

BOSTON

Boston is a relatively compact city, located on the eastern coast of Massachusetts between the Charles River and Boston Harbor, in Suffolk County. The main commercial districts are located in downtown Boston, specifically the **Financial District** and **Back Bay**, the **Longwood Medical and Academic Area**, and **Cambridge**.

The **Financial District** is located in the center of downtown Boston. It is home to Boston's insurance, banking, and legal businesses.

Just to the west is the posh **Back Bay** area, home to many of Boston's upscale boutiques, restaurants, and hotels. It is also home to the John Hancock building and the Prudential Center and Tower, a 52-story office tower and shopping complex. The "Pru" is part of the Boston Convention Complex, a huge integrated complex that connects the Sheraton Boston Hotel, the Boston Marriott Copley Place, the Westin Copley Place, The Prudential Shops, Copley Place Mall, and the Hynes Convention Center.

The **Longwood Medical and Academic Area**, 210 acres in size, is located about 1.5 miles southwest of downtown Boston, adjacent to the Fenway and Mission Hill neighborhoods, and to the town of Brookline. Longwood is one of the premier medical research and academic communities in the world, and is home to six major medical institutions—including Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. (For more information on Longwood go to www.masco.org.)

Cambridge, known for its prestigious Harvard and MIT universities, lies a few minutes northwest of Boston, across the Charles River. The Kendall Square area in Cambridge is home to much of Boston's biotechnology industry.

Fast Facts: Boston

Time Zone: Eastern

Area Codes: 617 and 857

Sales Tax: 5%

Hotel Taxes: 12.45%

Rush Hour: Into the city, 7 a.m.–9:30 a.m.; out of the city, 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Visitor bureau: Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau ☎ 888.SEE.BOSTON, 888.733.2678
www.bostonusa.com (an excellent site for information about the city)

Chamber of commerce: Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce ☎ 617.227.4500 www.gbcc.org

Local newspapers: *The Boston Herald* www.bostonherald.com; *The Boston Globe*
www.boston.com/globe/

Local traffic and weather:

www.bostonherald.com
 www.boston.com/globe/; radio station
 WBZ 1030 AM

Restaurant and hotel reviews: *Boston Magazine*

www.bostonmagazine.com

GETTING THERE**LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT*****Fast Facts: Logan International Airport*****Airport Code:** BOS

1 Harborside Dr., East Boston, MA 02128

www.massport.com

800.235.6426 (800.23.LOGAN); includes up-to-the-minute parking and traffic information

Lost and Found: 617.561.1714

Parking Information: 617.561.1673 (live telephone operators) or Logan Radio 1650 AM

Drive time to downtown: 20-25 minutes (45+ minutes with traffic)

Logan International Airport is located to the east of the city, across the Boston Inner Harbor, a few miles from the Boston city center. Logan is all about traffic and construction, both to and from the airport and within the airport itself. Two tunnels, the Callahan Tunnel and the newly constructed Ted Williams Tunnel, connect the airport to the city. "The Big Dig" construction around these tunnels is the reason why a 5-mile drive to Logan can turn into a 45-minute trip. Logan is also getting a facelift to both expand and update the airport property. Construction is expected to continue to 2005 and can cause congestion within the airport itself. Call the airport's main number or check the Web site to get up-to-the-minute traffic information. (The airport's Web site also has a Flight Tracker service that shows flight status and provides email notification if flight status changes.)

Logan is a U-shaped complex with five passenger terminals (A-E) situated around a central parking area. Each terminal has its own ticketing, baggage claim, and ground transportation facilities. Terminal A is currently closed for renovations; terminal E is used primarily for international flights. There is a moving walkway between terminal A, the parking area, and terminal E. Although there are plans to expand the walkway to all terminals,

for now you have to walk it or take the Logan Shuttle. The Shuttle runs between all terminals at the arrivals level, the airport subway station, long-term satellite parking, and the Water Shuttle dock. Parking can be tight at Logan, so it's a good idea to check availability beforehand.

Retail stores and services are well represented at Boston Landing, a mall within the airport, located on the departures level of terminal C. Boston Landing is home to more than 35 retail stores, including men's and women's apparel, news and gifts, gourmet foods, and an array of locally produced specialty items. Brookstone, Rent-a-Cellular, Staples Express, Sunglass Hut, and Waldenbooks are all located there. (Boston Landing has instituted "fair pricing," which means that the prices offered by its retailers must be comparable to those offered at non-airport stores.)

Other retail stores are located throughout the airport complex. Stores in terminal B include Anthony's Pier 4 Lobsters, Boston Marketplace, and Hudson News. Terminals D and E have limited retail options.

