ATTRACTIONS AND THINGS TO DO:

Rhode Island may be the smallest state in the country, but it is never lacking for things to do. Centered in the “Ocean State”, you can easily start or finish your New England Mortgage Banking Conference enjoying Providence’s attractions or make a short trip to Newport, Boston, Block Island, or the Cape and the Islands. Truly, all relatively close to the City.

Shopping – stroll through Providence Place and experience over 13 acres of stores to shop from! If you are looking for discount shopping – travel to the Wrentham Outlet Stores, just over the border in Massachusetts.

Nightlife – This being a college town, there is no end to the number of music bars, small concert halls, and pool pubs.

Providence Performing Arts Center, 220 Weybosset St., Providence, 401-421-2997
www.ppacri.com  Big-ticket touring companies as well as traveling dance companies and other attractions are showcased. Unfortunately, there are no shows scheduled during NEMBC.

Sandra Feinstein GAMM Theatre, 172 Exchange St., Pawtucket 401-723-4266
www.gammtheatre.org  Now celebrating its 26th season. Glengarry Glen Ross is playing September 2 – October 3.

The Club & Music Scene:
Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel, 79 Washington St. 272-5876. www.lupos.com  All types of live music
The Hi-Hat, 3 Davol Square. 401-453-6500 www.thehihat.com  Live jazz music
RiRa Providence, 50 Exchange Terrace 401-727-1953 www.rira.com  Irish Pub with live rock music
AS220, 115 Empire St. 401-831-9327 www.as220.org  Live music

Architectural & Culture - visit the State House – to replicate its beauty today, it is estimated to cost close to a billion dollars! Take the Waterplace Park & River Walk tour & walk along Benefit Street, a stretch of one mile of beautifully restored homes, churches & museums from colonial times. You also can enjoy The RISD Museum, 224 Benefit Street, Rhode Island’s leading museum of fine and decorative arts.

You can visit Newport and enjoy the shopping, mansions, and history of that city while taking in a ride along the Rhode Island coastline. You also can plan a trip to Block Island, by calling 866-735-7996 / www.blockislandferry.com and enjoy the splendors of this unique island right off the southern coast of the State. If you’d like to visit Martha’s Vineyard or Nantucket, call the Steamship Authority at 508-693-9130 / www.steamshipauthority.com. September is always a great month to visit the islands!

A short ride on Route 95 South in nearby Connecticut - you’ll have the time of your life – with gambling and shows at Foxwoods, MGM, and Mohegan Sun Casinos. Also, just 10 minutes north of Providence in nearby Lincoln, you can enjoy over 4,700 slot machines and virtual blackjack and roulette tables at Twin River Casino www.twinriver.com  While on the road, enjoy the scenes of the Ocean State...384 miles of coastline! Big things come in small packages...that’s Rhode Island!

Providence provides the perfect setting, size, and charm for the 23rd New England Mortgage Banking Conference! Enjoy yourself & have a great conference! Thank you for attending and your support!
Let me take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Providence for the 23rd Annual New England Mortgage Banking Conference! The City of Providence is proud to play host to one of the largest mortgage banking events in the country! One of New England's largest cities, Providence is truly a city reborn.

With more restaurants per capita than any other major city in America and home to the Johnson and Wales University Culinary Institute, Providence legitimately lays claim to being one of the nation's best places to get a bite to eat. As you spend the next few days here, we encourage you to visit these establishments and sample some of what Providence and vicinity have to offer.

RESTAURANTS:

It has become commonplace for folks outside of the Rhode Island area to make the drive to Providence just to eat and every week, it seems, there are more reasons to make the pilgrimage. From meals prepared by renowned Chefs to gourmet chocolatiers and diners-turned-dinner-spots, the "Renaissance City" continues to reinvent fresh, good cooking. And that's what keeps its culinary scene on the map!

Providence has enough options to please everyone's palate. The variety, quality, and ambiance of the hundreds of restaurants allows for some elaborate decisions to make for your dining and entertainment pleasures. Here are some favorites in Providence…

Italian – visit Federal Hill where Camille's, Cassarino's Restaurant, Blue Grotto Restaurant, and Old Canteen are known as the favorites of many. As you stroll through the Hill, you'll find many nice bakeries and restaurants…an area to visit for sure. Capriccio, in downtown, is still recognized as one of the finest Italian restaurants in the City. If pizza fits your pleasure, Caserta Pizzeria on Spruce Street is recommended.

Along South Main Street, you'll find a stream of cafés, restaurants, and pubs. A treasure is the Parkside Rotisserie & Bar, and of course, Hemenway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar, is long known for its treasures of the sea. Alforno Restaurant is one of the city’s favorites as well. South Main Street is just a few blocks and a delightful walk from the Convention Center.

Around the corner at Union Station, you have the steaks and portions of Capital Grille. Just down the street at Citizens Plaza is Café Nuovo—a fantastic dining experience on the Riverwalk. Lastly, if you want to stroll through the thirteen acres of Providence Place, you'll discover the nationally recognized Napa Valley Grill, The Cheesecake Factory, or have some fun after dining at Dave & Busters.

