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Travel + Leisure Readers' 10 Favorite Hotels in Boston of 2024

Readers were drawn to luxury stays with a welcoming feel in our annual "World's Best Awards" survey for 2024.

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There's a magical dichotomy about Boston. As one of the nation's oldest cities, founded in 1630, the Massachusetts capital is deeply rooted in historical essence, proudly showing off its famed landmarks along the [2.5-mile Freedom Trail](#) from Boston Common to Bunker Hill. But scratch the surface a bit deeper and there's a bubbling elegance to its newcomers, from shiny new buildings in the West End to the hottest waterfront neighborhood at the Seaport. That same mentality goes for its trending hotels.

What Readers Loved

Tried-and-true global luxury brands putting their own spin on the Bostonian experience proved to be a winning formula, with Raffles and Four Seasons sweeping the top two spots. Making its North American debut with [Raffles Boston](#) in September 2023, the Singaporean chain strategically chose the sophisticated district of Back Bay, the same area as [Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street Boston](#), the Four Seasons' second Boston outpost, which opened in May 2019. Another favorite of the neighborhood, [The Newbury](#), which was [last year's No. 1](#), fell to No. 7, but retains buzz even among locals, especially for its rooftop restaurant, the beloved [Contessa](#) — still one of the hardest-to-get reservations in town for favorites like its squash carpaccio with a side of Boston skyline view. All together, Back Bay cements its reputation as the most coveted area to stay.

The Winner

Raffles Boston



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There's an intangible kind of allure that the Raffles brand has established, ever since it opened its first hotel back in 1887, that seemed unattainable for the American market — until the brand set its sights on the 35-story tower at 40 Trinity Place in Boston's most prestigious neighborhood. Location is key here, as readers have called the address everything from “fantastic” to a “bucket list location.” The experience is elevated (literally) from the start with its 17th-floor Sky Lobby, which one reader noted for its bar and terrace. Overall, another called this first North American Raffles an “amazing new luxury experience Boston was lacking!”



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The Full List

1. [Raffles Boston](#)

Reader Score: 97.09