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Earth Cruisers at New York's Bowery Hotel.

HOTELS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE SWITCHING THEIR FREE-BICYCLE options into high gear. We looked at six programs that will help you get around the big city on two wheels for free—helmet and lock included. **NEW YORK** At the **Bowery Hotel** (335 Bowery; 212/505-9100; theboweryhotel.com; doubles from \$325), four lipstick-red Earth Cruisers, equipped with wire baskets to hold your shopping finds, await at all hours. **BOSTON** The **Liberty Hotel**, in Beacon Hill (215 Charles St.; 866/507-5245; libertyhotel.com; doubles from \$295), and Harvard Square's **Charles Hotel** (1 Bennett St., Cambridge; 800/882-1818; charleshotel.com; doubles from \$199) are partnering to allow guests to travel the five miles between the two properties along the Charles River on Electra Amsterdam Classic bikes. **MIAMI** In keeping with the city's party-all-night vibe, the **Gansevoort South** (2377 Collins Ave.; 866/932-6694; gansevoortsouth.com; doubles from \$395) provides two Puma Stealth Visibility bikes that glow electric green in the dark. **CHICAGO AND BEYOND** You'll find a fleet of Paul Frank Beach Cruisers at the **James Chicago** (55 E. Ontario St.; 877/526-3755; jameshotels.com; doubles from \$269). **Element Hotels** (877/353-6368; elementhotels.com) plans to install its Trek bike-lending program in seven of its properties, including Las Vegas and Houston, by the end of the year. —BREE SPOSATO