Logan's best dining options are located in terminals B and C. Terminal B eateries include Au Bon Pain, Bella Boston (full-service, pre-security), Boston Deli, Caffè Ritazza, Cheers Bar & Grill (full-service, pre-security), Gourmet Bean, Legal Sea Foods Café (full-service, post-security), Killian's Boston Pub, Sbarro's, and Starbucks. Terminal C is host to Au Bon Pain, Baldini's, Greenleaf's Grille, The Grove, Last Minute Eats, Legal Sea Foods Restaurant (full-service, pre-security), Sam Adams Boston Brewhouse (full-service, pre-security), Starbucks, Taste of Boston Deli, and Treat Street. Terminal D is home to Toppers, and terminal E food choices include Air Meals, Au Bon Pain, Emerald Necklace, Java Coast, McDonald's, Portside Cafe, Sbarro's, Toppers, and Wok & Roll.

Two first-class hotels are located on the grounds of the airport: the Hyatt Harborside and the Hilton Boston Logan Airport. The Hyatt Harborside is located adjacent to the Water Shuttle dock. The hotel has a full-service business center.

101 Harborside Drive Boston, MA 02128

617.568.1234, 800.633.7313

boston.hyatt.com

The Hilton Boston is a new AAA, four-diamond hotel with a direct connection to the airport via an enclosed sky

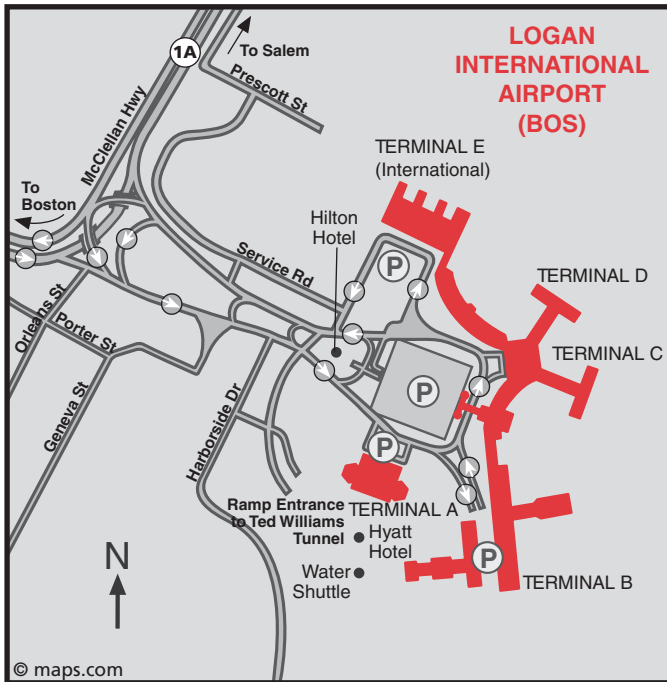
bridge. All rooms have high-speed Internet access and a large desk with desk-level outlets. The hotel has a full-service business center and health club. The health club has a \$10 day pass; facilities include pool, Jacuzzi, saunas, cardio and weight equipment, and massage; hours are 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Restaurants in the Hilton Hotel include

Berkshires (traditional dining serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner), Café Espresso, and The Irish Pub (a bar with light meals and snacks).

85 Terminal Road, East Boston, MA 02128

617.568.6700 www.hilton.com

AIRPORT MAP



DOMESTIC AIRLINES

Logan is a hub for American Airlines. US Airways runs shuttle service out of Boston to New York LaGuardia. The Delta Shuttle also flies to LaGuardia (Marine Air Terminal).

| Airline | Terminal |
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| Air Tran | D |
| Alaska Airlines | B |
| America West | B |
| American | B |
| American Eagle | B |
| ATA | B |
| Continental | C |

| Airline | Terminal |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Delta Air Lines | C |
| Delta Express | C |
| Delta Shuttle | B (gates 1, 2, 3) |
| Midwest Express | C |
| Northwest | E |
| Song | C |
| United | C |
| US Airways | B |
| US Airways Express | B |
| US Airways Shuttle | B |

International flights for American, Delta, United, and other airlines are in terminal E.

INTERNET ACCESS

Dial-up/high-speed: Public kiosk access is available in the departure levels of terminals B, C, D, and E.

☀ **Wi-Fi:** AirTran Gate 1-E (Airpath), American Airlines Admirals Club (T-Mobile), Delta Crown Room Club terminal C (T-Mobile)

BUSINESS SERVICES

The Hilton Hotel Business Center

☛ Second floor of the Hilton Hotel, behind the elevators (a 5-minute walk from terminal E, using the moving walkway) ☎ 617.568.6700 🌐 www.hilton.com
🕒 Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Hours may be extended during busy periods, so call ahead.)

