

SPOTLIGHT

on

One of the Sexiest Hotel Rooms in Boston

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INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON

Have you visited the luxurious InterContinental Boston? Take a trip to 510 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's Waterfront and look for the monolithic blue glass building boldly defying the brownstone architectural style so identified with our city.

This sexy 424-room Gotham-like hotel opened in November of 2006 and has become a popular destination for luxurious overnight accommodations, great dining experiences, upscale spa treatments and exhibiting the works of some rather impressive international artists.

As you move through the massive Asian influenced lobby, you can't help but notice the sleek chairs, the exotic art pieces, the lighting and the beautiful cultural representations throughout. Earlier this year, you would have also noticed a fine exhibit of the artwork by film and stage actor, Anthony Quinn. From massive sculptures to small drawings, Quinn's art legacy transformed the lobby and several floors into a museum-quality exhibition hall showcasing his impressive work.

The works of internationally renowned Murano glass blowing maestro Afro Celotto are now on display in the lobby of the hotel.

Spending the night in the Presidential Suite at the InterContinental Hotel is a luxurious experience. An average hotel room would fit within the suite's huge marble foyer. A full kitchen with a full

refrigerator is stocked with soda, wine and liquor. It's a great place to store the pâté and champagne welcome package waiting for you on the dining room table that seats eight. The living room is large enough to host a cocktail party for at least 20 or 30 people.



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A good turndown in a quality hotel can mean many things, including champagne, chocolates, classical music, reorganizing your clothes and, of course, "turning down" the bed. Every luxury hotel has developed a "signature" turndown, and the InterContinental Boston is no different, offering a "Rose-Petal Turndown" with rose petals strewn all over the turned-down bed. Romantic? You bet!

For dinner, make a reservation at Miel Brasserie Provençal, a fine restaurant located on the main floor of the hotel with a lovely view of the water. Miel features southern France's favorites including honey, olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables, herbes de Provence and seafood.

The very popular RumBa is a rum bar with a Boston accent and features approximately 80 varieties of rum, covering sipping rums to great base mixers for those signature cocktails, and if you like food from the sea, RumBa's seafood towers will knock you out.

Sushi-Teq serves sushi and 69 premium vintage tequilas, 10 flavored margarita cocktails and 10 specialty exotic drinks. You might wonder if Sushi goes with Tequila. Take my word for it – it goes very well.

The InterContinental Spa overlooks Boston's new Rose Kennedy Greenway. The

6,600-square-foot spa offers a 24-hour health club with state-of-the-art weight and cardio training equipment, along with a 45-foot heated indoor lap pool. Lots of healing spa services are offered, including massage therapy, body treatments and facial care, in addition to wellness classes like yoga, toning and water aerobics.

If you haven't visited the InterContinental Boston, put it on your list of sexy things to do. You'll soon become a regular.

The bedroom has a great view and features a king-sized bed with a cleverly lit headboard practically covering the back wall. The huge marble bathroom is through a set of double doors and includes two separate counters, magnifying wall mirrors, a separate shower and an enormous oval bathtub. Plan your bath well in advance, as it takes about 20 minutes to fill this very deep tub. When you finish, grab one of those gigantic bath towels you placed on the towel warmer. It'll be nice and toasty.

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