

Condé Nast Traveler

MAY 2014

HOT LIST



Clockwise from the left: A cappuccino from the on-site Bolt Coffee; the “Classmates” rooms have twin bunk beds; phones in the hallway you a direct line to the front desk; an antique oil painting hangs in each guest room; Bolt Coffee in the lobby; all rooms have a vintage chair.

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

The Dean

With a craft cocktail bar, a karaoke lounge, and a beer garden, The Dean is yet more proof that Providence is no longer a sleepy college town. Once a brothel, the 1911 building is the perfect base for a convenient and cheap weekend escape, combining original details (a classic cage elevator) with updated amenities (blankets from super-hip cashmere brand The Elder Statesman). I caught a train from New York and headed to the pretty Downcity neighborhood on foot—the hotel is a short walk from the Amtrak station. My room (one of 52) was spacious and spare, though my favorite discovery was the little snack bar with locally made chocolates and waffles. In the morning I picked up coffee in the lobby café (run by Providence-based Bolt Coffee), then got a culture fix by taking one of the hotel’s complimentary bikes for a ten-minute ride to the Rhode Island School of Design’s museum. —*Maeve Nicholson*

401-355-3326; thedeanhotel.com; doubles from \$79.