Ruth’s Chris Steak House
10 Memorial Blvd., GTech Center, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 272-2271              Web Site: www.ruthchris.com
Famous signature steaks are seared to perfection as well as market fresh seafood, and salads.

Sakura Restaurant
231 Wickenden Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 331-6861              Web Site: www.eatinri.com/sakura
Traditional Japanese cuisine, sushi bar.

Siena
238 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 521-3311              Web Site: www.sienari.com
Authentic Tuscan cuisine in a warm, casual, fine dining atmosphere. Wood grilled pizza, seafood, steak, homemade pasta.

Shula's 347 Grill at the Providence Hilton
21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 709-0347              Web Site: www.donshula.com
Named in honor of Hall of Fame Coach Don Shula, the winningest NFL coach in history with 347 victories! Gourmet salads to fresh specialty fish and Premium Black Angus Beef® burgers and steaks. Casual atmosphere is full of energy which includes a high impact bar, with flat panel screened TVs, and pigskin walls!

Taste of India
230 Wickenden Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 421-4355              Web Site: www.tasteofindiari.com
Delicious Indian delicacies served in the traditional style.

Temple Downtown
120 Francis Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 919-5050              Web Site: www.temple-downtown.com
Located in the historic Masonic Temple on Capitol Hill. Mediterranean cuisine: salads, meze, flatbreads, kabobs, tagines, pastas, seafood, and more.

Trinity Brewhouse & Restaurant
186 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 453-2337              Web Site: www.trinitybrewhouse.com

Union Station Brewery
36 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 274-2739.              Web Site: www.johnharvards.com
Brew-pub with casual atmosphere…fun spot with pub-type menu…close to the convention area.

Waterplace Restaurant
1 Finance Way, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 272-1040             Web Site: www.waterplaceri.com
Overlooking Waterplace Park – offers indoor and outdoor dining with a spectacular view. Salads, pizzas, seafood, pastas.
The Melting Pot – A Fondue Restaurant  
199 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 865-6670  
Web Site: www.meltingpot.com  
Located on the lower level of Providence Place Mall on the city side of Francis Street. A truly unique upscale/casual dining experience where fondue becomes a memorable and interactive four-course dining experience where patrons can “dip into something different”.

Mills Tavern  
101 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 272-3331  
Web Site: www.millstavernrestaurant.com  

Murphy’s Deli & Bar  
100 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 621-8467  
Web Site: www.murphyadellandbar.com  
Full service casual dining experience featuring soups, salads, over-stuffed sandwiches and burgers, and seafood. A local favorite.

New Rivers American Bistro  
7 Steeple Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 751-0350  
Web Site: www.newriversrestaurant.com  
Simple yet robust and colorful, bistro-style presentations with cuisines of various ethnic and cultural groups. Nationally recognized for creative international cuisines. Walking distance.

Old Canteen  
120 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 751-5544  
Web Site: -  
Elegant dining experience – famous Providence restaurant with superb atmosphere featuring both Italian and American cuisine.

Parkside Rotisserie & Bar  
76 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 331-0003  
Web Site: www.parksideprovidence.com  
Manhattan-style bistro offering a wide array of upbeat foods ranging from spicy crab cakes to grilled tenderloin and portobello salad. Innovative pasta dishes and signature rotisserie meat items.

Pot Au Feu  
44 Custom House Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 273-8953  
Web Site: www.potaufeurestaurant.com  
Bistro and Salon. Elegant French cuisine and French bistro all under one roof! Believed to be the oldest French bistro in America!

Providence Prime Steakhouse  
279 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 454-8881  
Located on Federal Hill. Specializing in the finest beef and freshest seafood in a Manhattan-like atmosphere.

Providence Oyster Bar  
283 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 401-272-8866  
For seafood lovers - the raw bar abounds with huge selections of oysters, clams and daily sushi specials. On Federal Hill.

10 Prime Steak & Sushi House  
55 Pine Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 452-2333  
Web Site: www.tenprimesteakandsushi.com  
Steak and full sushi menu by Chef John Elkay. Walking distance from Convention Center.

Agora at Westin Providence  
1 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 598-8000  
Web Site: www.westinprovidence.com/agora-restaurant  
Mediterranean influenced American cuisine featuring seasonal and local products along with an extensive selection of award winning wines. Agora serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Alforno Restaurant  
577 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 273-9760  
Web Site: www.alforno.com  
Italian cuisine designed with the availability of the freshest of seasonal ingredients cooked in wood-burning ovens and on grills over hardwood charcoal fires.

Andino’s  
171 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 453-3164  
Web Site: www.providencefederalhill.com  
Great Italian food with ample portions…casual dining on Federal Hill!

Aspire Restaurant at The Hotel Providence  
311 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 521-3333  
Web Site: www.aspirerestaurant.com  
Contemporary American cuisine with an emphasis on inventive preparations - inspired selection of appetizers, steaks, seafood, and artisinal pastas with Portuguese, Italian and New England-influenced dishes.