This full-service business center rents computer workstations for \$7.50/15 minutes, \$.50/additional minute. Printing is available for \$1/page. One computer has DSL high-speed Internet access; all others offer dial-up access. Two conference rooms are available for rental, both with computers and Internet access; prices are \$65/hour and \$45/hour.

Hyatt Business Center

☛ Just off the lobby in the Hyatt Harborside Hotel
☎ 617.568.1234, 800.633.7313
🌐 www.boston.hyatt.com 🕒 Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; on weekends as demand necessitates

Full-service business center includes Internet access, computer services, copy, fax, and so on.

Staples Express

☛ Boston Landing, terminal C

Provides office supplies and mobile technology accessories for business travelers.

AIRLINE LOUNGES

American Airlines Admirals Club

☛ Upper level, terminal B (near gate 23, inside the security checkpoint) ☎ 617.634.5055 🕒 5 a.m.-7:30 p.m. daily **Conference room reservations:** ☎ 800.237.7971 Ext. 267

Standard amenities plus separate smoking room, 18 work desks, two computers with high-speed Internet access and laser printers, and two conference rooms. Seating for 120. ☀ Wireless Internet access provided by T-Mobile.

Continental Airlines President's Club

☛ Terminal C (near Midwest Express gates, second level)
☎ 617.418.6066 🕒 5:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday

Standard amenities plus 10-12 workstations, dial-up Internet access, and one conference room.

Delta Air Lines Crown Room Club

☛ Terminal C (between gates 26 and 28; this location is moving in 2005) 🕒 4:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

Medium-sized club with standard amenities plus workstations, computers, printer, dial-up Internet access, business center, one conference room, and quiet area.

☀ Wireless Internet access provided by T-Mobile.

Northwest Airlines WorldClubs Lounge

☛ Terminal E (departure level, third floor), gate 3
☎ 617.561.5370 🕒 5:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. daily

Standard amenities plus 10 workstations, dial-up Internet access, printer, and one conference room.

United Airlines Red Carpet Club

☛ Terminal C (near gate 19) ☎ 617.634.7590
🕒 5:15 a.m.-7 p.m. daily

Standard amenities, 10-12 workstations, dial-up Internet access, plus one conference room.

US Airways Club

☛ Terminal B (second level, past security, near Gate 4)
☎ 617.634.4180 🕒 5:45 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday

Standard amenities plus eight workstations, dial-up Internet access, and three conference rooms.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Many roads in and around the airport and downtown Boston are undergoing a massive upgrading known as the "Big Dig." The new Ted Williams Tunnel was opened to traffic in early 2003, but ongoing "Big Dig" construction makes driving times and routes unpredictable. If you are concerned about traffic, your best bets for getting from the airport to Boston are the Water Shuttle and the T, Boston's subway/rail system. For more specific information, Massport Ground Transportation agents are outside each terminal on the arrival level.

Rental Cars

All rental car companies have direct-line telephone boards in terminals C and E. Rental car booths are located in the American Airlines' side of terminal B; the US Airways' side of this terminal has rental car phone boards. Rental car shuttles stop curbside at the arrival levels.

Located at the airport: Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National, and Thrifty

Located off-airport: (about 1.5 miles from the airport) Enterprise (📍 220 McClellan Highway); Thrifty (📍 40 Lee Burbank Highway/Route 1A south)

Taxis

Taxis are available at all terminals. A taxi to downtown Boston runs \$8 to \$12 (estimate an additional \$6 to go to Back Bay), plus an extra \$1.50 airport fee. Tolls for the harbor tunnels are an additional \$6; the trip should take 20 minutes.

Limousines

Limousine stands are located at each terminal. The terminal A stand is located outside, in the middle island of the terminal A parking lot. The terminal B stands are located at departure level curbside, on both the US Airways side and the American Airlines side. At terminal C, look for signs that direct you to the central garage, level 1; take the pedestrian walkway, which will deliver you to the limousine stand. For terminal E, go to the outermost curb area.

Share-Ride Shuttles

Call when you land to let them know you want a pickup. Shuttles run every 15 to 20 minutes and pick up outside the baggage claim, but if they know you are there, they may be able to send a van sooner. The fare to the downtown area is \$9.

Back Bay Coach: 📞 888.222.5229

🌐 www.backbay-coach.com

Public Transportation

The **MBTA Blue Line Airport Station** is a short shuttle bus ride on the Logan Express, which runs every few minutes from all terminals. The ride to the city takes about 10 minutes on the MBTA Blue line; one-way fare is \$1.

