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2009-2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & PACKAGES FOR HISTORIC INNS OF ROCKLAND

Rockland, ME – Whether it's winter or summer, a getaway to the Historic Inns of Rockland, Maine is always special. To entice guests further, four premier Rockland inns – Captain Lindsey House, Granite Inn, LimeRock Inn and Berry Manor Inn – have created a host of special packages and events. Maine's Midcoast beckons throughout the year and these romantic inns offering gourmet breakfasts, lavish amenities, exciting culinary events and special attention to service add value with exciting packages. Note: Prices and dates were confirmed at the time of printing in May, 2009. Prices and dates may change without notice. Be sure to contact Marti Mayne at 207-846-6331 to confirm all dates and rates.

- **SLEEP INN, DINE OUT PACKAGE:** January 2009-May, 2009 and 2010: Recognized among the top eco-friendly inns in the country by BedandBreakfast.com, this avant-garde group of innkeepers is taking progressive to the next level, partnering with local chef-owned restaurants specializing in local fare to provide a one-of-a-kind progressive dinner and getaway. The Sleep Inn, Dine Out Package, offered non-holiday/event Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights November, 2009 through May, 2010, will include a progressive dinner at a choice of three restaurants with a specially created tasting menu, featuring signature selections prepared from locally grown or homemade ingredients. Starting at 6:00pm, guests will choose to dine at three of the participating restaurants including Café Miranda, In Good Company, Amalfi on the Water, Suzuki Sushi, Rustica Cucina Italiano, Lilly Bistro.

Tasting menus will vary week to week depending upon availability of fresh ingredients.

The evening will conclude with an overnight stay at one of the four Historic Inns of Rockland including the Berry Manor Inn, Captain Lindsey House, Granite Inn and LimeRock Inn. Guests will be encouraged to sleep in the following morning and plan to catch the tail end of the breakfast seatings. Knowing that locovoires are foodies dedicated to consuming locally grown foods, the Historic Inns of Rockland will include a copy of their recently published cookbook, *Inn-Dulgences*, featuring recipes from all four inns too.

The Sleep Inn, Dine Out package includes:

- One night stay on non-holiday/event Thursday, Friday or Saturday at your choice of Historic Inns of Rockland members, November, 2009 through May, 2010.

- Specially prepared progressive “Rockland Dine Around” dinner for two (beverages and gratuity not included).
- Full and hearty gourmet breakfast for two.
- ***Inn-Dulgences***, Recipes from Historic Inns of Rockland
- An eco-friendly reusable bag in which to carry leftovers and groceries thereafter.
- The package ranges from \$170-\$315 depending upon inn and room choice. Book a second night, and receive ten percent off your meal cost at any participating restaurants (alcohol, tax and gratuity not included).

cAARPooling IS TWO COOL AT HISTORIC INNS OF ROCKLAND: \$50 for 50+ Travelers Stay Midweek in Two’s and Receive \$50 in Gas, May – December, through 2010.

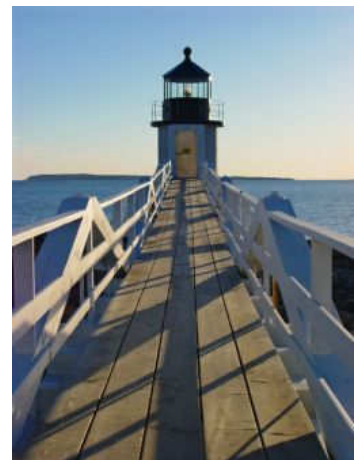
Those 50+ eco-travelers looking to cool off with hot savings will find extra value when they stay at any of the four premier Historic Inns of Rockland – if they carpool to coastal Midcoast Maine. Two or more AARP-member (or 50+) couples traveling in one car and staying two consecutive weeknights (Sunday – Thursday), May through December 2010, at their choice of one of four inns will receive a \$50 gas card. This year, take the vacation that guarantees to be a gas for your friends and your tank while helping to keep the environment clean. Historic Inns of Rockland are all certified Maine Environmental Leaders. But they take it one step further -- each couple will go home with an eco-friendly reusable shopping bag to help make shopping eco-friendly too.

Lodging packages start at \$445 (to \$1125) for two private rooms for two nights; breakfast each morning for all in the travel party; and a \$50 gas card to fill up the tank for the ride home (rates vary with date and room availability). This year, take a vacation with friends that guarantees to be a gas! Please remember to request this package at the time of booking as advance reservations are required and it cannot be combined with any other promotions or discounts.

