



Cradled between a lush green hillside and the blue waters of Penobscot Bay, the Samoset Resort welcomes guests to 230 acres of oceanfront elegance reminiscent of a bygone era.

| Samoset Resort – Rockland Maine

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By Mary Noe

Dreaming of a winter escape to one of Maine's classic coastal resorts? While many of **Maine's** historic inns are closed during the frosty months, the **Samoset Resort** in **Rockport** is a luxurious vacation destination that is especially magical during the winter. Located just south of **Camden** on Maine's **MidCoast**, **Samoset Resort** is set on 230 waterfront acres overlooking picturesque **Penobscot Bay** and the **Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse**.

Called one of the best family vacation destinations in the world by *Travel + Leisure*, Samoset Resort is a AAA Four-Diamond property and was named one of the top resorts in New England in the distinguished **Condé Nast Traveler** '2019 Readers' Choice Awards.'

The spacious oceanfront property includes an 18-hole championship golf course, ranked by *Condé Nast Traveler* as one of the best golf courses in the **U.S.** Expansive resort buildings accommodate elegant guest rooms and suites overlooking the lovely bay, the historic lighthouse, and the scenic golf course, and several luxurious Maine cottages are also available.

A glass of wine and a cosy fire by the outdoor pool

Woven with a Rich History

First opened in 1889 as the **Bay Point Resort**, and later renamed "**The Samoset**" after a legendary **Pemaquid** Chief, the property flourished for decades as a grand coastal resort. Falling on hard times, the property closed in 1969 before being destroyed in a fire in 1972. The resort was resurrected in 1974 and reconstructed mostly from the preserved timbers of a local granary. Owned by **Samorock LLC** (an affiliate of **Ocean Properties Hotels and Resorts**) since 1999, the resort's rich history is woven through the architectural design. Warm wood elements recall the resort's storied past, and the Samoset is once again one of the top resorts in coastal Maine.

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A gorgeous get-a-way during spring and summer, Samoset Resort stuns during the fall and winter months. The rolling hills of the golf course transform the property into a winter wonderland, with pristine trails perfect for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The nearby **Camden Snow Bowl** offers downhill and **Nordic** skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and a toboggan chute, and an indoor ice rink is nearby for skating fun.

After enjoying a chilly **New England** winter day, warm up at one of the Samoset's stone fireplaces or cozy fire pits while indulging in s'mores or a classic cocktail. Take your snowy fantasy to the next level at Samoset's legendary **Glacier Ice Bar & Lounge**, one of the "hottest and coolest lounges" on the Maine coast. Each winter, over 20,000 pounds of glacier ice is transformed into a frosty escape complete with ice bar and intricate ice carvings and sculptures. [Click here](#) for dates and more Ice Bar details.

The Glacier Ice Bar & Lounge – one of the “hottest and coolest” lounges on the Maine coast.

Dining and Wellness Options

Other outstanding on-site dining options include the **Enoteca Lounge** wine bar and **La Bella Vita**, an authentic Italian restaurant.

On-site wellness amenities include:

- **The Club at Samoset**—a top-notch fitness facility featuring strength room, Cardio Theater, fitness classes, and an indoor swimming pool.
- **The Spa at Samoset**—a serene seaside escape with spa lounge and gorgeous bay views. Spa treatments include massage, skin care, and salon services, and seasonal specials are especially appealing (try the “Warm Your Bones” experience this winter and enjoy a warm Himalayan Salt Stone Massage with warm oil scalp treatment).

Enchanting during winter, Samoset Resort is the ultimate family vacation destination during the warmer months as well. Play a round on the 18-hole championship golf course or have fun in the zero-entry outdoor swimming pool overlooking Penobscot Bay. Stroll almost a mile out into the harbor on the **Rockland Breakwater** to the historic lighthouse, or play tennis, basketball, disc golf and lawn games on Samoset's “Ultimate Backyard.”

No matter the season, the historic Samoset Resort is the perfect coastal Maine luxury destination.

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