

# *The Boston Park Plaza*



## *Hotel & Towers*

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### **General Information & Location:**

Located in the heart of historic Back Bay, The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers is one of Boston's most recognized and renowned landmarks. The Boston Park Plaza, a Starwood managed property and a member of Historic Hotels of America, opened March 10, 1927 as part of the E.M. Statler Empire.

With an unsurpassed Boston address, the hotel is located only 3 miles from Logan International Airport and only 200 yards from the nation's first public parks, the Boston Common & the Public Garden. The hotel is easily accessible to shopping along world renowned Newbury Street, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, the Theatre & Financial Districts and most historic landmarks.

Rich in history, The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers has distinguished itself with classic elegance and personal service that continues to attract travelers from all over the world who visit Boston for business, leisure or special events.

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### **History:**

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers began construction in 1925 as part of the E.M. Statler Empire. E.M. Statler, one of our nation's most visionary businessmen and hoteliers, opened the hotel on March 10, 1927 as The Statler Hotel.

Statler chose the hotel's address, which was originally 1922 Providence Street, due to its "location, location, location." The hotel's original site was once beach front property where British troops landed to embark for the Battle of Lexington. The bay was later filled in to form what is now known as Boston's Back Bay.

Today, The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers is located only 200 yards from the nation's first public parks, the Boston Common & the Public Garden (founded in 1634 & 1837). The Public Garden, famous for its swan boats, was the inspiration for The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers logo.



During construction in 1925, The Statler Hotel was granted a last minute variance to build the 155 ft., (14 story) building, which exceeded the Massachusetts State Building code of 125 ft. This

oversight, caught in the final weeks of construction, was approved by Mayor James Curley, making the hotel the tallest building in Boston by 30 ft. In addition, The Statler Hotel was the largest independent hotel in all of New England for five decades and the 8<sup>th</sup> largest hotel in the World.

Statler opted to construct the building as a multi-use hotel and office building to ensure a dependable flow of revenue. He envisioned a hotel that would serve the neglected middle class, and the new breed of commercial/traveling businessmen, all of whom had recently gained freedom with the popularity of the automobile. The 57,651 square foot land parcel was purchased for \$45,000 and originally housed 1,300 guestrooms with private baths. These rooms have now been combined to bring the hotel's current total to 941 guestrooms & suites. When the hotel opened, 60% of its guestrooms were priced between \$3.50 and \$5.00 per night.

By the time the project was completed, craftsmen had used 5 million bricks, 2 acres of window glass, 10 acres of carpet, 7,000 doors, 200 miles of molding, 16 million pounds of steel, and spent over \$14 million dollars total.

The hotel was the first to introduce many new and modern hotel conveniences; the most popular being the implementation of guestroom radios. This was a free feature in each room that was so admired that E.M. Statler soon invested over a million dollars to have radios installed in over 7,700 of his guestrooms throughout his hotel empire. Other new and modern hotel conveniences being perfected at The Statler Hotel included: in-room telephones, occupancy indicators (do not disturb sign), complimentary newspaper delivery, mail & laundry chutes on each floor and the "Servidoor," a panel in each guestroom door which allowed the valet to deliver laundry without disturbing the guest. WBZA, a Boston radio station, was once broadcasted from the hotel's penthouse.

In 1976 The Statler Hotel announced without warning that the hotel was going to close. Two weeks later it was bought by the Irving M. Saunders family. "The first instinct was to save the hotel; it was where my parents were married in 1928. It's always been a Boston landmark," said Irving's son, Donald Saunders. In 1996 the Saunders family partnered with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. and together Saunstar Operating Ltd. assumed ownership and operation of The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers.



