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Biker Dude

Getting to know a city isn't easy. There are public transportation maps to decipher, roads to navigate and tennis shoes to break in. That's where Andrew Prescott and Urban AdvenTours, his Boston-based, eco-friendly biking business, step in—to lend a ride.

It wasn't supposed to be like this. Prescott, "Chief Wheel Officer," studied psychology and sociology in college, but dreamed about biking for a living. He made that happen in 2004, when he founded the company, which is the Goldie Locks of city tours—not too slow, not too fast, and just the right amount of intimacy with the city.

Today, Urban AdvenTours has new digs in the historic Mercantile Wharf Building in the city's North End, placing it at the heart of the city and in proximity to the essential places-to-know.

And with a variety of tours, from corporate outings to personalized family getaways to group rides, there is something for everyone. Riders give it high marks, often deeming it TripAdvisor's No. 1 attraction in Boston. Prescott attributes this success to the unique approach he takes in introducing the city to his guests.

"I would say you just see more than you see on any other tour ... you can touch things and see things in a different way," he says. "Our tours cover more ground, and you can see that Boston is a city of neighborhoods."

Above all, the Urban AdvenTours experience provides an affordable, Earth-conscious manner in which visitors and residents alike can develop a personal connection with the city. In addition to the tour, riders get the bike, helmet, guide, workout and, Prescott says, a water bottle they can keep.

Tea party not included.

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FOUNDING FATHERS' FARE

Present-day patrons savor the cuisine and customs of 18th-century America at Philadelphia's City Tavern, where George Washington and other founding fathers sipped, supped and planned a nation. Now, history buffs and home cooks can enjoy the eatery's fare with *The City Tavern Cookbook: Recipes from the Birthplace of American Cuisine* (Running Press) by chef Walter Staib. On the menu are West Indies pepper pot soup, sweet potato and pecan biscuits inspired by Thomas Jefferson, Martha Washington's chocolate mousse cake, Ben Franklin's spruce beer and more than 200 other recipes. Also served up are fascinating facts such as this: On July 4, 1777, the first Independence Day celebration was held at City Tavern.

