

The Charles

Cambridge, Massachusetts

NEXT DOOR TO HARVARD'S KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT and just steps away from the university's storied quads, The Charles Hotel (charleshotel.com) opened for business in 1985 and, over the past 30 years, has welcomed everyone from Barbra Streisand to His Holiness the Dalai Lama. The Charles is a member of Preferred Hotels and Resorts and an AAA Four Diamond award-winning hotel, and boasts 295 guest rooms, 46 suites, and one Presidential Suite. With its classic New England design, sophisticated service, technology, and one-of-a-kind accommodations, The Charles Hotel is the smart place to stay and is ideal for business and leisure travel.

The Charles Hotel is undergoing a \$20-million property-wide guest-room renovation, set for completion in spring of 2016. The guest room renovation includes new furniture, Carrara marble bathrooms, "smart sleeper" mattresses, an energy-saving light system, blackout curtains, and enhanced amenities like 55-inch TV screens and curated superfood minibars boasting goodies like yogurt-covered blueberries, spicy toasted walnuts, dark chocolate-covered acai berries, and kale chips.



The Charles lobby concierge desk (above); the lobby library (left)



In addition to the smart renovations and guest enhancements, the hotel's famed existing art collection will remain and be re-showcased with new additions. The rooms and suites include board and batten-paneled walls, inspired rug designs, and Shaker detailed furniture.

For those seeking the best the property has to offer, the Presidential Suite is unlike any other.

Heads of state, Hollywood celebrities, and international business leaders call this suite their home-away-from-home. It includes a custom-made grand king-size four-poster maple bed, all original artwork, two fireplaces, Bose® speaker system, and five flat-screen TVs including a Vision Art TV, as well as an iPod Docking Station, security camera, oversized shower with two heads and six side spouts, separate dressing room/closet area, office with a custom-made desk, and breathtaking views of the Boston and Cambridge skylines. These luxurious amenities create an ambiance and style found nowhere else. ●