

## Make-over of a 118 year old Boston Grand Dame


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**The Copley Square Hotel is Boston latest boutique reinvention**  
**17 Million make-over restores it beyond its original glory**

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**D**irectly across Huntington Avenue from the best shopping in Boston at Copley Place and a block from the shops at Prudential, the sparkling new [Copley Square Hotel](#) is truly a re-polished, historic gem located in the heart of Boston's Back at the corner of Exeter Street.

It has the distinction of being the city's second-oldest hotel in continuous operation.

 opened on July 4, 1891 at a total cost of \$300,000, or less than 2% of the cost to renovate today.

After its \$17 million renovation and reinvention which turned the C2 into a delightful boutique hotel, guests will have luxurious accommodations at an undeniably attractive rate at Boston's hottest contemporary boutique hotel.

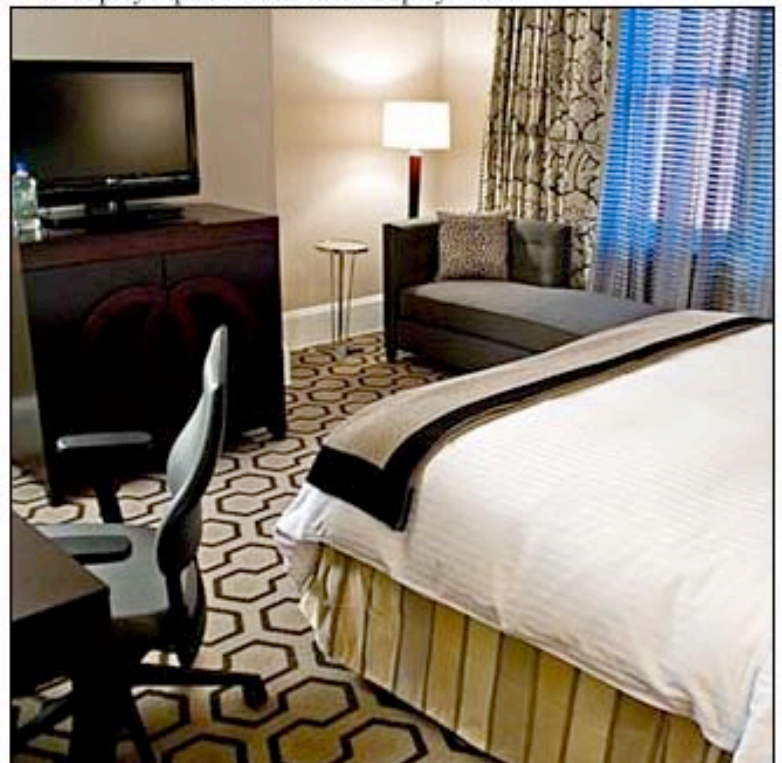
Copley is also a block from Boylston Street and two blocks from Newbury Street shops and easy walking distance to many of the city's most popular restaurants, nightspots, and attractions,

Perhaps best of all in these recessionary times, the Copley Square Hotel offers visitors these unique opportunities while enjoying one of the most competitive hotel rates Boston has to offer.

The newly redecorated room rates start at \$225, and a Deluxe King room shown on right is only \$249.



The Copley Square Hotel faces Copley Place.



The bedrooms are very snappy, Art Deco with...

## Take a Spring Break

Take a spring break without breaking the bank at this sparkling new urban oasis.

Leave the tropical oils and bathing suits behind, and get ready to relax and party at the Copley Square Hotel.


Hook up with a friend for some clubbing followed by some do-not-disturb late night action and get in 2 it without worrying about your friends barging in.

Package includes a King Deluxe room (on right), breakfast for 2 at Xhale, 2 cocktails and an appetizer at the [miniBar](#), VIP access to [Saint](#), one of Boston's most exclusive nightclubs, and 2 passes to FitCorp to work off your excesses from the night before.

Each additional night will be 20% off the best available rate. The package is available through April 16, 2009.

## The latest word in hospitality

I have developed a "*Brooks' Hotel Rule #1*" which postulates that the higher priced the hotel room rates, the fewer the free amenities and the higher the price for online access.

 Copley Square however follows the 21st Century trend of offering fast wired access everywhere and at no cost.

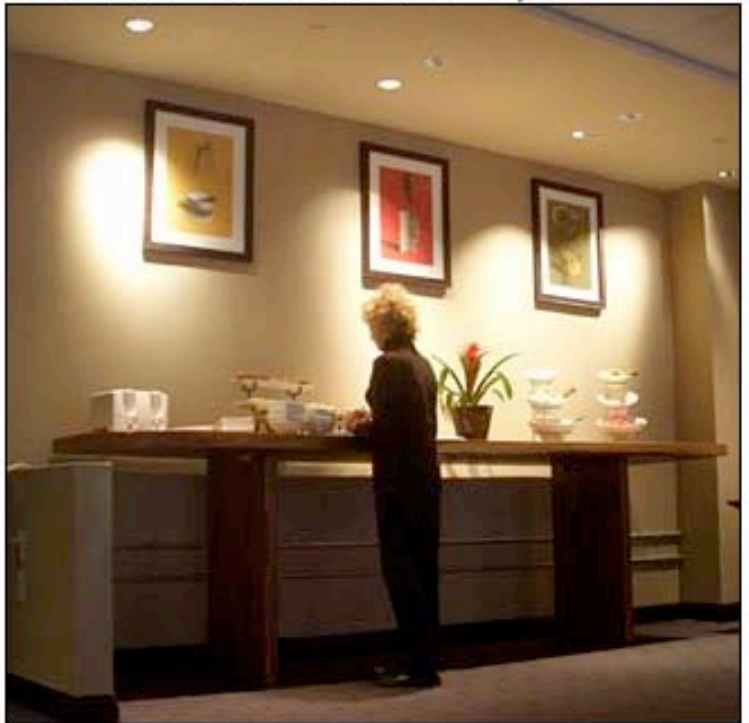
And every evening from 5 to 6, the hotel hosts a "Wine Down" time offering guests a glass of wine in the lobby.

My pet peeve at every the five star hotel is the time when coffee is available for guests.

That's not a problem here since the Copley Square has a [Keurig](#) coffee maker in the handsome lobby which makes freshly brewed one-cup-at-a-time coffee of your choice and is available 24/7.



...the fastest Wi-Fi access I've ever found in any hotel



The breakfast area is as smart as the rest of the hotel.



Copley Square is one of five Massachusetts hotels owned by International Hotel and Resorts.

