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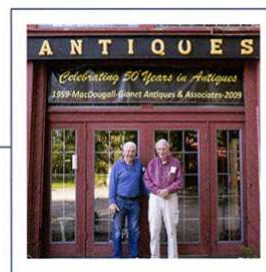
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VACATION-LOCATION

~ more than lobster ~

KENNEBUNKPORT



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What comes to mind when you think of Kennebunkport, Maine?

Your responses may include: the home of political celebrities, a community rich in seafood, a favorite summer retreat for the privileged, or perhaps a place you've wanted to visit for years but have never made the trip because you're not familiar with what Kennebunkport has to offer.

Your myopia might be preventing you from experiencing one of the most satisfying escapes from your daily routine—regardless of the season.

This historic township was settled in the mid-1600s and is known for shipbuilding; the wealth generated from this industry was the underlying strength of many New England coastal communities during the creation of America. Evidence of Kennebunkport's place in history can be seen by the many lavishly-preserved homes facing the sea along Ocean Ave.

A tourist destination for well over 100 years, this relaxing and easily navigated township is experiencing a renaissance and a





renewed interest by the public. Even the most particular and demanding vacation planners are finding this destination exceeding their expectations.

With stress-free accessibility, chic and creative lodging possibilities, accompanied by a wide variety of gourmet dining options, guests are allowed the unique opportunity to customize their individual itinerary—inclusive of cultural interests—satisfying the most conservative or opulent tastes and budgets. All this makes Kennebunkport a logical choice for many travelers.

STEP INTO HISTORY

The inns, hotels, and B&Bs found in this idyllic setting are mansions and estates which have been preserved and renovated, allowing guests to be treated to the most modern and convenient amenities while accessing luxurious and breathtaking vistas, or

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enjoying traditional settings which recall an era of prosperity—a time when simple sophistication and gracious culture were societal norms.

One resort, offering a nostalgic experience and enhanced by unparalleled service and décor, is the Cape Arundel Inn & Resort. The historic property sits upon a hill with an unobstructed view of the ocean, with many of its rooms also overlooking the sea. The property is well known for its oversized front porch, allowing guests to enjoy a delicious complimentary breakfast, or cocktails in the afternoon as the sun begins to set.

Bright and cheerful, the inn has been tastefully restored to its original ambiance without compromise and stands out as one of the most refined and superior accommodations found at the resort community.

An extension of the property is the Old Fort Inn & Resort. Private, with a sense of a cultivated lifestyle and a taste for a Ralph Lauren genre, the former carriage house, stables, and guest rooms—all accessible to the club house and complete with a small bar, stone fireplace, and billiard table—offer travelers the experience of a private estate. The interiors are complemented by traditional equestrian décor and are connected by a seasonally-heated pool—all eliciting an old-world, privileged lifestyle.

