



HOME RUN HOTELS

Three spots where you can catch the game ... and your Zzz's



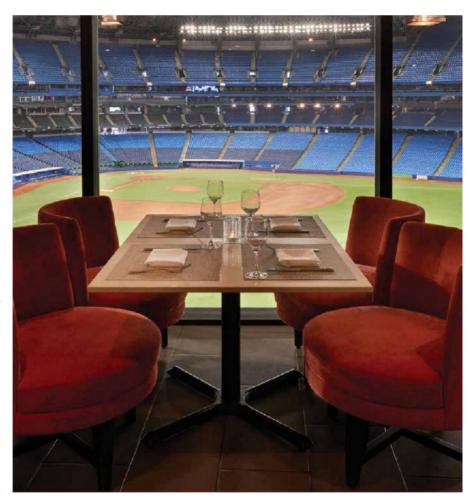
TORONTO MARRIOTT CITY **CENTRE HOTEL**

Toronto, Ont.

During baseball season, the Toronto Marriott City Centre Hotel may just be one of the best places to stay because it's directly attached to the Rogers Centre—home of the Toronto Blue Jays—and is the only hotel in the world located right inside a major league stadium. But the real power-hitter is that 70 of the 348 larger-thannormal guest rooms (including nine two-level suites) look right out onto the field.

Nowhere else can you get out of bed, slide open your full-length window and watch the Jays' closed-to-the-public morning practice. Come game time, order in some food and watch the action from the comfort of your suite or head to the hotel's Arriba Restaurant & Lounge, which also overlooks the field. (Reservations required on game days). Rates from \$199 (marriott.com) -John McGrath

Nearby: Take a tour of the Steam Whistle brewery, set in a historic locomotive roundhouse, and don't leave without tasting its award-winning Pilsner.







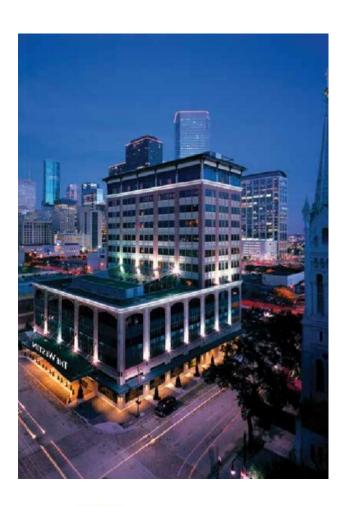
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THE COLONNADE HOTEL

Boston, Mass.

On game days, bell staff sport Red Sox caps at this friendly 285-room hotel located a 15-minute walk from Fenway Park and adjacent to some of Boston's best shopping. Stylish guest rooms feature earthtone furnishings, floor-to-ceiling windows and, beside every bathtub, a souvenir rubber ducky. Take in a ball game or entertaining ballpark tour, or go shopping at the neighbouring Prudential Center, Copley Place and Newbury Street. Head to the rooftop pool bar where craft cocktails and views of the Green Monster—Fenway's massive left field wall—are served nightly. Rates from US\$289. (colonnadehotel.com) -Ann Britton Campbell

Nearby: Indulge in retail therapy at Copley Placethink Tiffany & Co., Jimmy Choo and Louis Vuitton.





WESTIN HOUSTON DOWNTOWN

Houston, Texas

With Minute Maid Park—home stadium of the 2017 World Series champion Houston Astroslocated across the street, this hotel is a home run for baseball fans and offers so much more than just cab-free access to a major league ballpark. Book into one of the hotel's 200 spacious rooms, then head to the Ballpark Cafe in the lobby for a bite to eat—try the red snapper fillet with Gulf shrimp—or enjoy happy hour specials such as house-brand cocktails and small plates in the relaxed Lobby Bar. And, with the hotel's 24-hour fitness studio and New Balance Gear Lending Program (rent athletic shoes and apparel for just US\$5), it's easy for you to stay as fit as your baseball heroes while on the road. Rates from US\$239. (westinhoustondowntown.com) — Pat Lee

Nearby: Ahh, Coffee, known for its friendly staff and bottomless cups of java or tea is a sure hit.