The **Airport Water Shuttle** (📞 617.951.0255) runs between Logan Airport Dock and Rowes Wharf in the Financial District. The Massport bus #66, which stops at all terminals every 15 minutes, will take you to the Logan Dock; the ride takes 8 to 15 minutes. Travel time on the boat to and from Logan Airport is about 7 minutes. The Water Shuttle operates every 20 minutes from 🕒 7 a.m. to 6:10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Water Shuttle leaves Logan at 10 minutes past the hour, 30 minutes past the hour, and 50 minutes past the hour. (The last boat leaves at 6:10 p.m.) It departs Rowes Wharf on the hour, 20 minutes past the hour, and 40 minutes past the hour. On weekends, the Water Shuttle runs every half hour. Cost is \$10 one-way and \$17 round-trip. You can purchase tickets on the Water Shuttle itself.

REGIONAL AIRPORTS

Four regional airports serve the Boston metro and surrounding areas: T.F. Green Airport in Rhode Island; Manchester Airport in New Hampshire; Worcester Airport in central Massachusetts; and Hanscom Field in Bedford, Massachusetts. For more information about New England's Regional Airports, visit

🌐 www.flynewengland.com.

AMTRAK

Amtrak is ideal for travel between Boston and New York, or even on to Philadelphia or Washington, D.C. Amtrak has four trains that have frequent service to Back Bay Station and/or South Station: Acela Express, Acela Regional, Lake Shore Limited, and Twilight Shoreliner. Depending on the train, the trip to New York takes 3 1/2 to 4 hours, with one-way fares running less than \$99. Hertz has a location at both stations; Budget and Avis have locations at South Station.

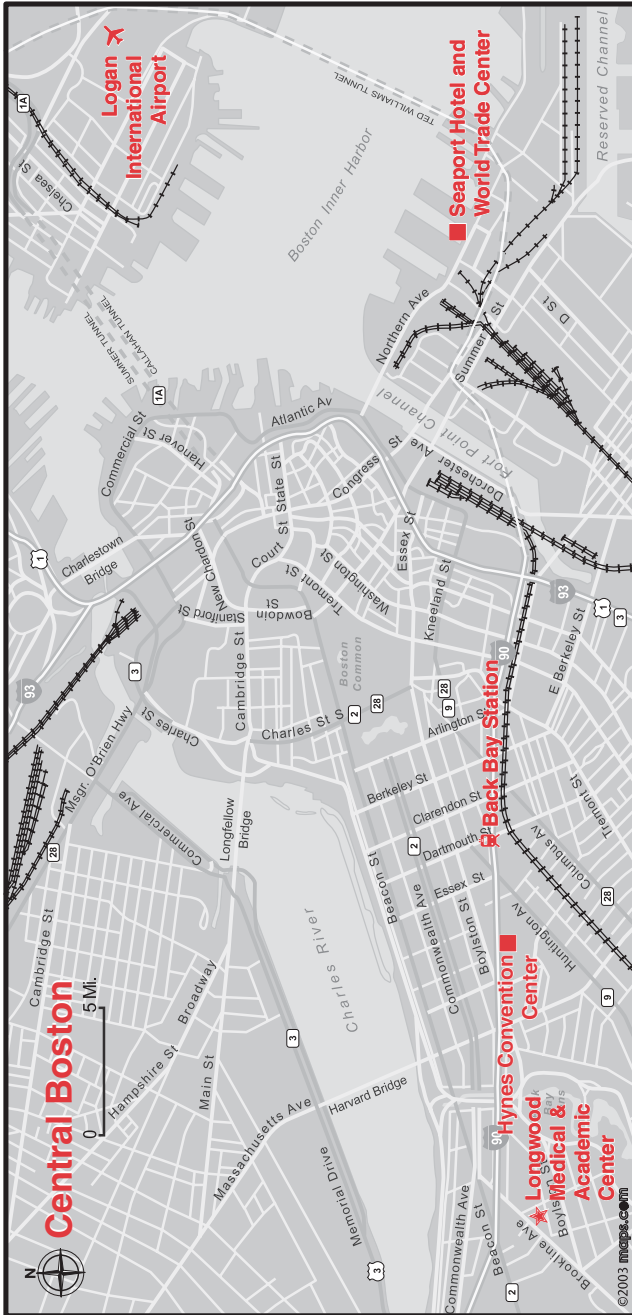
Back Bay Station (BBY) 📍 145 Dartmouth St., Boston, MA 02116

South Station (BOS) 📍 Atlantic Ave. and Summer St., Boston, MA 02110

GETTING AROUND

METRO BOSTON





DRIVING, PARKING, AND WALKING

Driving in Boston can be a nightmare. There is no rhyme or reason to the meandering of Boston's often narrow congested streets. Ongoing construction at the famous "Big Dig" (called "the largest, most complex, and technologically challenging highway project in American history") makes driving even more frustrating, with its frequent traffic delays and detours. On highways, watch out for cars driving in the breakdown lanes; within the city, keep your eye out for drivers changing lanes unexpectedly, without signaling. If you must use a car to get to Boston, leave it in a parking lot and walk while you're in the city.

