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Winter Deals at New England Inns, Hotels, B&Bs



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Kennebunkport, Maine, paints the town red with dining, shopping and accommodation specials throughout February. (DouglasMerriam)

Need a post-holiday break? Cozy up at one of New England's inns, spas, hotels or bed-and-breakfasts. January and February are great times to find deals — especially if you can get away last minute or mid-week. (Prices exclude taxes and gratuities, unless otherwise noted.)

The Inn at Harbor Hill Marina Bed and Breakfast, 60 Grand St., Niantic, has a January Recovery special package featuring overnight accommodations, breakfast each morning and complimentary snacks and beverages. Sunday through Thursday, any room in the Main Inn is \$99 per night and any room at the Captain Clark facility is \$150 per night. Pay the regular room rate on a Friday night and get 50 percent off your Saturday stay, (excludes Jan. 16, 17 and 18). Information: 860-739- 0331 or innharborhill.com.

Foxwoods' "Fantastic Package" includes a deluxe room at Grand Pequot, Great Cedar or The Fox Tower, non-expiring admission to Mystic Aquarium and breakfast at the Festival Buffet. Price starts at \$189. Valid Sunday through Thursday, through May. Call 1-800-369-9663 for reservations. Black out days and restrictions apply. Information: foxwoods.com.

The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Road in Woodstock, offers a winter getaway, available Sunday through Thursday, which includes two nights lodging in queen size room with a four poster canopy bed and fireplace, continental-plus breakfast buffet each morning and one dinner for two, with wine, in the inn's restaurant. The cost is \$450, which includes all taxes and gratuities. Subject to availability. Information: 860-928-0528 or woodstockhill.com.

Head to Vermont for a two-night mini-vacation for two at the **Grafton Inn in Grafton, Vt.** The \$222 package, available through Jan. 31, includes full breakfast each morning, afternoon cheese and cider socials and free access to snowshoe and cross-country ski trails at the Grafton Ponds Outdoor Center. (Some blackout dates apply.) Information: 800-843-1801.

The Intercontinental Boston Hotel's Tea Party package, starting at \$299, includes one night's accommodations in a deluxe room overlooking Boston's historic waterfront, two adult admissions to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum and the Old South Meeting House; two tea-infused beverages, (including hard tea rum cocktails), and a Boston Tea Company Connoisseur's mini-wooden tea chest with gourmet blend tea bags. Package, available year 'round, is based on double occupancy and some blackout dates apply. Information: intercontinentalboston.com.

If you're thinking ahead to February — and Valentine's Day — you might want to plan a trip to **Kennebunkport, Maine**. Hotels, shops and restaurants will be "painting the town red" with dining, shopping and accommodation specials throughout the month. The promotion kicks off on Jan. 31, with a lighting celebration and party. Information: destinationkennebunkport.com/love.

Kennebunkport lodging deals during February include a Five Shades of Red package, available at the **Kennebunkport Inn** that features a two-night stay, lobster dinner for two, bottle of red wine and chocolate covered strawberries upon arrival, red velvet whoopie pie and a red rose turndown in the evening and deluxe continental breakfast each morning. The Kennebunkport Inn package starts at \$365 per couple. Information: 800-248-2621.