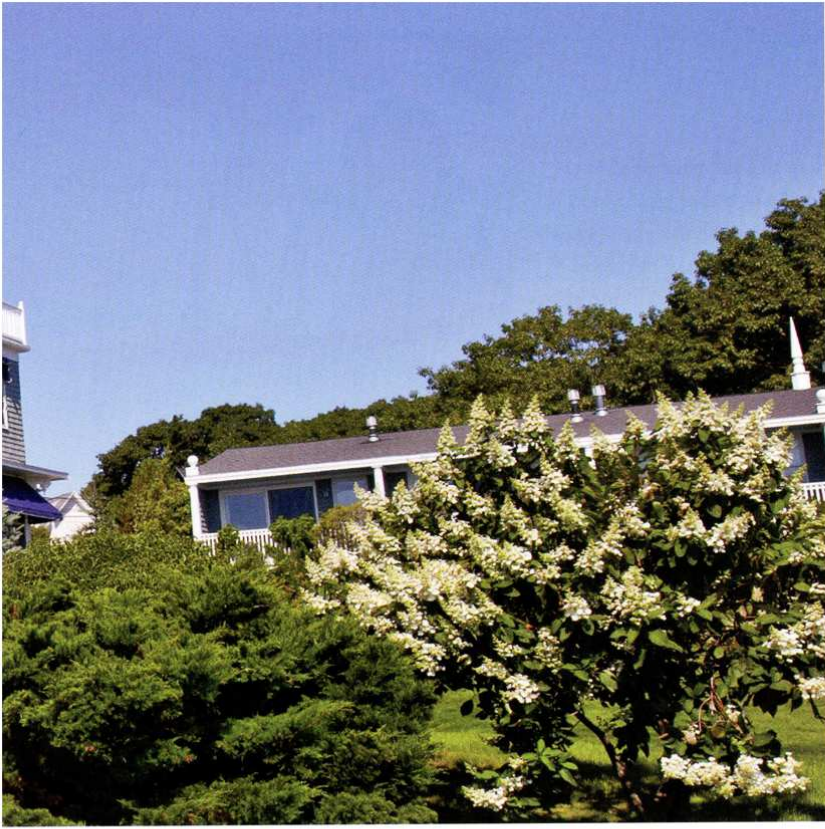
THE JOURNEY

As a distinguished destination, tourists or vacationers will never find themselves bored or lacking an exciting itinerary. Enriched by art, architecture, theaters, museums, and history—the streets bustle with traffic and activity. For those more adventurous, there is a wide variety of opportunities such as sailing, fishing, whale-watching, or lobster-harvesting.

Not to be missed is photo-taking or painting the rich palette of locations that abound: the jagged edges along the shore; the image of Walker's Point, where the Bush family is found in residence; and the historic St. Ann's Episcopal Church, constructed in 1887, and its outdoor chapel at the edge of a cliff—jetting out to the sea and providing the perfect stop for reflection.

If design and decor is your interest, then you'll want to visit one of New England's favorite antique and collectable



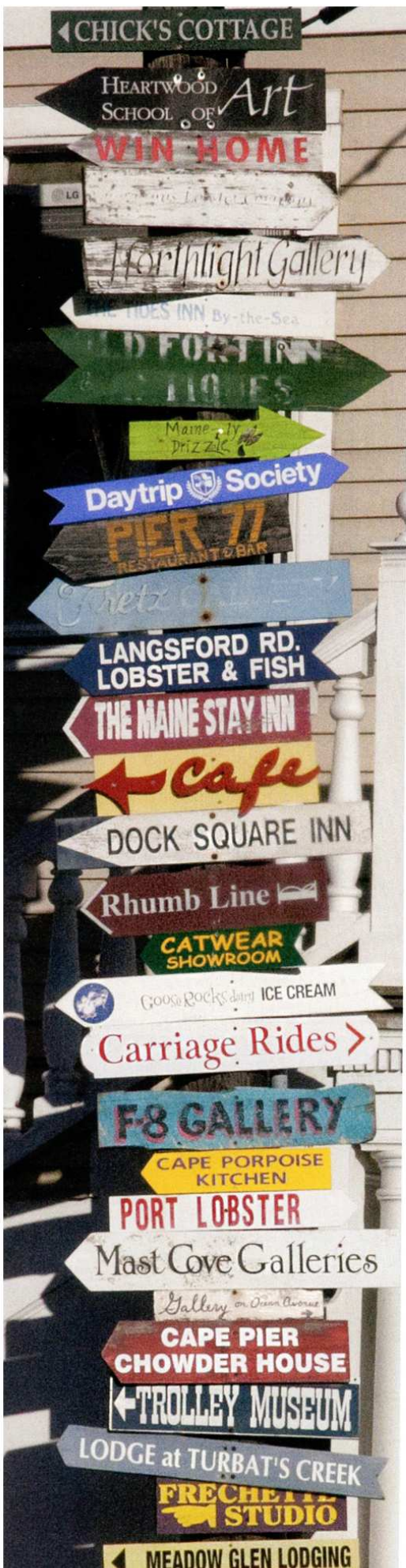


dealers, the MacDougall-Gionet Antique Barn. Ray MacDougall and Alex Gionet house two floors of high-quality, period antiques and objects of art, and possess great knowledge of their trade. Located a few minutes out of town, the gentlemen are easy to find since they have painted their property a very distinguishable shade of red. When asked who comprises their customer base, MacDougall proudly says, “Laura Bush is one of our customers; she has excellent taste,”

