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For a family-friendly lunch, visit the brand-new Milk Bar and Àpizza—of the lines aren’t too long, that is. Crowds flock to this New York export for cereal milk ice cream. The adjacent Washington, D.C.-based Àpizza is a kids’ dream, too. Top your pie with everything from ranch sauce to honey to eggs and bacon, cooked right in front of you, paired with plenty of house-made sodas.

Craving something healthier or quieter? The Maharaja, on the second floor of the Crimson Galeria, serves an extensive lunch buffet with beautiful neighborhood views. Grab a seat next to a floor-to-ceiling window and relax. For Mediterranean bites, pop into Salomki, inside the newly refurbished Rich-ard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center. This fast-casual hideaway is new from Jody Adams, a neighborhood legend thanks to her beloved, sadly now closed, Rialto restaurant. This is a chance to try her food in a more casual setting—don’t miss the pita with pomegranate-glazed eggplant.

If you’re in need of midday R&R, browse the Harvard Bookstore, grab a cup of coffee from Tatte Bakery and Café and lounge on Cambridge Common (tip: they’ve got lots of gluten-free baked goods), or visit Pyara, an Aveda salon, for a detoxifying seaweed body wrap or an aromatherapy massage.

If you crave culture, visit two new exhibits at the Harvard Art Museums marking the Bauhaus centennial. “The Bauhaus and Harvard” showcases nearly 200 works by more than 70 artists, drawn almost entirely from the Busch-Reisinger Museum’s own extensive Bauhaus collection. The complementary exhibition “Hans Arp: Constellations II” features a newly restored, room-sized wall relief commissioned by Walter Gropius for the Harvard Graduate Center—the work’s first public viewing in 15 years.

As the sun sets, try Pammy’s, a Bon Appetit nominee for Best New Restaurant last year. It feels like a big, raucous dinner party, with long tables, friendly service, and succulent pasta—try the bucatini with shrimp and chili oil. Chef Chris Willis is a local, known for some on-brand regalia.

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his work at Radio. If you miss it there, you’ll feel right at home here.

For a group meal, head to Waypoint or Alden & Harlow. Both specialize in creative small plates from chef Michael Scelfo; Alden & Harlow’s savory corn pancake and burger are neighborhood mainstays. Then pop into Longfellow Bar, his remake of the Café Algiers space. It’s sad to lose a landmark, but Longfellow’s unusual snackable bites—crab Rangoon nachos, buttermilk fried sweetbreads—soften the blow, especially when paired with orange wine.

Finally, close out the night with a show at the American Repertory Theater or with live music at the Sinclair. This spring, the A.R.T. stages the premiere of We Live in Cairo, a musical inspired by the young Egyptians who overthrew Hosni Mubarak in 2011 (see page 161). The Sinclair, meanwhile, hosts artists including KT Tunstall and Eli “Paperboy” Reed. They’re also known for kid-friendly noontime events. Bring your littles to a miniature dance party, sound-tracked by hits from the Beatles and the Grateful Dead. It’s never too early to prepare them for Cambridge fun.
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