Fortunately, due to its compact size, Boston is a great walking city. From City Hall in the Financial District, all the major business areas lie within about a half mile. The only major exception is the Longwood Medical Area, which is about 2.5 miles from City Hall. The distance between the Financial District and Back Bay is only about a mile. Cambridge is a short cab ride over the Charles.

RULES OF THE ROAD

In Massachusetts, limited-access highways and interstate routes have posted speed limits ranging from 50-65 m.p.h., whereas smaller highways have limits of 55 m.p.h. or lower. Some highways post minimum speed limits, as well. In Massachusetts, the minimum speed on interstates and limited-access highways is 45 m.p.h.

Headlight use is required a half-hour after sunset and a half-hour before sunrise, and is recommended when using wipers. Massachusetts law requires that every occupant use seat belts. Violation of the seat belt law is a secondary offense.

PARKING

Parking is difficult in certain areas of Boston and its outlying areas; forget about trying to find on-street parking in major commercial and business districts. In addition, parking around Cambridge can be a challenge, and around Harvard nearly impossible. Garages and lots are often the only options. The two largest convenient lots are the Boston Common Garage, located on Charles Street in the crux of Boston's business district, across from the Public Garden (☎617.954.2096); and the Prudential Center garage, at 800 Boylston Street. Parking rates run around \$15/day.

TAXIS

Taxis can be hailed in the street. The best place to find a cab is near major hotels, train stations, office complexes, and shopping centers, and in Harvard Square. All areas within a 12-mile radius of downtown Boston are charged a metered rate. Beyond the 12-mile radius, the charge is a flat rate. Meter fares begin at \$1.75 for the first quarter of a mile, and then run \$.30 for each eighth of a mile. A ride from downtown to Back Bay will run about \$6. If you lose something in a cab or have a problem, call the Hackney Hotline ☎617.536.8294.

All Area Taxi ☎617.536.2000

RENTAL CARS

Rental cars in Boston are pricey, although renting a car downtown instead of the airport will save you some money. Most major rental car companies have offices in Boston. Cars rented at the airport or in the city are charged a \$10 per rental Convention Center surcharge. You can avoid this surcharge by renting in Cambridge. Loss damage waiver fees can run upwards of \$20/day in Boston.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public transportation is an excellent option for transportation, both within Boston and to its outlying areas. The T (Boston's subway service) provides subway service in and around the city. The T provides local and express service and commuter rail service to outlying suburbs.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) ☎617.222.3200 www.mbta.com

IN TOWN**CONVENTION CENTERS****SEAPORT HOTEL AND WORLD TRADE CENTER**

The Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center is a technologically sophisticated complex with Wi-Fi and high-speed wired Internet access throughout the facility. It also features a full-service Business Center. It is located in the Boston Seaport, near the entrance to Logan Airport's Ted Williams Tunnel.

📍 2 Seaport Lane, Boston, MA 02210 ☎617.385.4212
www.wtcb.com

BAYSIDE EXPO AND EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER

Bayside is New England's largest exposition, conference center, and hotel complex. Located 1 mile south of downtown, the Bayside Expo is one large building with four exhibit halls. The Executive Conference Center, which offers Wi-Fi access, is adjacent to the main building; the Doubletree Club Boston Bayside is onsite. Parking is available onsite for \$12. Use the JFK/UMass-Red Line T station; there is free trolley service from the station to the Conference Center.

📍 200 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, MA 02125
 ☎ 617.474.6000 (general information), 617.474.6596 (Executive Conference Center)
 🌐 www.baysideexpo.com 🌟

JOHN B. HYNES VETERANS MEMORIAL CONVENTION CENTER

The Hynes Convention Center is located in The Boston Convention Complex in Back Bay, next to the Prudential Center. The Hynes is a large three-level building with five exhibit halls; it is completely wired for high-speed and Wi-Fi Internet access. Parking is located at the Prudential Center and runs around \$15/day.

The Massachusetts Convention Authority, which runs the Hynes Convention Center, is building a new facility, the Boston Convention and Exhibit Center. The new facility will be located at the South Boston Waterfront and is expected to be completed in November 2004.

📍 900 Boylston St., Boston, Massachusetts 02115-3101
 ☎ 617.954.2000 🌐 www.mccahome.com 🌟

HOTELS

AIRPORT

Hampton Inn Logan Airport

This hotel opened in 2001 and is considered to be the top Hampton Inn in the city. It is convenient to both Logan Airport as well as public transportation. Rooms offer standard furnishings with large workspaces. Nice extras include free newspaper, coffee, and continental breakfast. Full-service business facilities are put to good use by the suits during the week, but tourists also check in. Guests can pass their leisure time in the fitness center or indoor pool.