## **Guestrooms and Suites:**

### Arrival & Departure Times

- Arrival 3:00pm
- Departure 12:00pm

### Guest Room Information

- Number of Rooms: 941
- Number of Floors: 15
- Number of Suites: 39
- Number of ADA Accessible Rooms: 46
- Last Renovation: Q1 2009

### Guest Room Amenities:

- Electronic key system ~ *guestrooms equipped with additional locks*
- New Simmons Beautyrest Pillowtop mattresses
- Voicemail
- Data ports
- Video-on-Demand
- High speed Internet access available in all rooms ~ *for additional cost*
- In-room safes ~ *Can accommodate most laptop computers*
- Iron and ironing boards
- Exclusive Towers Level Concierge Floor ~ *located on the 15th floor*

## **Guest Services:**

- Airport Boarding Pass Kiosk
- Airport Shuttles
- Barber Shop & Beauty Salon
- Bell Desk & Luggage Service
- Business Center
- Concierge
- Express Check-out
- Fax & FedEx Services
- Fitness Center
- Gift Shop
- Landau Jewelry
- Laundry Services
- Nine Restaurants & Lounges
- Room Service ~ *available 24-hours*
- Self Parking
- Shoe Shine
- Taxis
- Valet





### **Function Space:**

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, a multi-recipient of the Pinnacle Award for Successful Meetings, is the perfect setting for your next social or business event. The hotel hosts up to 65,000 square feet of flexible function space that can accommodate large groups of up to 2,000 to a more intimate setting of 20.

- Number of Meeting Rooms: 39
- Largest Meeting Space: 14,520 sq. ft.
- Meeting Space Includes: Mezzanine (second floor), Fourth Floor Conference Rooms and The Park Plaza Castle

### **Transportation:**

#### From Logan Airport:

You have three options when arriving at Logan International Airport:

- Airport Cab Service (meter rate) (average \$30 - \$35)
- Boston Subway **"T"**: Hotel is located on Arlington Stop (Green Line) Back Bay Stop (Orange Line)
- Ultimate Shuttle - [www.ultimateshuttle.com](http://www.ultimateshuttle.com)

#### Taxi Service:

24-hour taxi service is available at the hotel's Main Entrance

#### T Service: (Subway)

The hotel is 1 block from the Arlington T Stop off of the Green Line and 3 blocks from the Back Bay T Stop off of the Orange line.

### **Parking:**

#### Valet Parking:

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers offers overnight valet parking for \$42.00 per night. Valet is located at the Columbus Avenue Entrance of the hotel. For more information please visit [www.ultimateparking.com](http://www.ultimateparking.com).

#### Self Parking - Motor Mart Garage:

The Motor Mart Garage is located directly across the street from The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers. The garage offers 24-hour access, visible security and a clean friendly environment. Visit [www.motormartgarage.com](http://www.motormartgarage.com) for more information on rates and location.



### **Dining & Entertainment:**

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Tower's reputation continues to grow as Boston's premier dining destination. The hotel offers nine restaurants & lounges on property. Guests can enjoy a variety of dining options to satisfy any taste including: Pairings – food & drink with personality, fresh Atlantic seafood at McCormick & Schmick's, exclusive Afternoon Tea at The Boston Park Plaza and authentic Irish cuisine at MJ O'Connor's.

The amazing collection of world-class restaurants and lounges located at the hotel as well as in the neighborhood ensures that The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers will exceed any expectation.

#### *Afternoon Tea in the Grand Lobby*

Tea is the new wine when it comes to Afternoon Tea Tastings at The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers. The hotel is home to Tea Sommelier, Cynthia Gold, one of the few tea sommeliers in the world. Gold not only creates her own exclusive tea blends but she uses her tea as an ingredient in exclusive cocktails and recipes.

#### *Au Bon Pain*

From its roots in Boston, Au Bon Pain has become a cornerstone of the urban scene. Not just a coffee shop, but a bakery and lunch place too. Every selection can be customized to accommodate all tastes and preferences.

#### *Ben & Jerry's*

Ben & Jerry's entire menu totals over 50 great ice creams, frozen yogurt and sorbet products. There are flavors to suit the most creative palates as the all-natural ice cream is made from fresh Vermont dairy products.

