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**THE FREEDOM TRAIL® ANNOUNCES 12 NEW
BOSTON STAYcation HOTEL PACKAGES**

BOSTON – July, 2009

Take in the tales of Revolutionary heroes while creating a great summer or fall getaway in Boston – close to home. Take advantage of one of 12 special Freedom Trail hotel packages that include walking tours with 18th century costumed guides, the NEW *Kids Guide* to the Freedom Trail activity book, entrance to historic Freedom Trail sites, books, the Freedom Trail Guidebook, or an audio guide and hotel amenities such as free breakfast, parking, welcome gifts, or night in a unique Freedom Trail suite. Special family-friendly rates begin at \$169 and all hotels are located on or a short walk from the Freedom Trail.

Freedom Trail events are scheduled throughout the year that brings Boston's history to life. Tours with an 18th century costumed guide, available through the hotel packages or booked on your own, include; *Walk Into History*, an engaging and fun 90 minute walking

tour follow the red-brick path of to Freedom Trail sites; the *Pirates, Privateers and Patriots* tour, including the dramatic and daring-do stories of the legal and illegal shipowners who plied the waters off Boston Harbor; the *Historic Pub Crawl*, a grown up tour of the historic pubs that played such an important role in secret meetings where the revolution was fermented – this tour includes beer and food; or the rarely-told stories of the black men and women who played such an important role in the formation of the nation when you take the *African-American Patriots* tour. Post summer, the *Historic Holiday Stroll* includes details about how Christmas and holiday traditions evolved from Puritanical Boston and includes a final stop at the Omni Parker House for tea, hot chocolate and Boston crème pie. Many of these tours are included in the special Freedom Trail hotel packages.

As an added bonus for taking a Freedom Trail Foundation walking tour, The Freedom Trail has paired up with 25 local restaurants to offer value-added benefits and discounts to anyone who takes a tour with an 18th century Freedom Trail Foundation Player®. By presenting the **FREEDOM TRAILmix** card at any participating restaurant, all conveniently located *on or just steps off* the Freedom Trail, visitors are entitled to discounts such as 15%, 20% or 25% off the guest check, complimentary appetizers or desserts, *prix fixe* meals, or a bowl of Boston's most famous chowder!

Check out all the details of the hotel packages, Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours and the new FREEDOM TRAILmix dining card at TheFreedomTrail.org. Book the hotel directly. Tour tickets can also be purchased at a 10% discount online.

About the Freedom Trail Foundation

The Freedom Trail Foundation is a non-profit foundation dedicated to marketing, promoting, and preserving the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail® is a 2.5-mile path that leads to 16 of the country's most significant historical landmarks. The sites are not adaptations or re-creations, they are real, and each played a pivotal role in America's rebellious beginning – familiar events such as the Boston Tea Party, the Boston Massacre, Paul Revere's role in the first battle, the Battle of Bunker Hill – and the growth of the young nation. Marked by red-brick path or a painted red line, the Trail weaves its way through Boston's proud past in the midst of this vital, modern city. The Freedom Trail Foundation is the official non-profit which markets the Freedom Trail and helps with preservation.

The *Walk Into History* Tour is offered daily from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common at 11:00 am, 12 noon, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm daily. Two additional daily tours originate at the Bostix Booth at Faneuil Hall at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the Visitor Information Center in Boston Common or Bostix Booth. Purchase tickets online at TheFreedomTrail.org and enjoy a 10% discount. Please call 617.357.8300 for additional information or to book a group or family tour. Please contact the hotel directly to book your overnight stay.