📍 230 Lee Burbank Hwy., Revere, MA 02151
 ☎ 781.286.5665 🌐 www.hamptoninn.com

Singles and doubles, \$100-\$150; suites, \$159-\$199
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Hilton Boston Logan Airport

Opened in 1999, this hotel is connected directly to the airport by a sky bridge—ideal for those with brief layovers. Business travelers enjoy a full range of corporate-friendly amenities and meeting spaces, and sightseers appreciate relatively reasonable rates in a convenient location. Fortunately, proximity to the runways does not mean excess noise; the hotel has done a good job soundproofing. Rooms are standard big-hotel fare, but they are also spacious. The onsite restaurant and café are nice for those who want a meal without having to head into town. For working off the jet lag, there is a swimming pool and fitness center.

📍 85 Terminal Rd., Logan International Airport, Boston, MA 02128
 ☎ 617.568.6700 🌐 www.hilton.com

Singles and doubles, \$149-\$399; suites, \$500
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BACK BAY

Eliot Hotel

This property was built in 1925, and its Gregorian manor style offers a charming alternative to the many chain hotels that populate the city. The Back Bay location is ideal for exploring Boston's waterfront and favorite attractions. Rooms feature a European flair. An attention to elegance is evidenced in such touches as the marble bathrooms and French doors that separate the living and sleeping areas in the suites, as well as the bedding stuffed with goose down.

📍 370 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215
 ☎ 800.44.ELIOT, 617.267.1607
 🌐 www.eliothotel.com

Singles and doubles, \$315-\$435; suites, \$600-\$750
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The Fairmont Copley Plaza Boston

This 1912 Renaissance Revival building rises six stories, flanked on either side by the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church. It is located in Copley Square and welcomes guests with a cheerful red awning and red carpet.

Guest rooms are decorated in rich hues and feature huge desks, marble bathrooms, and reproduction antiques. The suites are sumptuous and regal, with leather furnishings, fireplaces, and cathedral ceilings. A small but adequate fitness center is available for guest use.

📍 138 St. James Ave., Boston, MA 02116
 ☎ 617.267.5300
 🌐 www.fairmont.com/copleypiazza/

Singles and doubles, \$249-\$369; suites, \$425



The Lenox

Touting itself as “Boston’s Baby Grand,” this hotel property offers a nice alternative to the massive luxury chains in the area. It has been open for more than a century, and it prides itself on a unique flair reminiscent of smaller European hotels. Here you will find wood-burning fireplaces in the corner rooms, customized furnishings, marble bathrooms, and a dotting staff offering personalized service. Rooms are high-ceilinged and decorated with an elegance and sophistication that includes four-poster beds, fresh flowers, and framed artwork. A small fitness facility is available.

📍 710 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116 ☎ 617.536.5300
 🌐 www.lenoxhotel.com

Singles and doubles, \$308-\$398; suites, \$408-\$498



Marriott Boston Copley Place

This gigantic hotel resides in the heart of Copley Place, a huge shopping complex featuring more than 100 upscale stores. Facilities and amenities are modern and well-kept, if a bit generic. In the spacious guest rooms you’ll find floral motifs and comfortable bedding. Signature *Rooms That Work* are specially equipped for business travelers and include work desks, data ports, two-line phones, and voice mail. Between the health club, whirlpool, sauna, large indoor lap pool, and onsite massage facilities, pampering yourself is easy. Three restaurants serve a variety of cuisines, from Italian to sushi.

📍 110 Huntington Ave., Copley Plaza Shopping Mall, Boston, MA 02116 ☎ 617.236.5800, 800.254.6666
 🌐 www.marriott.com

Singles and doubles, \$160-\$399; suites, \$500-\$1,200



The Ritz-Carlton, Boston

Open since 1927, this is the longest-operating Ritz Carlton in the United States. Artwork, antiques, and marble adorn the interior, and rooms pay tribute to the style of provincial France. Windows actually open out onto sweeping views of the Back Bay and Public Garden area, and the suites boast working fireplaces. The hotel has its own fitness center, or you can pay a fee to access The Sports Club/LA Boston next door.

📍 15 Arlington St., Boston, MA 02116 ☎ 617.536.1335
 🌐 www.ritzcarlton.com/hotels/boston/

Singles and doubles, \$325-\$525; suites, \$400-\$995



The Westin Copley Place

This hotel is linked by skywalks to Copley Place and the Prudential Center. The lobby is welcoming, with leather furniture and framed art, and onsite Bar 10 is a hotspot for guests and locals alike. All guest rooms are located on the eighth floor and above; they offer lovely views of the city and the luxury of mahogany and oak furnishings. In addition to the health club, sauna, and swimming onsite, the Grettacole Spa is located next to the lobby.

