

Your ultimate guide to graduation weekend in Boston

The best hotels, restaurants, and activities for tourists in town for commencement.



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Boston is called America's College Town for a reason. The city is home to 35 colleges and universities, and there are more than 100 in the greater Boston area.

Massachusetts's capital is also rich with history, a flourishing food scene, and hotels—from old sprawling waterfront properties to new, hip boutique inns—which makes it hard to decide how (and where) to spend your time.

If you're one of the many entering either Boston or Cambridge this spring for commencement festivities, consider this your guide, courtesy of top travel experts.

Boston

Where to stay:

Hotel Commonwealth

Fresh off of a \$50 million expansion to double its size in Kenmore Square—and just in time for Big Papi's final season with the Red Sox—now's the time to book the iconic Hotel Commonwealth (500 Commonwealth Ave.; 617-933-5000), said Steve Jermanok, co-owner of ActiveTravels.com, a boutique travel agency in Newton. Relax post-ceremony on the new 1,400-square-foot outdoor terrace overlooking Fenway Park, or book an in-room massage. You're just a stone's throw from several colleges, with easy access to the Green Line.