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Real Estate Porn: A Penthouse Apartment in the Heart of Chinatown

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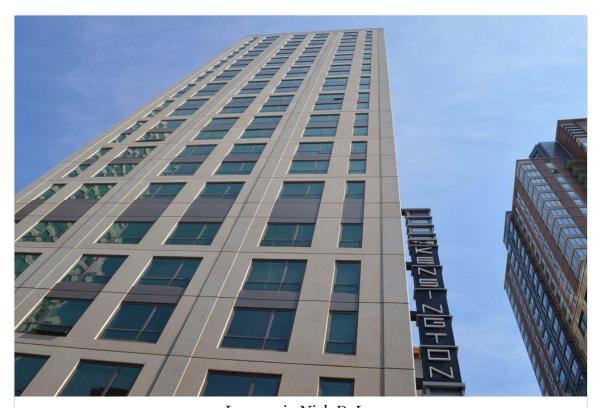


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Boston's Chinatown is one of the hottest spots to rent in the city. Apartments are in high demand, the surrounding neighborhood is teeming with authentic cuisine, Asian culture and opportunity given its close proximity to downtown and transportation.

You can live in the thick of all this action – that is, if your bank account is cushy enough to support it – at The Kensington, which opened last August. One of Boston's more luxurious living options in what's quickly becoming the most expensive neighborhood to rent in, The Kensington is a 27-story complex located at 665 Washington Street with penthouses available.

But you better hurry. The Kensington is already about 99 percent leased and 95 percent occupied.

The Kensington offers 381 units studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments ranging from 553-square feet to 1,119-square feet in size. Expectedly, rents range from \$2,890 to \$5,325.

But if you've got the coin to spare, The Kensington makes for one of the most beautiful places to live – based both on its interior and exterior.

Amentites include a lounge featuring an entertainment kitched with billiards, televisions and comfortable furniture; a sixth floor patio with grilling stations and an outdoor pool; a workout center with yoga studio; a tech center with computers for complimentary use; a pet spa and animal relief area for when it's too cold and snowy for outdoor walks; and a garage with electric car charging stations.

Friends, family and various visitors can enjoy a guest room for stay at a rate of \$150 per night – much cheaper than the costs of encircling hotels.

Opening soon on the ground floor, too, for those in need of a caffeine jolt, will be Jaho Coffee & Tea – a local chain based out of Salem. This is expected to take place some time in August.

Adorning the lobby and hallways, as well as common-use areas, are beautiful pieces of locally-sourced art.

And did we mention the views from the penthouse?

Floor-to-ceiling windows provide vista views of the Financial District, Back Bay, Charles River, Cambridge, Chinatown, South Boston, the Boston Harbor Islands and Boston Harbor.

Have a look for yourself.