

Sleeping With The Dean: A New Boutique Hotel In Providence, Rhode Island by ASH NYC

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Naturally you know of, or have travelled to New York City, as well as Boston to its northeast, so you'll be excused if you haven't heard of the small city of Providence which is situated somewhere in between the two. As the official capital of the state of Rhode Island, the city is home to renowned educational institutions such as Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design. Since January 2014 however, there is now one extra reason to visit this up-and-coming creative hub: amidst the city's ongoing cultural renaissance, Brooklyn-based real estate and interior design office ASH NYC* has opened The Dean, a stunning new boutique hotel right in the city centre which mixes poise and continental old-school class with an air of college fun and a relaxed attitude.

Erected in 1912, the hotel building was used first as a shelter for the homeless and then as a strip club. The renovation was undertaken by ASH NYC's creative team in collaboration with Providence-based Kite Architects, who preserved many of the building's handsome original features,

including its mosaic tile flooring and brick façade. Each of the 52 rooms includes fine European and American antiques sourced from dealers and homes around the globe, custom-designed and local handcrafted furniture and fixtures, as well as custom-blended bath products made with native New England plants and herbs. German restaurant Faust's Hofbrauhaus and hotel bar The Magdalene Room are bound to keep you sated and entertained, while local coffee roaster The Bolt has set up shop in the lobby. The hotel is also the only dean in town that can pull off mixing Marcel Proust with karaoke, since this is where you will find Providence's first and only karaoke lounge, The Boombox.

The Dean Hotel (Rates from \$109 > address: 122 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903) offers a wide variety of accommodation options, from basic 4-bed dorms to an exclusive 4-suite apartment on the top floor, with prices starting at \$109 for a double room.