#### *Finale Desserterie*

Finale Desserterie offers an intimate setting that has been called plush and romantic. Finale is perfect for a late night bite after a show, or an indulgent mid-afternoon break. You can also enjoy lunch, dinner and a full list of wines, cordials and coffee.

#### *McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant*

McCormick & Schmick's classic menu features over 40 varieties of fresh fish and seafood, flown in daily. In addition to delicious seafood from local shores and both coasts, menu highlights include tempting pasta, poultry and beef specialties.



### M.J. O'Connor's Irish Pub

M.J. O'Connor's eclectic Irish food, spirits, warm friendly atmosphere and beautiful hand crafted woodwork & murals makes this authentic upscale Irish pub one of Boston's bests. A solid beer selection is complemented by a fully stocked bar.

### Pairings – food & drink with personality

Pairings melds contemporary American cuisine with a relaxed social atmosphere. The Executive Chef has created a menu that offers innovative small plates designed for sampling and sharing, which are accented by an extensive list of wines by the pour and creative cocktails.

### Smith & Wollensky Steakhouse

Smith & Wollensky Boston is located in the historic Park Plaza Castle located across the street from the hotel. Smith & Wollensky features prime steaks, an extensive wine selection, stunning décor and exceptional service.

### The Melting Pot – Fondue Restaurant

"Dip into something different." Start with a creamy cheese fondue and lively salad, and choose from flavorful fondue cooking styles and a variety of entrées including filet mignon, lobster, chicken, salmon and more. Dessert features delicious chocolate fondue served with fresh fruit & cakes.

### Whiskey Park

One of Boston's premier night-spots for the hip and trendy. This is the first Boston property of ultra swank nightclub mogul, Rande Gerber. Whiskey Park makes for one of the most intimate and stylish lounges in Boston. Proper dress code and I.D. are required.



### **Local Area:**

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers is located in the heart of Boston's historic Back Bay and is just steps from some of the city's most popular Boston attractions. Love to shop? The hotel is 2 blocks from Newbury Street, known for its designer boutiques and 5 blocks from the upscale Prudential Center and Copley Place Mall, offering over 200 shops and restaurants.

A popular winter "hot spot" in Boston is nearby Frog Pond located in the Boston Common, which offers outdoor ice-skating. During the warmer months, join up with the many joggers and spectators who fill the paths alongside Boston's Charles River.

For the historian in you, the Freedom Trail will lead you through Boston's historical sites, stopping at Paul Revere's House, Old North Church, Old South Meeting House and many more. The Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Science are also all nearby. Duck Tours can be arranged through the hotel and some of New England's most scenic beaches are only a short drive away.

### Local Attractions

- The Public Garden/Swan Boats 1 block
- Freedom Trail 2 blocks
- Newbury Street 2 blocks
- Frog Pond 3 blocks
- Cheers Bar 0.16 km/0.1 mile
- Boston Duck Tours 0.8 km/0.5 miles
- Harbor Cruises 0.8 km/0.5 miles
- State House 0.8 km/0.5 miles
- Downtown Crossing 0.8 km/0.5 miles
- Prudential Tower 0.8 km/0.5 miles
- Charles River 1.25 km/.78 miles
- Hynes Convention Center 1.6 km/ 1 mile
- Faneuil Hall Marketplace 1.6 km/1 mile
- Museum of Science 2.0 km/1.3 miles
- Children's Museum 2.14 km/1.33 miles
- New England Aquarium 2.57 km/1.6 miles
- TD Bank Garden 2.6 km/1.64 miles
- BCEC 2.64 km/1.65 miles
- Museum of Fine Arts 2.8 km/1.78 miles
- North End (Paul Revere House) 2.8 km/1.78 miles
- Fenway Park 3.2 km/2.0 miles
- USS Constitution (Old Iron Sides) 4.0 km/2.5 miles
- Bunker Hill 4.2 km/2.6 miles
- Beaches 7.5 km/4.6 miles