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A Spring Classic



living TRAVEL

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Restored historic hotels immerse visitors in bygone glamour and intrigue.

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THE LIBERTY

BOSTON

Spend a night in jail! This Beacon Hill landmark was the Charles Street Jail for nearly 150 years, lodging some of the city's most notorious criminals, including the Boston Strangler. In 1973, inmates revolted over poor living conditions, and the facility eventually closed down in 1990. It remained shuttered for several years until new owners bailed out the decaying granite structure with a \$150 million renovation.

The jail's preserved 90-foot atrium is the public hub of the Liberty, which revels in its bad-boy past. Enjoy a martini in the Alibi, the jail's former drunk tank, or dinner in the Clink. Late sleeper? Hang the Liberty's version of the "do not disturb" sign on your door: "Solitary." Employees wear numbers on their uniforms.

A footbridge leads from the hotel (libertyhotel.com) to the Charles River and the 6-mile-long Esplanade. Beacon Hill is one of Boston's oldest neighborhoods and an antique-browser's dream. Trendy boutiques and bistros line the streets, as well as old-fashioned taverns. At Boston Common, the Freedom Trail begins, and you can easily spend hours exploring important monuments such as Paul Revere House, Old North Church, and Old South Meeting House.