📍 Ten Huntington Ave., Copley Place, Boston, MA 02116
 ☎ 617.262.9600 🌐 www.westin.com

Singles and doubles, \$229-\$499; suites, \$269-\$2,200



BEACON HILL

XV Beacon

Welcoming guests with a spotlighted awning, this 10-story gem caters to an elite crowd. The dramatic lobby sets the exclusive tone with marble, antiques, and fine art. Breakfast in the small but popular lobby restaurant is a good opportunity to observe the city’s *crème de la crème*. Rooms are the ultimate in luxury, boasting imported linens, canopy beds, and gas-lit fires. TV systems include surround-sound stereos and minitelevisions in the bathroom. A luxury car will chauffeur you to downtown attractions at no additional charge. An exercise room is located onsite, and the concierge will be happy to help you arrange spa treatments at a nearby facility.

📍 15 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108 ☎ 877.XV.BEACON, 617.670.1500 🌐 www.xvbeacon.com

Singles and doubles from \$395; suites from \$1,200



Four Seasons Hotel Boston

This cream-of-the-crop property is nestled into Beacon Hill with stunning views of the State House dome and the Public Garden. The lobby welcomes with marble, granite, grandfather clocks, and soft lighting, and accommodations are done in muted tones with floor-length window treatments, intricate light fixtures, and marble bathrooms. The lush guest rooms and suites feature an array of niceties, including terry cloth bathrobes, oversized bath towels, and down pillows. The spa is world-renowned as a top-notch urban retreat, offering a variety of rubs and rituals that include the popular “face-lift massage.”

📍 200 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116 📞 617.338.4400
 🌐 www.fourseasons.com/boston/

Singles and doubles, \$535-\$775; suites, \$1,450-\$2,300
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CAMBRIDGE

The Charles Hotel

Located one block from happening Harvard Square, this nine-story hotel has been welcoming business and leisure travelers since 1985. Guest rooms include nice touches such as quilts stuffed with down and bathrooms with televisions and telephones. The lobby library is a pleasant place to spend a rainy afternoon curled up with a book, or to work on your correspondence and expense reports. The hotel's restaurants are acclaimed citywide, as is the bountiful Sunday brunch. Guests enjoy free access to the health club and pool.

📍 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, MA 02138
 📞 800.882.1818, 617.864.1200
 🌐 www.charleshotel.com

Singles and doubles, \$380-\$460; suites, \$500-\$3,000
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Hyatt Regency Cambridge

This beautiful property sits in a slightly off-the-beaten-path location about 10 minutes by car from downtown Boston; it offers a peace and quiet not usually found in an urban hotel. The hotel caters mostly to business travelers during the week and vacationing couples and families during weekends. Inside the brick facade glass elevators ascend 16 stories, whisking visitors past balconies, greenery, and fountains to spacious, warmly decorated rooms.

As well as a heated indoor pool and sauna, there is a sun-deck where you can unwind during the warmer months. The revolving rooftop restaurant is a highlight.

📍 575 Memorial Dr., Cambridge, MA 02139
 📞 617.492.1234 🌐 www.cambridge.hyatt.com

Singles and doubles, \$129-\$465; suites, \$450-\$750
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Sheraton Commander Hotel

This six-story hotel opened in 1927 and has been providing R&R for bargain lovers ever since. The staff is friendly and hospitable, and the interior reflects meticulous upkeep and attention to detail. All accommodations are spacious and airy, with matching bedspreads and curtains. The amenities are fairly standard, including hair dryers, coffeemakers, and the like. The onsite restaurant, lounge, and small but adequate fitness center are nice extras.

📍 16 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138
 📞 617.547.4800 🌐 www.sheratoncommander.com

Singles and doubles, \$139-\$385; suites, \$295-\$750
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FINANCIAL DISTRICT/DOWNTOWN

Le Méridien Boston

This Renaissance-Revival building once housed Boston's Federal Reserve Bank and is widely reputed to be one of the best business hotels in the city. It also plays host to a variety of weekend travelers and tourists who don't mind using public transport to reach many of the city's more popular sights; this hotel is a real find in a beautiful area. Guests enjoy large, sloping windows, especially on the top floors. Furniture and decor come in muted tones with wood detailing. Spa services include in-room massage. Make sure to check out the original bronze doors from the Federal Reserve, as well as interior finishings such as marble, granite, and gold leaf ceilings.

📍 250 Franklin St., Boston, MA 02110 📞 617.451.1900
 🌐 www.lemeridien.com

Singles and doubles, \$295-\$515; suites, \$485-\$1,330
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Wyndham Boston

The 1928 Battery March Building was renovated to house this modern 14-story hotel. The atmosphere is serene, despite the presence of Boston's "Big Dig" construction project—the entire building has been soundproofed to ensure a good night's sleep. Wood, brick, and brass details simulate the Art Deco style of the 1920s; guest rooms feature 12-foot ceilings, and the highest floors offer excellent views. In-room business perks include ergonomic lounge chairs and plenty of work space.