LIGHTHOUSES, LOBSTERS & LUXURY, June, 2009 and 2010

Throughout June, the Historic Inns of Rockland will recognize Maine Lighthouse Week by celebrating what makes a Maine vacation so special: Lobsters, Lighthouses and Luxury inns. Stay any two consecutive nights in June, 2009 or 2010, and receive all of the following when you book the Lighthouses, Lobsters and Luxury package:

- Two tickets and a guided tour of the Maine Lighthouse Museum
- Two tickets on Captain Jack’s Lobster Adventure – an eco-tour and boat ride where you learn all about the love and lore of lobstering.
- A \$50 voucher good for a lobster dinner for two at participating local restaurants
- Commemorative Maine Lighthouse Book and Illustrated Map of Maine’s Lighthouses
- Map and directions for a self-guided Knox County lighthouse tour
- Exclusive guided tours by history and lighthouse experts of the Rockland Breakwater light and an autographed book about its history
- Exclusive tour of each of the four Historic Inns
- Chocolate Seascape handmade by a local chocolatier



- Two whimsical lobster hats

Two-night packages (June 1-30) range from \$365-655 (+ tax, double occupancy).

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LAND AND SEA SCAPE, Summer, 2009: ESCAPE TO A LAND BY THE SEA . . .

The Maine Windjammer Association and the Historic Inns of Rockland have teamed up to offer vacationers a “Land-and-Sea ’Scape” in the summer of 2009. This four-days-at-sea-and-three-days-on-land package provides an opportunity to experience life aboard an historic sailing vessel, plus a luxurious, relaxing stay at an historic inn.

History buffs, eco-conscious travelers, and sailors alike will be excited about the “Sea ’Scape” portion of the package, which includes a four-day cruise on one of the twelve venerable vessels of the Maine Windjammer Fleet. Then, before or after your four-day escape to sea, enjoy luxurious accommodations for a three-night “Land ’Scape” at one of Rockland’s four historic inns. The Captain Lindsey House, Berry Manor Inn, Lime Rock Inn, and Granite Inn are all within easy walking distance to the galleries, museums, boutiques, and restaurants in Rockland. With tickets provided to visit the Farnsworth Museum, the Andrew Wyeth Art Center, and the Maine Lighthouse Museum, you can round out the theme of your “Land-and-Sea ’Scape” vacation by viewing painted landscapes and seascapes, among other artworks and attractions.

Your “Escape to Land and Sea” offers total travel flexibility. After booking a four-day cruise aboard one of the twelve tall ships in the fleet, ask to add the Land ’Scape portion of the package. The Historic Inns of Rockland will immediately follow up with options for your stay at one of the four Historic Inns. The Land-and-Sea ’Scape package offers excellent value with additional features included:

- Four-day Maine Windjammer Cruise; including breakfast, lunch and dinner each day, island exploration and lobster bake.
- Transportation via hybrid taxi from docks to Historic Inns of Rockland.
- Early check-in and/or free luggage storage and free parking.
- Three-night stay in standard queen room at one of four Historic Inns of Rockland, each certified as a Maine Environmental Hospitality Leader.
- Hearty, gourmet breakfast each morning.
- Tickets to Maine Lighthouse Museum, Farnsworth Museum and Andrew Wyeth Art Center.
- “Maine Seascape in Chocolate,” by Safe Harbors chocolates, a community-based chocolatier.
- Token for fare on All Aboard Trolley for a tour of Rockland for each person traveling.
- Exclusive Land and Sea ’Scape poster by former windjammer captain and present innkeeper Ken Barnes, suitable for framing.
- Eco-friendly, re-usable bag to carry gifts home.

Land and Sea 'Scape packages start at \$870 per person, double occupancy (two people sharing a room or boat cabin) for the seven-day package, throughout 2009 (please inquire about 2010 rates). Upgraded rooms and extended cruise or inn stays are also available at an additional charge, subject to availability.

Escape this summer to a land by the sea, where the coast is craggy and clean; where you'll relax in luxury, immerse yourself in history, and enjoy sailing adventure. Your eco-conscious "Land-and-Sea 'Scape" begins here:

www.SailMaineCoast.com or www.HistoricInnsOfRockland.com or call 877-ROC-INNS (877-762-4667).

