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**THE CHARLES HOTEL WELCOMES WINTER WITH COMPLIMENTARY SHOWSHOES,
ICE SKATING AND SNOW RATES**

CAMBRIDGE, MA (October 28, 2009): Seems like no matter who you ask—Farmer’s Almanac, acorn-hoarding squirrels, or global warming specialists—the word on the street is that winter 2010 in Boston is going to be a tough one. The team at [The Charles Hotel](#) refuses to accept that forecast as bad news. This winter season, The Charles Hotel, located in Cambridge’s bustling Harvard Square, will offer complimentary snowshoe rentals, ice skating and special hotel room deals on snowy days.

- **Complimentary snowshoe rental:** On the heels of a successful summer and fall bike program, guests can now explore the wintry banks of the Charles River and views of Cambridge and Boston via Charles Hotel snowshoes. Available in adult and child sizes with poles, the snowshoes are available in 4-hour stints. Available until March 31, 2010 on snowy days. Check out the [Specials & Packages](#) page on our website for more info.
- **Ice Skating:** Guests can rent skates and take a spin around the hotel-owned 2,900 square feet ice skating rink anytime between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Opens December 6, 2009, with a free ice skating party available to the public. Regular Season Rates: Rentals – Children/\$3, Adults/\$5; Skating Admission – Children/\$3, Adults/\$5.
- **Special snow emergency rates:** Follow [@charleshotel](#) on Twitter and receive unbelievable day-of-snow rates whenever Boston’s Logan airport closes or a snow emergency is declared.

Photos available upon request. To reserve a room, visit www.charleshotel.com or call (800) 882-1818.

About The Charles Hotel

The Charles Hotel, Harvard Square is the smart place to stay. Located just minutes from downtown Boston and a variety of world-class attractions, The Charles is a AAA Four Diamond Hotel and a proud member of [Preferred Hotels and Resorts](#).

Reflecting the eclecticism that is Cambridge, The Charles Hotel is a modern interpretation of New England hospitality with a thriving jazz club, the [Regattabar](#), two signature restaurants, ice-skating rink (winter months only), state of the art conference facilities and a central location in the heart of Harvard Square. The hotel is home to [Henrietta’s Table](#), featuring “fresh and honest to goodness home cooking,” and recently named one of “Americas Best Farm to Table Restaurants” by *Gourmet*,

and [Rialto](#), one of the best restaurants in America [*Gourmet, Food & Wine, Esquire*, et. al.] [Noir](#), the hotel's chic, cozy bar, serves classic cocktails mixed to perfection and sultry signature drinks.

With recent recognition in *The Wall Street Journal, Travel + Leisure* and *Boston magazine*, The Charles Hotel has earned its reputation as a leading independent hotel. As the winner of the "Good Earthkeeping Award" by the American Hotel and Lodging Association, the Hotel provides a garage "Juice Bar" for electric cars, as well as a nanoMAX™ small car detection system.

Catering to internationally renowned business leaders, government officials, entertainment executives and leisure travelers alike, it's no wonder that the *New England Travel Guide* has designated The Charles as the best hotel to "stay put in" when visiting Boston.

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