Blake’s Tavern  
122 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 274-1230  
Web Site: www.blakestavern.com  
Classic American pub fare.

Blue Grotto Restaurant  
210 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 272-9030  
Web Site: www.bluegrottorestaurant.com  
Casually elegant Italian cuisine in the heart of Federal Hill…one of Providence’s favorites!

Bluefin Grill  
Marriott Downtown, 1 Orms Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 553-0424  
Web Site: www.marriottprovidence.com  
Specializing in fresh regional New England seafood and steaks.

Bravo Brasserie  
123 Empire Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 490-5112  
Web Site: www.bravobrasserie.com  
An elegant American bistro inspired by French cafes.

Cafe Noir  
125 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: (401) 272-2116  
Web Site: www.cafenoirri.com  
Brasserie and bar offering a modern and casual twist on classic French cooking.

Cafe Nuovo  
One Citizens Plaza, Providence, RI 02903  
Phone: 401-421-2525  
Web Site: www.cafenuvo.com  
Contemporary cuisine, great atmosphere, with terrific views of the river. Upscale, yet casual.
Caffe Dolce Vita
59 DePasquale Plaza, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 331-8240  Web Site: www.caffedolcevita.com
An upscale indoor-outdoor restaurant serving contemporary Italian and American food.

Camille's Restaurant
71 Bradford Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 751-4812  Web Site: www.camillesonthehill.com
Located on Historic Federal Hill, this restaurant blends creativity, superb wines and classic Italian Cuisine with an upscale ambiance.

Capital Grille
1 Union Station, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 521-5600  Web Site: www.thecapitalgrille.com
Upscale steakhouse with exceptional food – ample portions…right down the block, too!

Capriccio
2 Pine Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 421-1320  Web Site: www.capriccios.com
One of Providence's best known restaurants…elegance in European dining with black tie service; extensive wine list and cognac bar.

Cassarino's Restaurant
177 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 751-3333  Web Site: www.cassarinosri.com
Homemade pasta, seafood, and steak on Federal Hill.

CAV
14 Imperial Place #101, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 751-9164  Web Site: www.cavrestaurant.com
Upscale contemporary cuisine.

Cheesecake Factory
94 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 270-4010  Web Site: www.thecheesecakefactory.com
Upscale casual dining located at Providence Place Mall.

Chez Pascal
960 Hope Street, Providence, RI 02906
Phone: (401) 421-4422  Web Site: www.chez-pascal.com
French cuisine on Providence's East Side.

Cuban Revolution
50 Aborn Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 331-8829  Web Site: www.thecubanrevolution.com
Great Cuban food and décor. A short walk from the Convention Center.

Dave & Busters
40 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 270-4555  Web Site: www.DaveandBusters.com
In Providence Place Mall - Steaks, seafood, and pasta with a gaming area with the latest interactive and video games.

Fire & Ice
48 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 270-4040  Web Site: www.fire-ice.com
In Providence Place Mall – While the exact selection changes daily, you’re sure to find a wide range of choices that includes: sirloin, chicken breast, turkey, lamb, salmon, calamari, shrimp, scallops, sausage, hamburger, tofu and more.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar
1 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 533-9000  Web Site: www.flemingssteakhouse.com
Stylish, contemporary dining features the finest in prime beef, chops, seafood, and chicken. "Fleming's 100" wine list boasts some of the finest wines in the world.

Geppetto's Grilled Pizzeria
57 Depasquale Square, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 270-3003  Web Site: www.gepettospizzeria.com
Reasonably priced grilled pizza, wraps, chicken, and fresh salads….on historic Federal Hill.

Gracie's
194 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 272-7811  Web Site: www.graciesprovidence.com

Joe's American Bar & Grill
148 Providence Place, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 270-4737  Web Site: www.joesamerican.com
Casual American fare in a comfortable atmosphere. At Providence Place Mall.

Hemenway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar
121 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 351-8570  Web Site: www.hemenwaysrestaurant.com
Savory soups, salads, steaks, chops, and the freshest seafood in a relaxed social atmosphere.

Kabob and Curry
261 Thayer Street, Providence, RI 02906
Phone: (401) 273-8844  Web Site: www.kabobandcurry.com
Authentic Indian food that brightens the tastebuds! Warm, bright and deliciously aromatic atmosphere.

LUXE Burger Bar
5 Memorial Boulevard, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 621-5893  Web Site: www.luxeburgerbar.com
Gourmet Burger Eatery.

McCormick & Schmicks Seafood Restaurant
11 Dorrance Steet (Biltmore Hotel), Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 351-4500.  Web Site: www.McCormickandSchmicks.com
Fresh seafood, aged steaks, poultry, pastas and more located in the Biltmore Hotel.

Mediterraneo Caffe
134 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 331-7760  Web Site: www.mediterraneocaffe.com
On historic Federal Hill - extraordinary Italian food, charcoal-grilled filets, chops, steaks or seafood, cooked-to-order pastas, Rhode Island's only authentic antipasti bar.