SENIORITY HAS ITS PRIVILEGES, September, 2009 and 2010



Travelers 50 and up are treated to a special September Package at Rockland's Captain Lindsey House, Berry Manor Inn, Granite Inn and LimeRock Inn. The package includes three nights lodging midweek (Sun-Thurs) at a 25-percent discount, afternoon refreshments, a trolley tour of Rockland's Historic District and an exclusive tour by noted historians of Rockland's Breakwater Lighthouse and of the Historic Inns. Plus, choose between two tickets to Captain Jack's Lobster Adventure Cruises where the chance to pull lobster traps (and keep your haul) is just one of the highlights from this entertaining lobsterman filled with lobster lore OR two tickets on the Maine State Ferry to Vinalhaven Island, the largest inhabited island in Penobscot Bay. And there's more – two "Discovery Coast Museum Passports" offering admission to six of Maine's greatest cultural treasures including the Farnsworth Art Museum and Wyeth Center, Gen. Henry Knox Museum, Owls Head Transportation Museum, Penobscot Marine Museum, Maine Center for Contemporary Art and the Maine Lighthouse Museum are also included. A lively Tuesday afternoon presentation on Rockland's rich history as the Lime Capital of the Eastern Seaboard. Rates range from \$510 -1,030 for 2009-2010, depending upon room and inn choice; the package is available throughout September (excluding Labor Day). Info: www.historicinnsofrockland.com, 877-ROC-INNS (877-762-4667).

QUIET SEASON PACKAGE, October, 2009-mid-June, 2010: In Rockland, Maine, mid-October through mid-June is light heartedly considered "Quiet Season" by Historic Inns of Rockland, Maine. While foliage is still brilliant through the end of October, the summer and fall travelers have returned home, and this is a special time when visitors feel like they have the town's museums, galleries, shops and inns all to themselves. Whether it's for a late fall getaway, a winter's escape or an early spring shopping trip to Rockland's unique boutiques, Historic Inns of Rockland's Quiet Season Package offers all the makings for a relaxing, crowd-free getaway.

The Quiet Season Museum Package includes:

- Two nights Thursday through Sunday accommodations at Captain Lindsey House, LimeRock Inn, Granite Inn or Berry Manor Inn.
- Tickets for two to the Farnsworth Art Museum, Andrew Wyeth Center, Maine Lighthouse Museum and the Owl's Head Transportation Museum.

- \$50 in Midcoast Money to enjoy dinner at one of Rockland's fine dining establishments.
- *INNdulgences*, Historic Inns of Rockland's newly released cookbook.
- Discount shopping coupons for area retailers.

All for \$290 -580 per couple, plus 7% tax.

Late fall, winter and early spring are perfect times to enjoy the peacefulness of Midcoast Maine and Rockland's museums and galleries and the raw beauty of the Maine coast. For more information, visit www.HistoricInnsOfRockland.com or call 877-ROC-INNS (877-762-4667).



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION & INN TOUR, November 28, 2009 or November 27, 2010

Join in the traditional coastal town holiday celebration, complete with a parade of lighted boats. Tour the Historic Inns of Rockland and other private homes on Saturday, November 28th, to benefit the Rockland Public Library, where you'll be treated to gorgeous inns all decked in their holiday finery and indulge in holiday goodies. Packages include one night accommodations, gourmet breakfast the following morning, two tickets to the Holiday House Tour and a Historic Inns of Rockland reusable shopping bag filled with wrapping paper, tape and tags to jumpstart your holidays and canned food to vote for your favorite float at the Light Parade. Packages are \$140-285 (+ tax, double occupancy). Info: www.historicinnsofrockland.com, 877-ROC-INNS (877-762-4667).



PIES ON PARADE, January 24, 2010

Join the Historic Inns of Rockland in "Pie Town" the weekend of January 23 and January 24, 2010, for the 6th Annual Pies On Parade Inn-to-Inn Pie Tour in celebration of National Pie Day. Each of the participating inns will feature samplings of original pie recipes including everything from sweet to savory and meat to seafood pies. In addition, businesses and restaurants throughout Rockland will feature pie samplings ranging from pizza pie and chicken-pot-pie to chocolate cream tarts and more. More than 15 businesses throughout Rockland are expected to join in the fun. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 children 10 and under, with over 85% of the ticket sales to benefit the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry and Fuel Assistance program. Two night lodging packages are available including accommodations at one of the participating inns, gourmet breakfast for two, a "personal pie" baked for each guest, two tickets to the tour on Sunday, exclusive tours at Audubon's Puffin Center and Lighthouse Museum on Saturday which of course include special pies, invitation to a "Wine and Pie" pairing Saturday afternoon, and a copy of the Historic Inns of Rockland's *INNdulgences* cookbook. Two night packages range from \$315 to \$605 per couple. Info: www.HistoricInnsOfRockland.com, 877-ROC-INNS.

A TASTE OF ROCKLAND, Date TBA: Planning is underway for a community-wide weekend of sampling Rockland's best faire. This food festival will feature a fusion of Rockland's renowned artists – both culinary and classical. Look for a weekend-long schedule of art showings, food tastings and demonstrations, plus much more. More information forthcoming.

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