, sound, and digital projection. However, this theater makes it on the list because of its location: right down the street from Fenway Park home of the Boston Red Sox. Heading down Brookline Ave from the stadium to the theater, visitors can treat themselves to tons of dining and entertainment options. From Game On (a sports bar featuring live music), Boston Beer Works (an intimate craft brewery and pub), The Yardhouse (a California-style tap house with over 130 beers on draft and a giant outdoor patio), and Jillian's (a huge billiards, bowling, and entertainment complex), you'll have no shortage of fun and food on your way to see The Big G!

3. AMC Loews Boston Common

Nestled in Boston's Theater District this classic Hollywood-style (yet modern) movie theater was built to compliment all the great live theater venues that are the hallmark of Boston's Downtown/Emerson College area. There you have the great classic venues such as The Wang Center, The Orpheum Theater, The Colonial Theater, The Paramount Theater, and The Majestic Theater to name a few. So it's only fitting to have a movie theater that equals the style and quality of these great stages. With nineteen cinemas to choose from, one can easily find something showing to their liking. Surrounding the theater is a bevy of fancy bars, bistros, and night clubs such as Teatro, Pravda, and Blu. Like the SuperLux this movie-going experience is for the more well-to-do crowd who wants to show their date a really good time. Yet the difference is that after the film there is a great night-life atmosphere that will continue on until the wee Boston hours of 2AM!

But that's about to change once Boston's ill-famed "Blue Laws" are finally repealed—or Godzilla stomps on them!

2. The Jordan's IMAX in Natick Mass

This is the first true IMAX theater built in the Boston area—actually about 30 miles away but totally worth the drive! The theater is housed within the sprawling Jordan's Furniture store and features a large New Orleans/Mardi Gras like promenade with animatronic shows that the kids will love. Also, the famed Revere Beach (the first public beach in the US) roast beef joint known as Kelly's is attached to the promenade for a great menu of seaside fried food such as whole belly clams. The giant fish tanks and classic Revere Beach memorabilia are also a theater-going fan favorite. The theater itself is monstrous, just perfect for The King of the Monsters! The screen is nearly 80 feet high, the sound system booms at over 15,000 watts, each super-comfy memory foam seat has its own subwoofer called a "butt kicker," and the 4K digital projection quality (especially in 3D) is mind-blowing!

And if you need more incentive to visit the Jordan's IMAX in Natick, you have the great nearby beer houses of John Harvard's and the British Beer Company, the largest mall in New England The Natick Mall (with endless shopping and dining options), and more (like the fondue eatery The Melting Pot, or Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Scoop Shop)!

This is the place where you take your all-day date for shopping and dining and then top it off with an Earth-shattering Godzilla experience!

1. The Jordan's IMAX in Reading Mass

Okay, this is a little bit of a cheat as it's still a Jordan's Furniture IMAX theater. However, there are some important differences here. This IMAX theater has everything that the Natick one does (including the same screen size) but the auditorium itself seats nearly 500 hundred people (the Natick IMAX theater seats only about 350) so the experience FEELS bigger. But that's not all. The grand promenade at the Reading IMAX theater is a like a trip to those old-fashioned Boston lazy days of summer, called Beantown, complete with the Sweet House offering Jelly Belly jelly beans and Sees Candies, Wally The Green Monster on the wall giving Godzilla a run for his money!, the Big Dig Ice Cream housing a Richardson's Ice Cream shop, the Lenny Zakim Bridge manned by the Trapeze School of New York (where you can learn to fly on the trapeze too!), kiddie car Duck Boat races, and the thrilling Liquid Fireworks show a la The Bellagio pool in Las Vegas!

There is also a Fudruckers burger bar attached where you can get the biggest à la carte-style burger around and a beer before the show!

This is the theater that you trek the 15 miles outside of Boston to see the premiere of only the biggest summer/holiday tent pole films. You wanna see The Big G? Then you need a Godzilla-sized theater to do it, and the Jordan's IMAX in Reading Mass is that theater!!!

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[Note: The following pitches are just quick examples for Thrillist Boston articles.]

Pitch #2 — Top 5 Places In Boston to Kiss Your Date, or Propose Marriage

5. Castle Island, South Boston
4. Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park, Boston's North End
3. Top of the Hub, Prudential Tower, Boston's Back Bay
2. John W. Weeks Bridge, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
1. The Swan Boats, Boston Public Gardens

Pitch #3 — Top 6 Family Friendly Boston Events

6. First Night Boston
5. The Mother's Day Duck Parade, Boston Common
4. Ice Skating on Frog Pond, Boston Common
3. Friday Night at the Flicks, Hatch Shell, Boston Esplanade
2. Fourth of July Celebration, Boston Esplanade
1. The Scooper Bowl, Boston Common

Pitch #4 — Top 7 Best Stops Along Boston's Freedom Trail

7. Paul Revere's House
6. The Bunker Hill Monument, Charlestown
5. The Old South Meeting House
4. Site of The Boston Massacre, The Old State House
3. Faneuil Hall
2. Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum
1. The USS Constitution, Charlestown

Pitch #5 — The 5 Best/Romantic Rides In and Around Boston

5. I-93 South over the Zakim Bridge down to Route 3 towards Cape Cod over the Sagamore Bridge
4. Storrow Drive East from Route 2 out of Harvard Yard, loop around the Museum of Science, Storrow Drive West back to Harvard Yard
3. Route 3A down to World's End Reservation in Hingham Mass
2. Old Route 1 North up to Cape Ann through Gloucester and Rockport Mass
1. Boston Duck Tours: Back Bay, Scollay Square, Charles River/Esplanade

Pitch #6 — The Most Colorful People You'll Meet On Boston Common

8. People of many faiths all trying to save each other's souls.
7. Every flavor of hipster you can imagine from Emerson, BU, and Berkley School of Music
6. The best hot dog and sausage food cart vendors in the world!
5. Professionals longing to be free of the shackles of the corporate world.
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3. The dreadlocked guitar player who does Bob Dylan badly but does Kurt Cobain really well!
2. Thespians in the park performing Shakespeare, Rostand, and Cats!
1. Mounted Boston Police having a great time atop their equine rides!

Pitch #7 — Top Indispensable Boston-isms for Visitors

5. The "T", meaning the MBTA (Boston's public transportation system).
4. "Catch a cab" instead of "Hail a taxi".
3. "Where's the nearest package store?" Meaning, where is the local liquor store?
2. "Effin potholes!" Meaning don't drive around Boston in the winter!
1. Never say the words: Yankees, Giants, Lakers, or Canadiens in public anywhere near Boston!