

URBAN RETREAT

The Westin Copley Place
A Hip Oasis In The Heart
of Beantown

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Rejuvenating. Heavenly. Inviting.

That's the essence of The Westin Copley Place, an urban retreat in the heart of Boston's hip downtown. The AAA Four Diamond Award hotel, glittering after an \$18 million refurbish, is an ideal spot to unwind and experience Boston's decadent dining, scintillating shopping and creative culture.

Westin's promise to guests via its Web site is striking: "From Super Foods that nourish to Heavenly spas that restore, our hotels and resorts tend to all your senses."

And at Copley Place, that begins with breakfast at The Huntington, perfect for a leisurely Sunday brunch or for fueling before a day of sightseeing. The sun-drenched lobby restaurant serves everything from made-to-order omelets to signature Super Foods dishes (the selection includes Berry, Apple & Granola Muesli with low-fat vanilla yogurt, banana, walnuts and pomegranate essence, and the Poached Organic Egg Smoked Salmon Benedict with wilted spinach and citrus hollandaise).

The exquisite dining experience continues throughout the day: Four oth-



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er hotel spots offer luscious libations and memorable meals. At the award-winning Turner Fisheries—recipient of Boston's People's Choice Award for the city's Best Seafood Restaurant and Boston Magazine's pick for Best Clam Chowder—the ambiance is as striking as the food. Its seven-foot-high windows overlook Copley Square, while the floor-to-ceiling mahogany paneling and Italian-inspired terrazzo tiled floors impart an upscale, yet comfortable vibe.



Bar 10, voted “Best Bar” by Boston Magazine, is the place to sample creative cocktails and Mediterranean-style appetizers. The chic spot offers seating at high-top tables or comfy couches (there are also larger rooms for events). The Palm Restaurant dishes up Italian-inspired meals (think jumbo Nova Scotia lobsters, prime-aged steaks, premium fish and pasta favorites) while its light-hearted decor keeps things lively. Looking for something dif-

ferent? OSUSHI serves authentic Japanese cuisine, including sushi and unique sake concoctions in a Zen-like spot.

Between meals, take advantage of The Westin Copley Place's phenomenal location—it's less than five miles from Logan Airport and just minutes from stores, restaurants and must-see places. Try the Boston Duck Tour, which boards steps away from the hotel and offers great views and provides little-known facts about everything from the golden-domed State House to Bunker Hill and fashionable Quincy Market. Then, the amphibious vehicle splashes into the Charles River, offering a panoramic look at the Boston and Cambridge skylines.

Back on land, don't miss a chance to visit the icons: Cheers, Boston Common and Trinity Church. Other notable spots: Newbury Street (great shopping!), The Mu-

seum of Science, JFK Library and Museum, Boston Symphony Hall, Shubert Theatre, and, of course, Fenway Park.

And don't worry about the weather: Neither snow nor rain can ruin a vacation at The Westin Copley Place, where guests can stay dry and warm and shop—a sky bridge provides a link to the Hynes Convention Center and hundreds of stores

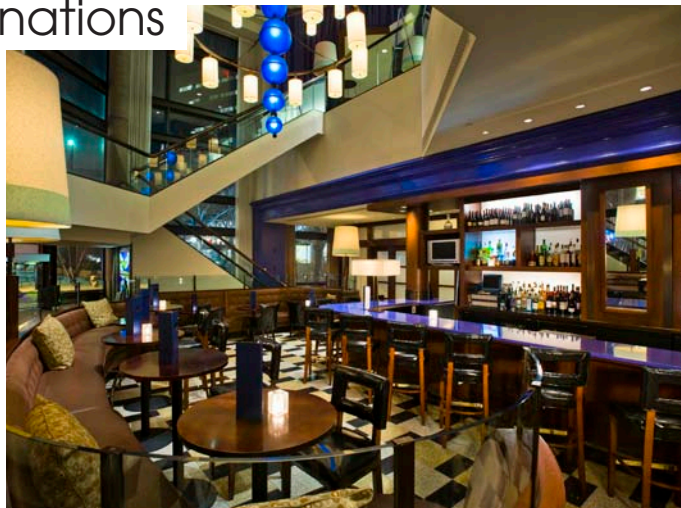


and restaurants at Copley Place (two levels include Neiman Marcus, Barneys New York, Tiffany & Co., Louis Vuitton and Burberry) and The Shops at Prudential Center (Saks Fifth Avenue, Lacoste, Lord & Taylor, Sephora, L'Espalier, Sel de la Terre and more).

After an invigorating day on the town, you'll be ready to slumber in a Westin Heavenly® Bed, with its uber-comfy pillow-top mattresses, designed to lull guests into a deep sleep (billowy down blankets, five plush pillows and soft sheets complete the experience). The renovated guest-rooms (we suggest a junior suite, which offers lots of room and a cozy seating area) are designed for relaxation with a soothing color palette.

The pampering continues with signature spa amenities in the bathroom, along with Brazilian-combed cotton bath sheets and custom-designed velour robes.

All 803 rooms offer views of the Charles River and Back Bay, but for a special treat, consider booking one of the two largest spaces—the



Presidential Suite and the Imperial Suite, both located on the 36th floor, with incredible panoramas of Beacon Hill, the Charles River and Boston Harbor. The spacious suites (from 2,700 to 2,900-square feet) offer separate pantries, dining/conference tables with seating for eight, built-in wet bars and two bedrooms and three baths.

Traveling with kids? Little ones are given coloring books and bath toys, and can enjoy the Story Line, a bedtime story service offered over the phone. Westin Kids Club also provides all those must-haves: cribs, diapers and wipes, to name a few.

For the ultimate in indulgence, book a spa or hair appointment at Grettacole Salon and Day Spa, which offers everything from haircuts to facials in an elegant, unpretentious environment (doesn't a Hot Stone Therapy Massage sound divine?). For workouts on the go, there's also a heated indoor pool and 24-hour fitness center.

Westin's attention to detail goes beyond all this, though—the staff is also committed to protecting the environment. Among its green initiatives: LED lighting, low VOC paint and saving 25 million gallons of water.

This dedication hasn't gone unnoticed and the hotel has garnered several awards for its "green" initiatives, including the prestigious 4-Green Key Award, and the Green Seal, which recognizes its work toward environmental responsibility.

One more reason to book a room at The Westin Copley Place. **o**

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