

## Boston Area Hotel Reviews

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### Hotel Marlowe, Cambridge MA

25 Edwin H. Land Blvd.

I made a reservation for this hotel on Travelbound as I was looking for a moderately priced hotel in Boston. The Marlowe is part of the Kimpton Hotel Chain. Since I booked through Travelbound I was unable to get my nights credited to my Karma Rewards account but I was still able to get free Wi-Fi. Something to keep in mind if you have clients who are rewards members.

The hotel is approximately 10-20 minutes from Boston Logan Airport. We drove to the airport on a Tuesday afternoon around 4pm and it took us 10 minutes. I really liked the hotel's location for sightseeing. The hotel is located next to Cambridgeside Galleria with lots of shops and restaurants. Directly across from the Galleria is a Hop-on Hop Off stop for Super Duck Tours. We purchased a two-day ticket that included 3 different sightseeing loops, a duck splash cruise in Boston Harbor and a bonus option. We used the Charles River Cruise option which is located behind the Galleria. We really enjoyed the river cruise. We were able to get everywhere in Boston and Cambridge on these buses. We did not have time to do the south Seaport loop as there was so much to see. The hotel is about a 7 minute walk from the red or green subway line. I did not check out the public buses so I cannot comment on that.

The rooms at the Kimpton were very nice. We had an interior courtyard view and it was very quiet. One thing to note is there are no coffee makers in the room. They have a mini-bar that you can add your own items to (no sensors). The bathrooms were nicely appointed with a makeup mirror and of course, the Kimpton animal robes. One note is that the Kimpton hotels are dog friendly. We saw dogs every day. Some clients may not like that so keep in mind. I am allergic to most dogs and I did not have any issues in my room or in the lobby area.

The hotel provides coffee service in the lobby in the mornings. The service from all the hotel staff was excellent. We also tried the restaurant onsite for breakfast. Very good options, service and prices. They have a wine hour in the lobby library area from 5 to 6 each evening, but we were not able to attend. We did not have room service, although they have a yummy late night menu.

It is approximately 4.3 miles from the hotel to the Black Falcon Cruise Terminal. Without traffic it is an 11 minute drive. I think it would be very easy to grab a taxi to the terminal if a client wanted to stay in Cambridge. I do not know what the cost would be. There is a charge for parking at the Marlowe. Currently \$28 per day for self-park and \$33 for valet. This is less expensive than a hotel in downtown Boston.

I would recommend this hotel for a client looking for a very nice hotel close to Boston without the downtown Boston price tag. We paid \$301 per night (including taxes) which I thought very reasonable for a July visit.

Hilton Boston Logan Airport  
One Hotel Drive, Boston, MA

The Hilton is attached to Logan Airport. You can walk directly to the hotel via sky bridges from terminals A & E. There is a hotel shuttle that will pick up from terminals B & C as the walk from these two terminals is farther. We arrived in Terminal C around 12:15am and called for the shuttle. We waited less than 5 minutes for a pick up. They advise that the shuttle will pick up in less than 15 minutes.

This hotel is very convenient for those looking to stay near the airport. We stayed the night here and then the hotel shuttle took us to the rental car area the next morning. The hotel is your typical large Hilton. I did advance check in on the Hilton app and only had to walk up to the check in desk and they handed me my keys. Very nice when it is late at night. The rooms were clean and quiet. We really did not hear plane noise. A note about room service. They stop room service at 11pm and the grab and go food area also closes. If you arrive late, there are no food options available, and there is nothing nearby. We knew about this and planned ahead, but it is something to mention to clients.

We did not eat in the restaurant. We did grab a coffee from the grab and go area in the morning. There are no refrigerators in the room, but there is a coffee maker.

This is an easy option for those flying that want to be next to the airport. I booked on Hilton's website and our cost was \$216 for a room with two double beds.