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AMERICAN RESTAURANT

Stephanie's on Newbury

190 Newbury St., Boston, 617-236-0990,

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Perched fortuitously at the corner of Newbury and Exeter, it's the perfect midway resting stop for shoppers. By now, Stephanie's is a Back Bay dining landmark and has been one of our favorites for more than a decade. A major facelift in 2000 transformed the place, giving it a warm, convivial atmosphere. The large bar area just inside the foyer leads to the dining rooms, which spread through the building like a cozy rabbit warren. In the summer months, Stephanie's street patio is an unbeatable location for people watching. In the winter months, the fireplace warms patrons with its cozy glow. Owner Stephanie Sokolove has taken the perfect balance of Back Bay grandeur and casual, relaxed ambience and added an outstanding New American menu. You haven't dined in Boston until you've eaten at Stephanie's.

