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The Spirit of *Lexington*

A LUXURIOUS STAY STEEPED IN HISTORY: THE INN AT HASTINGS PARK AND THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT OF LEXINGTON

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Lexington, Massachusetts, is a quintessential New England town brimming with historical significance. Known as the birthplace of American liberty, Lexington played a pivotal role in the American Revolution, with key events such as the Battle of Lexington unfolding on its iconic Battle Green. Visitors can explore landmarks like Buckman Tavern, a 1710 meeting place where Captain John Parker and his militia gathered on the morning of April 19, 1775, to await the advancing British Redcoats. Today, Buckman Tavern offers a window into colonial life, with period furnishings and rotating exhibitions that showcase the town's rich Revolutionary heritage.





Bistro. Named as a tribute to New England's historical town meetings, which embody the essence of democracy, the bistro celebrates the culinary abundance of the region.

Led by owner Trisha Pérez Kennealy, a Lexington native with Diplôme de Cuisine and Diplôme de Pâtisserie from Le Cordon Bleu in London, the menu highlights the best of seasonal ingredients from local farmers and purveyors. Dishes reflect the cultural diversity that has long shaped the New England food scene, with thoughtful nods to the area's maritime history and immigrant influences.

The culinary experience is not just about fine dining—it's an educational journey. Year-round, Kennealy hosts culinary workshops, offering guests an opportunity to enhance their kitchen skills and learn more about the region's rich food traditions. Whether you're a seasoned foodie or just someone who loves to eat, the immersive experiences at The Inn at Hastings Park make for a memorable stay.

While the inn's historic significance is its centerpiece, guests can also enjoy a wide variety of modern amenities and activities. From tennis and golf to antiquing and scenic drives through the picturesque New England countryside, The Inn at Hastings Park offers something for every type of traveler. In the fall, visitors can even enjoy helicopter tours of the colorful foliage or spend time assisting local farmers at Meadow Mist Farm for a truly authentic experience.

With the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington approaching in 2025, the inn will be launching a series of special events and dinners, offering guests the chance to celebrate this monumental moment in American history.

No stay at here is complete without hopping aboard the Liberty Ride, a 90-minute trolley tour that transports you back to the earliest days of American history. Led by a knowledgeable guide dressed in authentic period attire, the tour provides an immersive look at the Battles of Lexington and Concord, as well as the everyday lives of Colonial Americans. As you travel through the streets of Lexington and Concord, you'll visit key historic sites that played a crucial role in the birth of the United States.

Amid this historic backdrop sits The Inn at Hastings Park, a luxurious 22-room boutique hotel just steps from the Lexington Battle Green. As the only Relais & Châteaux property in the Boston area, the inn provides a refined, elegant retreat that blends Lexington's colonial past with contemporary American design. With meticulously restored buildings and unmatched hospitality, The Inn at Hastings Park is the perfect destination for those looking to immerse themselves in history while enjoying modern comforts.

Located just 15 miles northwest of Boston, The Inn at Hastings Park sits within steps of the Lexington Battle Green, where the American Revolution's first shots were fired on April 19, 1775. This rich historical context is not lost on visitors, who are treated to a seamless blend of past and present from the moment they step onto the property. The inn's design, courtesy of Robin Gannon Interiors, weaves a modern flair into Lexington's 18th-century

heritage, with vibrant colors, bold patterns, and décor crafted by regional artisans.

The inn is comprised of three meticulously restored historic buildings. The Main House, constructed in 1888, was originally the home of one of Lexington's founding families before serving as a luxury retirement home for 90 years. It now boasts 9 guest rooms and 1 suite, exuding warmth and sophistication with modern comforts.

Adjacent to the Main House is the Isaac Mulliken House, built in 1841 for a local politician and carpenter. Today, it hosts 7 guest rooms and 2 suites. Finally, The Barn, which once served as Mulliken's carpentry and clock shop, has been converted into 3 unique suites, offering an intimate yet elegant lodging experience.

Dining at The Inn at Hastings Park is an experience in itself, thanks to its acclaimed restaurant, Town Meeting