📍 89 Broad St., Boston, MA 02110 📞 617.556.0006
 🌐 www.wyndham.com

Singles and doubles, \$159-\$415; suites, \$234-\$490
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THEATER DISTRICT

The Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common

The contemporary decor in this hotel is showcased by original artwork and furnishings found throughout. The property offers an excellent range of amenities and facilities, as well as proximity next door to a movie theater. Rooms carry on the hotel's contemporary flair. A stay here means that you'll enjoy access to the Sport Club/LA, which features an Olympic-sized swimming pool, exercise facility, sauna, and full offering of spa treatments.

📍 10 Avery St., Boston, MA 02111 📞 800.241.3333, 617.574.7100 🌐 www.ritzcarlton.com/hotels/boston-common/

Singles and doubles, \$320-\$525; suites, \$370-\$495
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WATERFRONT

Boston Harbor Hotel

Boasting a storied history dating back to the 17th century, Rows Wharf makes a lovely setting for this hotel. If you're coming from the airport, you don't even have to deal with traffic—a water shuttle will deliver you to the property. The rooms here are especially notable, decorated with Italian marble, beautifully framed artwork, carved wood finishings, and views of the harbor or city skyline. Slippers, bathrobes, and evening turn-down service highlight the kind of personal attention that makes this place

special. The Rows Wharf Health Club and Spa is part of the hotel, and guests can savor a variety of skin and massage treatments, as well as work out in the fitness center or splash in the pool.

📍 70 Rows Wharf, Boston, MA 02110 📞 800.752.7077, 617.439.7000 🌐 www.bhh.com

Singles and doubles, \$365-\$555; suites, \$455-\$581
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RESTAURANTS

When it comes to food, Boston is a city for seafood and surprises. The catch of the day is on your plate in the evening. Boston's shifting seas, seasons, and weather mean that the seafood selection can vary daily.

FIVE BEST BUSINESS RESTAURANTS

The Bristol (Beacon Hill)

Cuisine: Contemporary. **Features:** Heart-healthy dishes, full bar, entertainment, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Casual. **Open:** Lunch, tea, and dinner daily; brunch Sunday.

📍 Four Seasons Hotel Boston, 200 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116 📞 617.351.2071

Clio (Back Bay)

Cuisine: French, pan-Asian, contemporary. **Features:** Full bar, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Casual. **Open:** Breakfast and dinner daily; brunch Sunday.

📍 Elliot Hotel, 370 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215 📞 617.536.7200

Grill 23 & Bar (Back Bay)

Cuisine: Steakhouse, seafood. **Features:** Great wine list, full bar, private rooms, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Ties suggested. **Open:** Dinner nightly.

📍 161 Berkeley St., Boston, MA 02116 📞 617.542.2255

Radius (Financial District)

Cuisine: French, contemporary. **Features:** Great wine list, heart-healthy dishes, full bar, private rooms, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Casual dressy. **Open:** Lunch Monday-Friday; dinner Monday-Saturday.

📍 8 High St., Boston, MA 02110 📞 617.426.1234

The Vault (Downtown)

Cuisine: Italian, Asian, contemporary. **Features:** Great wine list, heart-healthy dishes, full bar, reservations suggested. **Attire:** Business casual. **Open:** Lunch Monday-Friday; dinner Monday-Saturday.

📍 Liberty Square, 105 Water St., Boston, MA 02109
☎ 617.292.9966

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Back Bay

📍 Kenmore Square, 534 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215-2606 ☎ 617.450.9400 📠 617.450.0300
✉ usa0817@kinkos.com

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Downtown

📍 167 Milk St., Boston, MA 02109-4315
☎ 617.737.3744

📍 44 School St., Boston, MA 02108 ☎ 617.742.6245

Back Bay

📍 198 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116-4705
☎ 617.426.3039

📍 398 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02116-6008
☎ 617.859.7780

📍 110 Huntington Ave. (lobby), Boston, MA 02116
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📍 One Kendall Square Building, Cambridge, MA 02139-1562 ☎ 617.577.7578

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📍 435 W. Broadway S., Boston, MA 02127
☎ 617.464.4099

📍 13 School St., Boston, MA 02108 ☎ 617.367.5885

Back Bay

📍 197 Mass Ave., Boston, MA 02115 ☎ 617.536.4773

📍 730 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215
☎ 617.734.5855

Cambridge

📍 Cambridgeside Galleria, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Cambridge, MA 02141 ☎ 617.577.0024

📍 493 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139
☎ 617.547.7332

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Downtown

📍 25 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108 ☎ 617.367.1747