



Entrance Gate to Boston's Chinatown

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**INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON CONNECTS WITH CHINA VIA
NEW "TASTE OF CHINA" PACKAGE**

- Incorporates Chinatown Culinary Walking Tour and Children's Exhibit -

BOSTON (August 7, 2008) – With the world's eyes on Beijing, China, InterContinental Boston introduces its new "Taste of China" package delving into the Chinese culinary world and lifestyle all within steps of the hotel. InterContinental Boston's "Taste of China" package, valid from August 8, 2008 to January 3, 2009, unlocks the mysteries that lie beyond Boston's Chinatown gate with a new culinary walking tour and welcomes guests into the day-to-day world of living in eastern China through a current exhibition at Boston Children's Museum, all just steps from the hotel.

China is one of the largest and oldest continuous civilizations in the world rich in culture and culinary contributions. An international learning experience that the entire family can enjoy, InterContinental Boston's new "Taste of China" package includes:

- Deluxe accommodation at InterContinental Boston
- Boston Chinatown Market Tour - a culinary walking tour of Boston's Chinatown with Dim Sum lunch
- Tickets to Boston Children's Museum *Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China* exhibit
- A Chinese take-out box full of amenities including a book [Dim Sum: A Pocket Guide](#), an authentic Chinese Dim Sum recipe, commemorative chop sticks, a box of jasmine tea and a travel set of Chinese checkers.

The "Taste of China" package starts at \$485.00 and is based on double occupancy and subject to availability. It will be available from August 8, 2008 through January 3, 2009. Terms and conditions: Seven night advance booking is required. Package is available for overnight stays from Wednesdays through Saturdays. Chinatown Market Tours are conducted Thursday and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. To book, call the InterContinental Boston directly at 877-747-BOSTON.

Within walking distance of Intercontinental Boston, Boston's Chinatown is the third largest in the United States (following New York City and San Francisco respectively). The **Boston Chinatown Market** tour is led by Jim Becker a trained professional chef who speaks fluent Mandarin and Cantonese and teaches the regional differences of the many provincial cuisines of China. While weaving through the narrow streets of Boston's Chinatown (a little sliver of Hong Kong in Boston), guests discover a bakery offering Boston's best Chinese sweets and learn the origin of Chinese Moon Cakes, visit a barbecue shop and savor the tastes and smells of traditional Cantonese roasted meats, slip into an authentic Chinese Herbal Pharmacy and explore the concept of Yin and Yang, experience the phenomenon know as "bubble tea," and tour a market with exotic produce, seafood and an endless array of spices. The tour concludes with a Dim Sum luncheon where guests sip tea, learn the ins and outs of ordering from the roaming carts and the unique rules of Dim Sum etiquette and feast on an assortment of traditional delicacies. The [Dim Sum: A Pocket Guide](#) included in the "Taste of China" package can help assist as guests continue to explore Dim Sum upon returning home through this illustrated explanation of traditional Dim Sum dishes.

Just across the Fort Point Channel from Intercontinental Boston, **Boston Children's Museum** is hosting a special exhibition called *Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China*. This exhibit is designed to engage children and families in learning about one of the oldest civilizations in the world (and now among the most modern) through four of its young residents. This exhibit is devoted to expanding knowledge, understanding and appreciation of contemporary China through life in Boston's sister city, Hangzhou, one of the most prosperous and beautiful cities in China situated 120 miles southwest of Shanghai. In distinctively Chinese settings, the exhibit features four children from Hangzhou at home, at school, in the library, in the theater and in the countryside environments. The Hangzhou children introduce themselves through media and the activities of their daily lives thereby conveying Chinese life today as it mixes ancient traditions with modern lifestyles and how life in China is both similar to and different from life in North America.

About the InterContinental Boston

InterContinental Boston, which opened in November 2006, is located on Boston's historic waterfront in the heart of the city's financial district and just ten minutes from Logan International Airport. This AAA Four Diamond luxury 424-room hotel is the first InterContinental hotel in Boston (and New England) and offers a spa and health club with indoor pool, signature restaurant – *Miel*, a Provence-inspired brasserie; *Sushi-Teq*, a sushi and tequila bar with salsa dancing and *RumBa*, a rum and champagne bar. The hotel also offers 32,000 sq. ft. of meeting/function space, including the largest ballroom in downtown Boston. InterContinental Boston has been named one of ten "Best New Business Hotels of 2006" by *Forbes.com*, voted Best of Boston 2007 as "Best New Hotel" by *Boston Magazine* and was voted among the "2008 Best Business Hotels" in the world by *Fortune* and *Wallpaper* magazines. For more information on the hotel, visit www.intercontinentalboston.com and for reservations call 877-747-BOSTON.

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