

SPOTLIGHT

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One of Boston's Sexiest Hotel Rooms

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While the population ponders losing their jobs, the affluent continue to live beyond our wildest imagination. Would you spend \$6,900 for an overnight stay in a hotel room? I couldn't afford the tax! At a time when dreams are much more affordable than reality, let's imagine staying the night at the sexy presidential suite at The Four Seasons Hotel. This is a dream you'll find yourself repeating night after night.

Impressively placed at 200 Boylston Street overlooking the Public Garden and Boston Common, this 3,000-square-foot abode includes a sophisticated, large and lavishly decorated living room with a silver-leaf ceiling. John Williams is rumored to have composed two movie scores on the suite's baby grand piano. I've heard that both Billy Joel and Barbra Streisand have enjoyed the view of the gardens from the suite's double-door balcony.

General Manager William Taylor said, "It really is a terrific room that manages to be sophisticated and opulent, yet comfortable, relaxing and intimate at the same time." Taylor joked, "If those walls could talk!"

Considering the suite's technology, I wouldn't be surprised if those walls really could talk. The surround sound is built into the ceiling and is controlled by an LCD remote that also operates the giant flat-screen television and all lighting in the room. It takes a bit to get the hang of it all, but once you find the perfect music, master the dimmer and get all the lights exactly where you want them, the martinis can be poured.

The mirror-paneled walls of the dining room are surrounded by hand-painted wallpaper and an antique chandelier. Invite 10 of your favorite guests and have the hotel's room service prepare a splendid



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comes with a private fax machine.

The massive master bedroom has upholstered soft walls and draperies in sepia toile fabric, essentially soundproofing the entire space. Another flat-paneled monitor and a

couch and chairs take up a corner of the room. The bed is huge with a mirrored back wall. This is an impressive space where you and your partner can be romantic in every corner. A large dressing area and large walk-in closet are adjacent to the suite. Carrie Bradshaw would be envious of the closet space.

Also adjacent to the master suite, you'll find the huge salmon-hued Rosa Portugallo marble bathroom with a color television mounted at the end of the deep-soaking oval bathtub. The bathroom includes a double vanity, a walk-in shower with a rain bath showerhead, and a heavenly bidet placed in a separate alcove. White orchids sway over your head while the tub fills. You can control the lighting, change the channel and lower the sound all from your bathroom remote while soaking in the tub. Invite a friend. CNN was never more fun!

From a workout to a dip in the hotel's pool, everything is within the property. Dinner at Ajourd'hui can be as formal as you'd like, and with chef William Kovel guiding your dining experience, you'll have a dinner beyond your wildest dreams.

For a more casual and energized dining experience, the Bristol Lounge is another great restaurant located within the hotel. Their heirloom tomato salad is outstanding, and so is the Watermelon Marguerita or Blueberry Martini.

Room service breakfast includes perfectly cooked poached eggs, smoked salmon, bacon, sausage and the most outstanding blueberry pancakes I've ever had.

With check-in time at 3 pm and check-out time at 12 pm, you'll have 21 hours to make a few memories. That's a little over \$300 per hour. Well worth the price, don't you think?

