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Take Me Out to the Ballgame: The Baseball Suite

Hotel Commonwealth pays tribute to America's favorite pastime with introduction of new suite

Boston, MA; April XX, 2010 – In the shadow of the oldest baseball park in America, Hotel Commonwealth announces the opening of its new Baseball Suite. Reminiscent of a bygone era when the game of baseball united America's collective imagination, the Baseball Suite is a nostalgic look back at our national pastime. From rare collectibles that depict baseball greats like Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig and Jackie Robinson to contemporary depictions of neighboring Fenway Park from local artists, the suite inspires its guests to briefly return to a time when baseball captured our minds and created mythic heroes.

Separated by a set of French doors, the Baseball Suite features a sleeping area and living room with masculine, vintage-style furniture evocative of the 1930s and 1940s—the era in which baseball became America's favorite pastime. Hardwood floors, Oriental area rugs, a leather steamer trunk, custom-designed leather wingback chairs and antique brass floor lamps lend to the suite's nostalgic atmosphere of a time in our country's history when baseball fans would travel hundreds of miles by train to catch their favorite team play. A photograph from the Archives of The Bostonian Society depicting a dapper crowd of Red Sox fans on their way to Fenway Park in 1942 further exemplifies a time when attending a ball game was cause for putting on one's Sunday finest.

Modern, handsome appointments such as a 50-inch plasma TV with corresponding DVD library of more than 40 classic baseball films complement the suite's sophisticated representation of early American baseball through demure shadowboxes highlighting prized memorabilia from the 1930s and 1940s and tasteful, framed original photography and artwork. Highlights include: a **1967 World Series program** (Boston Red Sox vs. St. Louis Cardinals at Fenway Park) and a collection of vintage trading cards featuring Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky and Jackie Robinson.

Further instilling a nostalgic feeling, Hotel Commonwealth reserves a special welcome amenity of TOPPS Heritage baseball cards, Cracker Jacks, Baby Ruth candy bars, retro glass bottles of Coca-Cola Classic, a signed copy of Bill Chuck's *Walkoffs, Last Licks, and Final Outs: Baseball's Grand (and Not-So-Grand) Finales* and other baseball-inspired items. The hotel concierge can also arrange for guests to tour Fenway Park and secure game day tickets.

The Baseball Suite at Hotel Commonwealth was designed by recognized hotel interior designer and architect E. Kevin Schopfer of Ahearn/Schopfer Associates.

The nightly rate is \$755, which happens to be the career home run record set by Hank Aaron in the 1970s.

About Hotel Commonwealth:

As the elegant cornerstone of Boston's historic Kenmore Square, Hotel Commonwealth is an independent, luxury boutique hotel featuring 148 guest rooms. With custom-designed furniture, Frette linens and toiletries from Fresh, the property's guest rooms echo a classic European style of gracious hospitality and understated elegance. Since opening its doors in 2003, the property has garnered multiple prestigious accolades, including Best New Business Hotel in the World by *Forbes* magazine (2003), Top 10 Four-Star Hotels in the US by *Expedia.com* (2005) and *TripAdvisor.com*'s Travelers' Choice Award for Best Luxury in Boston (2005).

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