

The Long Weekend: A Luxury Guide to Boston

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Boston is having its moment in the sun / ©Shutterstock

Boston's roots run deep: One of the oldest cities in the US, Boston has a reputation for delivering a small-town feel with big-city energy that has always been a part of the draw here. Now, 250 years after the infamous Boston Tea Party, our luxury guide proves Beantown has never been more abuzz.

Considered one of the most walkable cities in America, Boston has been undergoing a luxury renaissance in recent years, thanks to the arrival of some seriously slick new hotels, a stylish new seaport and a bevy of seasonally inspired fine-dining restaurants, sky-high lounges and rooftop bars. Whether you come for the history, the Red Sox or the world-famous lobster rolls, there's always something new to see, taste and discover.

The best hotels in Boston



A hotly anticipated hotel opening in the US last year, Raffles Boston marks the 136-year-old Singaporean brand's first foray into North America, ushering in a new era of luxury in this gleaming urban oasis with 147 elegantly appointed guest rooms, sumptuous suites and private residences in the fashionable Back Bay neighborhood.

Make your way up to the 17th-story Sky Lobby via rose gold elevators; a world of decadence and your own personal butler await. The hotel features signature dining experiences at its fine-dining restaurant, Amar, as well as all-day dining, afternoon tea service, cocktails and mocktails at The Long Bar. The real pièce de résistance is the Writer's Lounge, a signature Raffles space made famous for the writers and poets who visited the Raffles hotels over the years.

Back on the fourth floor, a world of wellness awaits at the spa, complete with a 65-ft lap pool, hot tubs and treatment rooms.

From \$1,300 per night. Contact Simon Rodrigues, director of sales and marketing, reservations. boston@raffles.com, +1 800 768 9009, raffles.com