Seven Luxurious Boston-Area Hotels to Book for Your Mini-Moon

From rose-petal turndowns to seaside bike rides, the amenities at these properties add instant romance.

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XV Beacon

For a very Boston mini-moon, book your stay at XV Beacon, a comfortable boutique hotel nestled between Boston Common and Faneuil Hall. Explore the inviting shops of Charles Street or nearby Freedom Trail sites while staffers ready your room. As part of the hotel's "Romance on the Hill" package, you'll return to a rose-petal turndown accompanied by a bottle of champagne and, of course, chocolate-covered strawberries. Cheers!

The Godfrey Hotel

 Prefer the hustle and bustle of the city over tranquil beaches? The Godfrey Hotel, located a block away from Boston Common, offers newlyweds a true urban experience with sleek guest rooms and views of Downtown Crossing. The boutique hotel’s “Love Takes Over” package includes a bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne, chocolates from L.A. Burdick, overnight valet parking, and a leisurely 2 p.m. check-out. For high-energy honeymooners, the hotel also provides complimentary bicycles as well as free guided jogging tours of the city.

Boston Harbor Hotel

Picture a stunning sunset over Boston Harbor as you walk under this hotel’s 60-foot marble archway and into your home for the weekend. As part of the hotel’s “Romance Getaway” package, enjoy breathtaking views of the waterfront and city skyline as you sip on a glass of bubbly with your new beau. Then, cap off the night with chocolate-covered strawberries and fall asleep to sounds of the city and sea. After a good night’s rest, satisfy your taste buds with a lovely breakfast for two at Rowes Wharf Sea Grille, the hotel’s waterfront restaurant.


Beyond

Photo courtesy of Mirbeau Inn & Spa at the Pinehills
Mirbeau Inn & Spa

Looking to jet off to the French countryside, but can only spare a weekend? Set among pine trees and a pond garden modeled after Monet’s property in Normandy, this chateau-inspired inn in Plymouth features 50 regal-yet-inviting rooms, complete with fireplaces and sprawling soaking tubs. Unwind from your wedding-day festivities with an “It Takes Two” couples massage, followed by dinner at the Bistro, the hotel’s French restaurant. Mirbeau’s “Romance Package” also includes breakfast and a rose-petal turndown service, plus you can add chocolate-covered strawberries, roses, or a bottle of wine for an additional charge.

35 Landmark Dr., Plymouth, 877-647-2328, plymouth.mirbeau.com.

The Wauwinet

Nothing says island romance like a beachside bicycle ride for two. This oceanfront Nantucket hotel offers a “Ride and Rosé” package that includes a two-night stay, bicycles, a picnic with rosé champagne and bites from Toppers—the hotel’s seafood restaurant—as well as an afternoon port, sherry, and cheese service. In the mood for added adventure? Rent kayaks or paddleboards from the hotel, tour the charming nearby village of Siasconset, or cruise Nantucket Bay aboard the Wauwinet Lady. For a more low-key excursion, take advantage of courtesy beach umbrellas and head to a private beach, or spend an afternoon at the White Elephant Spa, located in town at the Wauwinet’s sister hotel.

120 Wauwinet Rd., Nantucket, 508-228-0145, wauwinet.com.
Garrison Inn

Perfect for a quick getaway outside the city, this Newburyport boutique hotel combines historical character with contemporary flair. Built in 1809 and named after Newburyport resident William Lloyd Garrison, the National Historic Landmark features brick-and-beam interiors and Italian-marble bathrooms complete with Bulgari toiletries. Make the most of your stay by booking the two-story, one-bedroom penthouse suite, furnished with a king bed and a fireplace-equipped lounge area. You’ll also have your choice of the hotel’s mix-and-match package options, which include a rose-petal turndown service, artisanal chocolates, late checkout, and champagne or wine.

The Chanler

Located on Newport’s renowned Cliff Walk overlooking the Atlantic and surrounded by dreamy gardens, this five-star hotel doesn’t skimp on the romance factor. The 19th-century mansion offers villas with private hot tubs and ocean views, as well as elegant suites with private exterior entrances and antique furnishings. For a honeymoon stay that’s truly memorable, book the “Ride, Stay, and Play in Luxury” package, which includes a two-night stay with a personal chauffeur, daily breakfast, a six-course dinner for two at the hotel’s restaurant, a bottle of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label, tickets to tour a Newport mansion, and a couple’s massage at the neighboring Spa Fjor. Not feeling pampered yet? Sign up for the aromatherapy-bath add-on or an in-room massage.