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WHICH SPORTS FANS PAY THE MOST FOR PARKING?

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Congratulations to the 2017 World Series Champions, the Houston Astros. Over the past couple of weeks hordes of people descended on Los Angeles and Houston, and hotels and parking lots were bursting at the seams.

With the spectacular seasons these teams had, you'd think these two cities would have the highest parking prices. But you'd be wrong. Based on ParkWhiz data, the city with the highest parking costs for baseball games is Boston. Other cities used in this data comparison include New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington DC and Houston.

When it comes to parking spots, Boston Red Sox fans pay 57% more than New York Yankees fans, and 215% more than Philadelphia Phillies fans during the regular season.

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This data makes sense though. Sports are woven into the fabric of Boston, and the fans are among the most devoted in the nation. This devotion leaves game tickets and parking in short supply, and drives up prices as well. Everything about the gameday experience is expensive – from seats and parking spots to snacks and drinks.

According to [Huffington Post](#), the team with the most expensive baseball experience is the Boston Red Sox, clocking in at \$157 for two game tickets, two hot dogs, two drinks and parking. The second-most expensive experience is more affordable by almost \$50.

But not all Boston teams demand top dollar for parking. When it comes to basketball, Boston Celtics fans pay 13% less than New York Knicks fans, and 5% less than Detroit Pistons fans. For hockey, Boston Bruins fans also save, paying 16% less than New York Islanders fans, but 51% more than Washington Capitals fans.

Although Red Sox fans rank among the highest baseball parking prices, they see the lowest increase in parking costs when transitioning from the regular season to the playoffs at only 2%. The highest increase is the Washington Nationals, with a 66% increase in parking prices when the playoff season hits.

But no matter the cost or struggle, sports fans – especially in Boston – will do what it takes for their teams.

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