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THE COMPLETE GUIDE

Living at the top in Millennium Tower



The outdoor terrace with a large fire pit is one of the many features residents of Millennium Tower have to enjoy. This magnificent tower of luxury condos is more than just a place to live – it is a community.

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Millennium Tower is a special place to call home. This amazing 60-story development at 1 Franklin St. has been a giant success, transforming the site of what used to be Filene's Basement in the Midtown-Downtown Crossing area into a towering glass palace of luxury and grace. It is the tallest residential building in Boston with more than 400 luxury condominiums offered. Most of the units have been sold, but there are still some very nice ones left.

There are three levels of luxury living at Millennium Tower. Last week, we explored units on the 53rd floor as part of The Grand Residences level. The other two levels offered are The City Residences and The Penthouse Residences.

Every unit in the tower offers its own unique characteristics, but also shares a lot of wonderful features. All units feature open floor plans, which the developers at Millen-

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Millennium Partners say are “carefully designed to best suit the lifestyle” of the residences. Details in every home here have been handled with luxury, comfort and quality in mind.

This week, the focus turns to the magnificent penthouses.

The top five floors are at the highest point on the Boston skyline and the views are absolutely spectacular. Penthouse residences start at 550 feet in the sky, many featuring outdoor terraces that remove the last boundary between you and miles of the world around you.

There are panoramic views of Boston Harbor extending to the Back Bay and Charles River and from floor-to-ceiling windows in every room. Turnkey residence that features bath and kitchen cabinetry from renowned designer Christopher Peacock. Private Terrace, two gas fireplaces and wide-plank wood flooring from Carlisle are all part of penthouse living in Millennium Tower. Residents get two Valet or self-park spaces.

Another great feature in these homes is radiant heat under the marble floors.

All of the units have honed white elegant marble floors and shower floors in the bathrooms. There is also plenty of room in the polished white elegant marble stall shower with frameless full-height glass enclosures and Grohe rain head and handheld shower. The polished tundra grey 1¼-inch solid marble countertops are stunning, as is the pine white décor print cabinetry by Poggenpohl.

Penthouse 3B is one of the units still available. This amazing home sits on the 58th floor. It offers plenty of living space and is priced at \$12,500,000. Within the 4,110 square feet of luxury offered here are three bedrooms, four full bathrooms and a half bath.

There is an abundance of floor-to-ceiling win-



This penthouse at Millennium Tower has not one, but two gas fireplaces to stay warm on those cold winter nights.

dows – and with 10-foot ceilings that means a lot of light shines in during the daytime.

Views are absolutely breathtaking from every room in this home. Look north and on a clear day, you can easily see the North Shore and beyond. From here, the view of Logan Airport is pretty interesting, especially since you can watch the action on every runway.

There are great views of Boston Harbor. From a different angle, you will get a very clear view of the Custom House area and can see south pretty much into Quincy. There is also a chance to see what is happening on Beacon Hill and the Boston Common. Nighttime brings an entirely different view of the outdoors with the spectacular scenes created by the city lights.

One of the great aspects of the building’s design is that the windows jet out enough to get views in different directions beyond the tower itself.

Those who do the cooking are going to love the gourmet kitchen, which includes beautiful Poggenpohl kitchen cabinetry, polished Ital-

ian Calacatta marble countertops, a large Wolf six-burner gas stovetop with a stainless steel finished and a Faber hood. There is also a Wolf built-in double wall oven and drawer microwave in stainless steel finish with glass touch controls. There is plenty of space in the extra large Sub-Zero refrigerator with polar white high-gloss panels.

The entire unit uses space wisely, utilizing an open floor plan that goes from the foyer into the dining room straight ahead and to the living room – family room area to the left. Once again – views from these rooms are incredible. Tucked away near the dining room is a sizable wine closet. Beyond the dining room are the kitchen and the outdoor terrace, which can be reached through either the kitchen or the family room.

The bedrooms are all down the other side of the unit. No one will feel crowded in the beautifully spacious master bedroom suite, which measures to be 15 feet by 21.1 feet. There is plenty of storage space, including a giant walk-

in closet. This penthouse also includes his and her bathrooms. She will love the wonderful soaking tub, perfectly placed to relax and enjoy the magnificent views of the city and beyond.

Each of the other two sizable bedrooms comes equipped with their own full bathrooms. Millennium Tower is not just a place to live – as it states at millenniumtowerboston.com, this is “a new way to live.”

Life at Millennium Tower offers a multitude of activities and community features. Millennium Tower Boston residents enjoy 5-star services, doorman, 24-hour concierge, plus access to an exclusive 23,000-square-foot, two-story club with a high-class owner’s lounge offering private dining and bar, billiard parlor, library, private function room, outdoor terrace with fire pit, children’s playroom, 75-foot lap pool and the largest residential-only fitness facility in Boston.

There is also a movie theater and the chance to discuss the featured movies with host Brett Michel, a movie critic for the *Improper Bostonian*.

Food at the lounge comes from James Beard award-winning chef Michael Mina.

The exercise area is better than what is offered at most private fitness clubs. The equipment is all high end. Residents can use their smart automated touch key on the exercise machines, which will read the program and set themselves for the fitness program designed personally for them.

There are opportunities for massages in the treatment room, steam rooms for men and women and even an in-house Marc Harris salon. Don’t want to go to the salon? No problem – there is the portable version to provide service right in your own home.

There are many enjoyable social events for residents, including poker games, a book club, Women and Wine Wednesdays and other mix and match occasions.



The kitchen in Penthouse 3B is pure joy for those who love to cook. There is plenty of space and upscale top-of-the-line appliances.



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Open floor space, plenty of windows for light and great views are among the fabulous features at Millennium Tower.

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