THE SWEET SIXTEEN

We guarantee: Travel to any of these phenomenal spots and you'll have some top-of-the-line tacos.

4 Chorizo con Papas, La Verdad Taqueria Mexican, Boston
Located in the tail shade of Fenway Park, the tables at this restaurant are packed with baseball fans during Red Sox season. Dodge the crowds by heading to the takeout window. Any time you order—the dripping-with-jalapenos shredded pork carnitas, the crispy fried fish, or the lengua tacos if you like corned beef, you'll like this—come stop a whole made-from-scratch tortilla. But the taco that knocks it out of the park is the chorizo con papas: Pernos (bits of ground pork), seasoned with warming spices like cinnamon, allspice, and ground cloves, an inch of sweet potato puree, white cheese strips of grilled corn, diced red onion and crisp fried pepitas, add a game-changing crunch. (1 Lansdowne St., 617-421-6700)

TACOS GO HIGH-END

Well-known chefs put an upscale twist on tradition. Here are some of our fantastic faves from coast to coast.

2. BOSTON: Mexican-inspired dishes make up the bulk of the menu at La Verdad, but we love chef Ken Oringer's chihuahua-cheese-stuffed roasted chile tacos and the tongue tacos made with smoked confit beef tongue.