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on

One of the Sexiest Hotel Rooms in Boston

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THE LIBERTY HOTEL

Everybody in the whole cell block was dancin' to the jailhouse rock. And they are – they really are! What was once a dark and dismal prison where criminals were locked-up and couldn't get out, the notorious Charles Street Jail, has been cleverly re-imagined as the luxurious Liberty Hotel, a place where Boston's fashionably elite patiently wait in long lines just to get in.

After five years and a \$150 million renovation, the historic Charles Street Jail has been recycled, replacing the gloom and doom of the past with joy and hope for the future. Almost instantly, the former mid-19th-century prison park became a popular 21st century theme park where the chic, fun crowd show off their good fashion sense, savor upscale cuisine and enjoy accommodations in one of several of the sexiest hotel rooms in Boston.

At check-in, guests enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne and a cool, juicy black plum. While sipping their bubbly and delaying departure to their rooms, guests marvel at the incredible structural design of what was once the prisoner's



Bedroom suite with view of the Charles River

view of the Charles River like you've never seen before.

The bright and cleanly designed bedroom includes a comfortable king-sized bed and a long desk facing the Charles River. The telephone comes with a monitor-like LCD screen where you can make a call, send e-mail from your phone or make restaurant reservations. The traditional mini-bar is packed with small bottles of water, soda, juice, liquor and expensive bottles of wine and champagne, as well as an Intimacy Kit by Booty Parlor.

The Liberty Hotel is not your average luxury hotel but it's definitely caught on as Boston's latest and greatest

courtyard. The hotel lobby takes advantage of this colossal space and original architecture. Guests stroll around marveling at the giant windows, massive chandeliers and three levels of wall-to-wall balconies.

If you're "in the clink" at the Liberty Hotel, you're probably enjoying Chef Joseph Margate's creative cuisine in his restaurant Clink, where the menu is as playful as the jailhouse decor. From lamb to scallops and everything in between, Margate's culinary choices are new, refreshing and very popular, so make your reservation well in advance. Try the oys-

ters – they're outstanding.

The Liberty Hotel is also the new home for award-winning Chef Lydia Shire who recently opened Scampo, a new eatery featuring rustic cuisine from an open kitchen in an Italian-designed restaurant. Ironically, Alibi, located in the former Charles Street Jail Drunk Tank, now offers libations along with an innovative menu.

Say hello to the Divine Miss M as entertainment icon Bette Midler gets out of the elevator that just took Paris Hilton and Bruce Willis to their rooms. It's not a surprise that as more and more movies are being shot in Boston, the Liberty has attracted its share of the Hollywood crowd.

A corner suite includes a living room with two bathrooms. The decor is simple with clean and uncluttered lines, but you'll find yourself spending most of your time in the bedroom where two floor-to-ceiling glass walls frame an amazing panoramic

playground. Take a stroll through the lobby and see what everyone is talking about. There's nothing like it anywhere.

Hey, wasn't that Morgan Freeman and Carrie Fisher?



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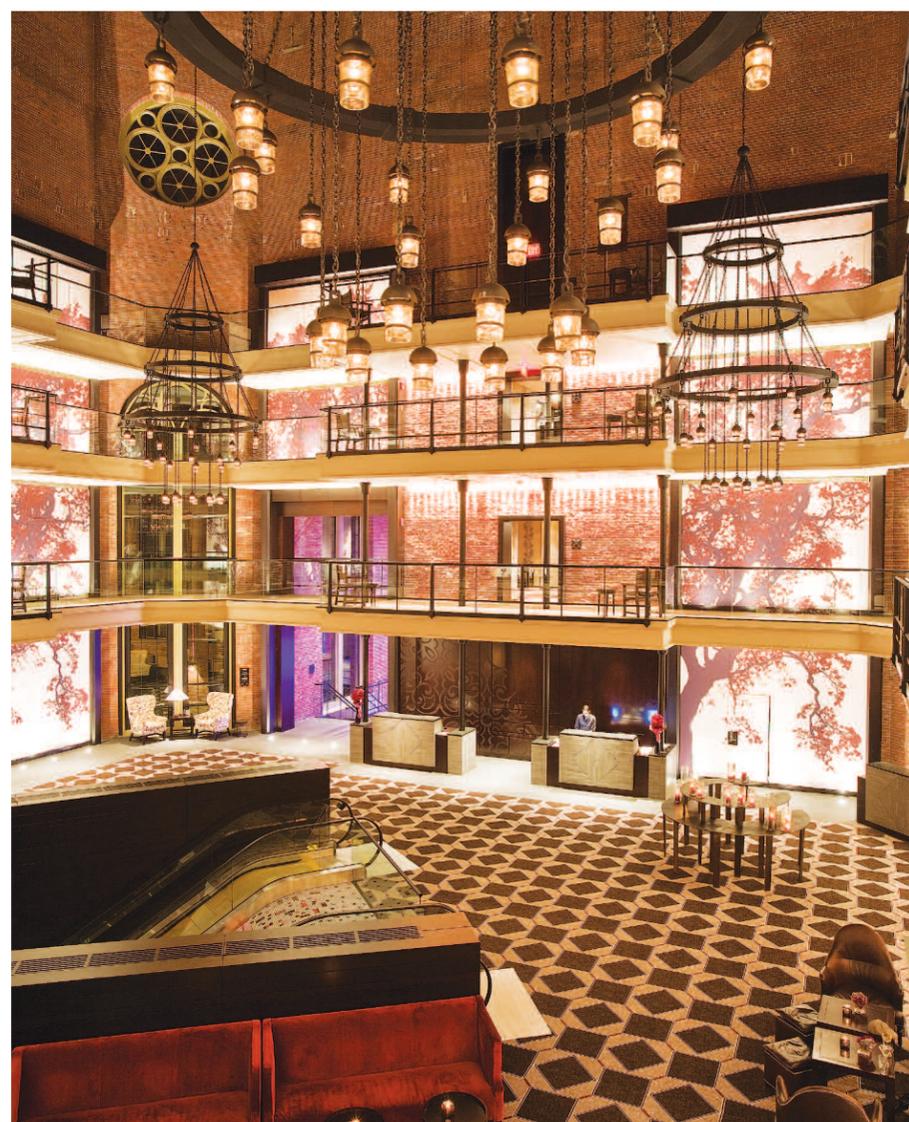
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