

Phill Jupitus's heaven on earth

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The comedian, broadcaster and baseball fan, Phill Jupitus first fell for Boston when he went to see the Red Sox.

The first place I visited in the States was Boston and I love it so much I've since been back a dozen or so times. The reason I first went – in 1996 – was to see the Boston Red Sox as I'm a huge baseball fan, but I instantly fell for the city and it's since become a home from home.

One of the things I like about Boston is that it's a very European city. The first few times I visited I did all the sights – the city boasts some fine architecture and churches – and despite having been several times, the one tourist attraction I keep going back to is the New England Aquarium (www.neaq.org) which is a bit special.

The city also boasts some [first-class shopping](#). The first place to go is probably Commonwealth Avenue but I also like Boylston Street. Another of my favourites is Newbury Street (www.newbury-st.com) which is the hip end of things and boasts a top comic shop, Newbury Comics (www.newbury.com) where I've spent many a happy hour.

It's also a great city for just walking and mooching around, not to mention bar-hopping – and again, Commonwealth Avenue is great for that. I'll pretty much wander into any bar, to be honest, but my favourite is probably The Cask'n Flagon, near the baseball stadium.

The baseball season runs from April-October and all the visiting baseball teams used to stay in a lovely old-world hotel downtown called The Copley Square Hotel (www.copleysquarehotel.com) which is where, given the preference, I stay. But there are plenty of hotels to choose from. There's a good Marriott downtown, for instance.

And let's not forget the food: a lot of foodies gravitate towards the Italian Quarter but my favourite place to eat is Legal Sea Foods (www.legalseafoods.com) – a chain restaurant specialising in seafood. They always make the clam chowder for the presidential inauguration.

- Phill Jupitus makes his West-End debut in "Lifecoach" which opens at London's Trafalgar Studios on Tuesday (0870 060 6632; the ambassadors.com).

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