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History of the Charles River

MIT is located on the Charles River, offering anyone who attends MIT an amazing view of the Boston skyline. Along with that you can see various boats: sail boats, river cruise boats, Duck Tour boats, canoes, kayaks, and even large yachts. On the Fourth of July we're lucky to see fireworks right above the river from anywhere on campus.

The Charles River is about 80 miles (129 kilometers) long, and has over 80 streams that flow off the river. The mouth of the Charles River is located at Boston Harbor. Aside from MIT there are three other universities that are located next to the Charles River (Harvard, Boston University and Brandies University). Every October

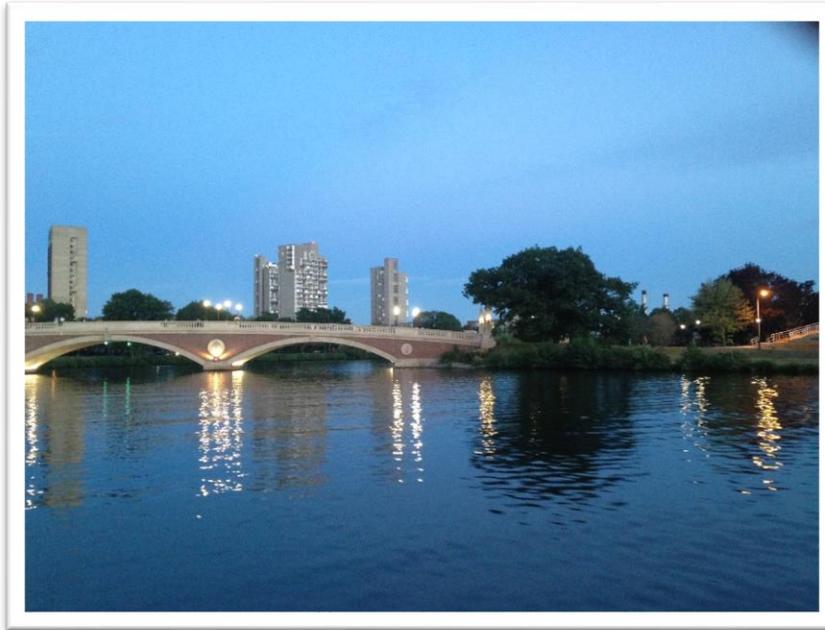


there's a famous rowing competition named The Head of the Charles Regatta, and in June the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival is held on the river as well. Many people who work nearby, go to school at MIT or live in Cambridge enjoy taking walks by the river, and there are many paths for running and jogging.

Charles River boat cruise

This past summer I had the chance to go on a river boat cruise along the Charles River. The cruise started about an hour before sunset (which was around 7:30pm due to it being summer) and I took a seat

in the main part of the cruise boat. The sides of the boat were open so that you could see out, but the best view was up front in the outside part of the boat.



The cruise started up near the East side of Cambridge and went towards Harvard. We passed by MIT and all of the famous tall buildings in Boston. There was an amazing view of the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge and the Harvard foot bridge.

As we got closer to Harvard the sun began to set. The sky was really clear that day and it was still very warm, so we were able to see an unobscured sunset stretch across the sky. It was very beautiful. Once the cruise reached Harvard University the boat turned around to return us, and this time we got to enjoy the night view of Boston's skyline. All of the tall buildings were lit up, the sky was scattered with stars and the moon was full that night. I enjoyed drinks and snacks while seeing this, and felt very grateful to be in Boston where I can enjoy the Charles River.