

## Introduction to Boston

### Places to Stay, each a link.

[AstraZeneca Hope Lodge](#): Cost, zero. 617-396-5511. Fills quickly, try to reserve in advance. The first floor has a yoga room, art room, library, large living room, media/theater room. There are 4 mega kitchens with a common eating area where patients and caregivers congregate. On floors 2-4 there are 40 mini suites (without kitchens), and a mini sun room on each corner of the building. Transportation provided to area hospitals

[Christopher's Haven](#): For “kids”. Note in 2014, 19 and 23 y/o ‘kids’ stayed. ~\$30 a night, full kitchens. There is a separate living room that has TVs, games, and a kitchen. CH is directly across the street from MGH.

[MGH Social Service List of Specialized Accommodations \(Page 2\)](#)

[National Corporate Housing](#): (617) 948-9876, Kristen or Anna. Furnished short term apartments. Secure private wireless in each unit, TVs, washer/dryer, full kitchens, plates, salad bowls, sheets, towels, etc. No tax charged, unlike a hotel room.

**Transportation:** [Map](#). Note the city was founded in 1630 so the streets can be quite confusing most times, parking can be scarce and very expensive. If you fly in to Logan, consider taking a cab, ~\$30 to MGH and \$45 to Hope Lodge. If you’re driving and not staying at Hope Lodge, ask about parking costs.

**Amtrack to Boston:** South Station is served by Amtrack <http://www.amtrak.com> and all major bus lines. In the east coast corridor it is also served by Amtrack’s Acela high speed rail 3 ([link](#))

**Trains and Subways.** Note the cars are marked with the name of their destinations and a letter  
The Red Line ([Link](#)) @ MGH. You can take it to Harvard, explore the campus, window shop, eat, etc.  
The Green line ([Link](#)) Museum of Fine Arts, Gardner Museum, Prudential Center Mall, Hope Lodge, etc.

**Neighborhoods:** ([link](#))

Boston is a city of neighborhoods each with its own distinctive character.

North End is Boston’s little Italy with many fine restaurants

Chinatown restaurants are great before or after going to the theater district next door.

Seaport District offers restaurants and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

In the summer escape the city by taking a short ferry ride to the Boston Harbor Islands National Park.

For a full description of Boston neighborhoods: <http://www.boston.com/travel/boston/neighborhoods>

### Things to do:

City Pass: <http://www.citypass.com/boston>

Freedom Trail: <http://www.thefreedomtrail.org>

The Paul Revere House: <http://www.paulreverehouse.org>

Old State House: <http://www.bostonhistory.org>

USS Constitution: [Link](#)

Boston Tea Party Museum: <http://www.bostontepartyship.com>

Faneuil Hall Marketplace: <http://www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com>

Museum of Science: <http://www.mos.org>

Aquarium: <http://www.neaq.org>

Children's Museum: <http://www.bostonkids.org>

Boston Symphony Orchestra: <http://www.bso.org>

Home Museum of Fine Arts: <http://www.mfa.org>

Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum: <http://www.gardnermuseum.org>

Harvard Museum of Natural History: <http://www.hmnh.harvard.edu>

Harvard Museum of Art: <http://www.harvardartmuseums.org>

MIT Museum: <http://web.mit.edu/museum>

MGH Museum: <http://www.massgeneral.org/museum>

Boston Harbor Islands National Park: <http://www.bostonharborislands.org>

Boston Harborfest: <http://www.bostonharborfest.com>

Boston Bruins: <http://bruins.nhl.com>