Staypineapple Boston, A Delightful Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts, United States

7/10
Telegraph expert rating

"Staypineapple Boston, A Delightful Hotel is truly a delight. The boutique spot is set in the charming South End, a neighborhood with great dining on tap, just minutes away from Back Bay and Boston's many historic sites. Expect comfortable bedding and delicious cocktails at The Trophy Room, the hotel bar and restaurant."
By Linda Laban, TRAVEL WRITER

Location

Situated in Boston's charming South End, a neighborhood beset with grand brownstones and great dining. There are many local to-dos in the area, including the summer-to-December SoWa Open Market, which has artist and vintage wares, and SoWa First Fridays, an art market held on the first Friday of every month. The Back Bay MBTA is three miles; Logan International Airport is five miles.

Style & character

This mid-rise brick building has early 20th-century roots and pairs functionality with chic comfort: lovely big windows line the ground floor exterior, lighting up the small lobby – which has a seating nook – and feels bright and welcoming. The look is contemporary bohemian boutique, but with genuine vintage fittings, such as the original black painted iron staircase that snakes its way up the building.
Service & facilities 7/10

Service is mostly delivered with a friendly smile and there's help-yourself coffee in the lobby, where a couple of bright yellow bikes stand ready for guest’s use. There is no onsite parking, but the garage at 100 Clarendon Street nearby discounts overnight parking ($30 (£24) per night).

- Bar
- Laundry
- Restaurant
- Wi-Fi

Rooms 7/10

The small, but bright rooms have white and warm, grey walls, faux wood flooring, and cheery yellow splashes: lemon yellow robes hang on the clothes rack, which doubles as a wardrobe; the yellow bedside shelf tables, over which hang shimmering crystal lamps, have charging points; and marigold mugs sit on the yellow tray next to the Keurig on the narrow aluminum desk. Furnishings are space-savingly spare but adequate, with the bed the star attraction. Staypineapple's signature Naked Experience translates as two fluffy duvets, thus avoiding any tug of war, atop soft white linens and a cushiony mattress topper, all so impecably clean one wouldn't mind being naked.

The in-room snack box – an irresistible big golden pineapple-shaped box filled with chips, cookies, and candies that will add $25 (£19) to your bill — and the seemingly super-clean bed's giant cushions, which form perfect back rests, create a great lounging space. Tiled in pale grey-flecked white marble, bathrooms are smart but tiny. The walk-in shower's nice big shower-head provides a good relaxing soak.

Food & drink 7/10

The Trophy Room is a long room lined with windows overlooking the street. Black leathery upholstered banquets form comfy dining booths; the bar, which is open until 2am every night, is a great spot to chat with locals over a cocktail, like the Trophy Wife, passion fruit and elderflower laced vodka.

Dinner choices are casual but well prepared: burgers, nachos, pizzas, and salads: Try the pan roasted salmon salad with avocado. The restaurant is not open for breakfast, but on Sundays, there is a fun Glam Brunch with a DJ and tasty choices like avocado toast with braised tomatoes and goat cheese, or an amply stuffed breakfast burrito, either veggie or with meat. Chances are a football game will be on the tellies. For breakfast Monday to Saturday, the adjacent Berkeley Perk Café serves pastries and cooked items, such as breakfast tacos and omelettes.
Value for money

Double rooms from $129 (£101) in low season; and from $699 (£547) in high. Sunday brunch $12-$18 (£9-£14). Wi-Fi is included in an additional daily amenity charge of $15 (£12) per day, which also includes bottled water, bikes, etc.

Access for guests with disabilities?
Not suitable.

Family-friendly?
The hotel isn't particularly family friendly and doesn't provide cots, etc.

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