

# SPOTLIGHT

on

## One of Boston's Sexiest Hotel Rooms

by Clint Hamblin

### FAIRMONT COPLEY PLAZA HOTEL

Since its gala opening in 1912, the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel has easily managed to maintain the title of Grand Dame of Boston hotels. This is not surprising when you consider the breathtaking marble and gold-leaf lobby and the equally magnificent meeting and function rooms including the 5,720-square-foot grand ballroom with a Louis XVI decor of crystal chandeliers and gilded decorations. This is one of Boston's finest hotels where memories are made daily.

On the way to your room, you can't help but notice the hallway walls filled with pictures of dignitaries and movie stars that have spent the night or attended an

event within the hotel. The menus of days-gone-by are amusing and occasionally shocking, with very low restaurant prices unimaginable in the 21st century.

The Copley, as Bostonians call her, recently went through a \$34 million renovation and restoration leaving sparkling finishes throughout the hotel's 383 rooms. Even if you're not spending the night, the palace-like public space is worthy of a stroll through. Every detail is extraordinary.

The artwork, rugs and furniture in the stately presidential suite make you feel like royalty. The living room, huge dining room and bedroom are decorated with period wallpaper and antique furniture representing the early 20th century. This is a grand space for a cocktail party, business meeting

or an overnight stay.

The bedroom includes a four-post bed with a mattress so high you'll need to climb the little oak stairs on the side to get in and out. Rumor has it that the late film actor Paul Newman loved the presidential suite and frequented it whenever he was in town. Actor Tom Cruise has also spent several nights in this very unique suite.

The master bath includes a

jacuzzi-style tub with several flavors of bath beads at your disposal. Order a bottle of bubbly to go with your bubbling bath. This tub is just the right size for two.

The suite's dining room seats 10 people, and the hotel kitchen's 24-hour room service can bring you just about anything you'd like. If you prefer eating out, be sure not to miss the hotel's famous Oak Room, a magnificent restaurant with an even more

magnificent menu. Casual attire is permitted, but I highly recommend dressing for dinner. It will make your experience all the more special.

As part of the renovation, Fairmont Gold, an exclusive "hotel within a hotel," delivering the highest level of service to the most discerning travelers, now resides on the entire fourth floor. Fairmont Gold is an exquisite place to live, work and relax, featuring an exclusive lounge modeled after a Back Bay mansion, plus a dedicated concierge service staff to provide personalized service.

An amenity not seen in many hotels is Catie Copley, the Fairmont Copley Plaza's canine ambassador. Guests can make a reservation to take Catie for a walk, and if you're lucky, perhaps Catie will sign her latest

book release, *Catie Copley's Great Escape*, a children's book featuring the adventures and exploits of the hotel's canine ambassador. Catie hangs out in the lobby of the hotel, where she loves to meet and greet guests who find patting her on the head absolutely irresistible.

The Fairmont Copley Plaza is located in the middle of Boston, just a short walk to the shops on Newbury Street, Beacon Hill, the Prudential and Copley Place Malls, and the great restaurants of the Back Bay and South End. The Boston Public Library is across the street, as is the historic Trinity Church. There's always so much to enjoy in Boston, if you're so inclined to leave the hotel, a task at the Fairmont Copley Plaza that is easier said than done.



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