

“Hotels welcome the opportunity to explore new options, so don’t hesitate to ask questions! They are benefiting from unique and creative uses of their spaces; it’s a win/win for everyone.” —LINDA MATZKIN, HOPPLE POPPLE

GUEST DIGS

Fire pits, a secret garden, and a restaurant from former West Bridge chef Matthew Gaudet make Cambridge’s new **Freepoint Hotel** an on-trend choice for out-of-towners. Bonus: Rooms stocked with science-forward products from Kendall-based beauty brand Living Proof practically guarantee zero hair mishaps on the big day.



CONSIDER THE MINI-M



Book a room at the opulent **Taj Boston** and enjoy a customized dinner for two on the rooftop terrace overlooking the Public Garden, followed by an overnight stay in a luxury suite with champagne and strawberries.



REHEARSAL DINNER

At the Charles Hotel’s **Benedetto**, the latest from Giulia talent Michael Pagliarini, guests can tuck into handmade pasta and creamy gelato in a private room perched above Harvard Square.



Go highbrow with formal service at the Taj the following afternoon, then stop at the opposite end of the neighborhood for a late show at **B3**; the southern restaurant features live music every night from Berklee College of Music performers plus art exhibits.

LOCAL FAVOR

At Newton’s **Hopsters**, you can whip up a custom batch of beer for guests to take home, complete with personalized labels. IPAs, stouts, Belgian ales—with 30 craft recipes to choose from, you’ll have no problem finding a brew that perfectly matches your taste—and your personality.

PREWEDDING ADVENTURE

You might be old enough to get hitched, but that doesn’t mean you can’t relive your childhood at **A4cade**, a restaurant/game room from the teams behind Area Four and Roxy’s Grilled Cheese. Play retro arcade games, pinball, and shuffleboard while sipping shareable tiki drinks.

UNIQUE VENDOR

Move over, Instagram: Artist **Vesna Longton** will paint your special day—live—in acrylic, oil, or pastel. Watch her work during the party, then take home a frame-worthy souvenir.



Cap off the whirlwind weekend across the river with Parisian gnocchiette and French 75s at the new **Sablons**, a romantic European bistro right here in the Hub.