Special Hotel Enticements For Yankee And Red Sox Fans

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Any baseball fan, particularly those in New York and Boston, know that the Yankees and the Red Sox have the fiercest rivalry in professional sports. But now hotels in those cities are also weighing in, offering packages to appeal to each team’s fans.

The Lotte New York Palace in New York’s midtown near Rockefeller Center offers up to 50% off tickets to selected Yankees games plus selected Yankee branded merchandise including caps and a copy of Yankees magazine to read up on backgrounds of the players. Two pairs of Palace branded sunglasses, useful for day games (the third base/left field side of Yankee Stadium is the sunniest) are also included along with the requisite liquid refreshment: two beers at one of the Palace’s restaurants or bars before the game or after.

On the other side of the rivalry, Boston’s Commonwealth Hotel located near Fenway Park has a range of baseball packages combining different rooms, game seats and VIP extras. New for this season is a broadcast package featuring a broadcast booth visit pre-game with the voice of the Red Sox, Joe Castiglione, who then takes you into a recording studio the next morning for you to record a play by play accompanied by his commentary. Two tickets to a game with State Street Pavilion Club seating and overnight accommodations in a Luxe Fenway Guest Room are also included. ($2995 with a portion of the price going to the charity Red Sox Foundation.)
Also new is a package of overnight accommodation in the Fenway Park Suite created as part of the hotel’s 2016 renovation, including original stadium seats on the outdoor terrace which overlooks Fenway Park. During the evening, one of the Red Sox’s three World Series trophies (compared to the Yankees’ 27) makes an appearance in the suite for selfie purposes. Two premium tickets to the game at Fenway are included for the next day, as are a personalized greeting on the message board during the game and before it, an on field meeting with the team’s All Star second baseman Dustin Pedroia. Two Pedroia jerseys and an official MLB baseball with a sharpie for grabbing autographs are also provided to take home. ($5000 with a portion going to Operation Shower, which provides baby showers for expectant military families.)