as he pulls out a photo of he and partner Gionet posing at the entrance of the barn. “She usually buys for the kids; she looks for quality pieces.”

Fashionistas will be mesmerized by the vast selection of seasonal clothing and accessories at the quaint shop at Dock Square known as Three Dories. Offering a variety of apparel which sports the character, history, and appreciation for the harbor community, the boutique provides shoppers





everything from hats to a full ensemble. Best of all, this isn't the only shopping option available; there are plenty of alluring boutiques that make up the tourist district of the town.

Take a few steps further and you'll find an intriguing gallery at the center of the square known as Compliments. The gallery explodes with color, texture, and style—all inspired by American craftsmen and local artisans. Gallery associate Pat Craig is very knowledgeable about the inspiration behind the art, and with her no-pressure approach, she informs and teaches rather than sells—and that works.

POPULAR DINING

Whether you want to grab a quick lunch or experience culinary proficiency, it can all be discovered, since there is a restaurant or seafood shack everywhere you look.

One of the most popular kitchens in town is David's KPT, located at the Boathouse Waterfront Hotel on Ocean Ave. David's boasts dockside dining, multiple bars—including a full-length raw bar—and the freshest Maine seafood to be found along the coast. It's an active, "be seen" social scene—the sort of experience you would expect in an open-air atmosphere restaurant. On any given night you may meet one or all of the Bush family, who are known to frequent the restaurant.

If you prefer a garden or farm to fork or table menu, consider a reservation at the Kennebunkport Resort Collection's "Earth." An exceptional experience for those who prefer dining on fresh herbs, vegetables, house-made charcuterie, cheese, breads, pastas, and deserts. This award-winning kitchen and support staff will amaze and satisfy guests in a rustic but tasteful setting.

And for the best of the best, you must request a corner window seat at Ocean. Located at the Cape Arundel Inn & Resort, its gourmet menu can easily be turned into a five-course culinary encounter—second to none in recent memory. The views, the sound of the ocean crashing against the shoreline, the refined and stylish interior décor, and the memorable service under the watchful eye of Food and Beverage Manager Jana Bissonnette—result in diners staying late into the evening, unwilling to have their magic-filled night come to an end.



Danielle Walker, General Manager and Justin Walker, Executive Chef at Earth at Hidden Pond

ALL YEAR LONG

Kennebunkport has found its métier as a four-season resort community. While summer is surely a boon to the community, a special winter event that attracts many and even sells out is known as Christmas Prelude. Seasonal events include a tree lighting ceremony, caroling, a River Tree Arts concert, Santa arriving by lobster boat, special menus, and more great shopping.

Just as you might be facing the winter doldrums, it's "Paint the Town Red," when Kennebunkport celebrates Valentine's Day and kicks off Winter Fest and the Winter Biathlon at Wells Reserve. Filled with days of activities which include snowshoeing, ice skating, sleigh rides, ice carving, spa days, brewery tours and tastings—destination Kennebunkport is open for business.

With competition from a vast number of interesting destinations, it's evident the people who collectively make Kennebunkport such a special place are working diligently to stand out from the crowded pack of vacation options available to the public.

What should be taken away from this inside look at Kennebunkport is that it is the pearl found in a bushel of New England resort communities, and without doubt, you will fall in love with one of the most picturesque and alluring vacation spots in New England. ★

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