Participating Hotels 2009

Boston Harbor Hotel

70 Rowes Wharf, Boston 02043 • 617.439.7000

Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations; children under 18 stay free, and breakfast. Special Freedom Trail package also includes tickets to the costumed guided Pirates & Patriots Tour and snack for the tour. Rate: April - Oct. starting at \$450; Nov. - Dec. starting at \$395 Reservation code: Freedom*

Boston Marriott Long Wharf

296 State St., Boston 02109 • 617.227.0800

*Overnight stay includes: children stay free, breakfast and parking. Special Freedom Trail package also includes a Walk Into History tour of the Freedom Trail for 2 adults and 2 children with an 18th century costumed Freedom Trail Player®. Rate: * Res. Code: Freedom Trail Package*

Boston Omni Parker House Hotel

60 School St., Boston 02108 • 617.227.8600

Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations; breakfast, and Walk Into History tour of the Freedom Trail with an 18th century costumed Freedom Trail Player®. Rate: starting at \$169 Reservation code: FREEWD*

Colonnade Hotel

120 Huntington Ave., Boston 02116 • 617.800.962.3030

*Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations, children stay free, Parisian breakfast for two in Brasserie Jo, parking. Special Freedom Trail package also includes a gift of The Freedom Trail, An Artist's View a book by Leonard Weber. Rate: April-Oct. \$279; Nov.-Dec.\$219. * Reservation code: Freedom*

Fairmont Copley Plaza

138 St. James Ave., Boston 02116 • 617.267.5300

*Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations. Special Freedom Trail package also includes a gift of The Freedom Trail, An Artist's View a book by Leonard Weber, rental of the Hear History Audio Tour of the Freedom Trail. Rate: \$349.**

Fairmont Battery Wharf

Three Battery Wharf 02109 • 800-441-1414

*Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations. Special Freedom Trail package also includes 2 tickets to the Pirates, Privateers & Patriots tour of the Freedom Trail and waterfront with an 18th century costumed Freedom Trail Player. Rate: starts at \$379 **

Hyatt Regency Boston

One Avenue de Lafayette, Boston 02111 • 617. 912.1234

*Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations; complimentary valet parking; hydrating water bottles; a Frisbee for the kids; one hour of Nintendo 64 or a movie; coloring book and crayons; breakfast buffet for 4 in Avenue One; VIP preferred late check-out. Special Freedom Trail package also includes entrance ticket to 3 Freedom Trail Museums. Available Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Rate: \$235-475**

Intercontinental Boston

510 Atlantic Ave., Boston 02210 • 866-493-6495

Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations; and complimentary parking. Special Freedom Trail package also includes a Walk Into History tour or a Pirates, Privateers & Patriots tour of the Freedom Trail and waterfront with an 18th century costumed Freedom Trail Player. Available Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Rate: starts at \$265 double occupancy. Res. Code: IJWKD*

The Langham

Boston 250 Franklin St., Boston 02110 • 800.791.7761

Overnight stay includes: luxury accommodations, breakfast for 2 at Café Fleuri; use of fitness facilities and indoor pool; valet parking. Special Freedom Trail package also includes two entrance tickets to three Freedom Trail Museums. Available through Dec. 31, 2009. Rate: from \$295 (\$165 for extra children's room) Includes all taxes and gratuities. Reservation code: New World*

Liberty Hotel

215 Charles St. Boston 02114 617.224.4000 • 866.507.5245

*Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations, and parking. Special Freedom Trail package also includes tickets to the Walk Into History tour with an 18th century costumed Freedom Trail Player. Rate: starting at \$375 per night, double occupancy. **

The MidTown Hotel

220 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115 • 617.262.1000 or 800.343.1177

*Overnight stay includes: free parking; and children stay free. Special Freedom Trail package includes a gift of The Freedom Trail, An Artist's View a book by Leonard Weber and entrance ticket to three Freedom Trail Museums (Old South, Old State House & Paul Revere House). Rate: \$191.00 double occupancy; \$179 single; \$203 triple; \$215 quad.**

Ritz-Carlton

Boston Common 10 Avery Street, Boston 02111 • 617.574.7100

*Overnight stay includes: deluxe accommodations, breakfast and parking . . Special Freedom Trail package also includes the self-guided Hear History Audio Guide tour of the Freedom Trail or Walk Into History tour of the Freedom Trail. Rate: April-Oct. starting at \$512, Nov.-Dec. starting at \$472 **

Restrictions: Cannot be combined with any other offer; subject to availability; tax and gratuities not included; some blackout dates may apply.

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