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Best Lodging in Maine | 2014 Editors' Choice Awards

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Looking to rest your head in the Pine Tree State? We've got you covered! Check out our picks for the best lodging in Maine for 2014.

BEST RIVERSIDE INN:

BUFFLEHEAD COVE, *Kennebunk*

Pampering service and gourmet breakfasts distinguish the Gott family's secluded, antiques-filled, home-turned-boutique-inn edging the tidal Kennebunk River. It's a peaceful reprieve from the frenzy of Dock Square, less than a mile away. Rates: from \$165. 20 *Bufflehead Cove Road*. 207-967-3879; buffleheadcove.com



Best Classic Coastal Maine Inn | Grey Havens, Georgetown
Sara Gray

BEST SEASIDE CAMPGROUND:

RECOMPENSE SHORE, *Freeport*

Part of the Wolfe's Neck Farm foundation, this eco-sensitive, low-key campground with three miles of tidal frontage on Casco Bay caters to tenters, although a few sites have hookups. Rates: from \$26. 134 *Burnett Road*. 207-865-9307; freeportcamping.com

BEST CLASSIC COASTAL MAINE INN:

GREY HAVENS, *Georgetown*

Take in dreamy views over lobster boats, spruce-fringed islands, and Maine's craggy coastline from this gently updated oceanfront hotel, a turreted, Shingle-style classic dating from 1904 and located just up the road from Reid State Park. Rates: from \$130. 96 *Seguinland Road*. 207-371-2616; greyhavens.com

BEST HARBOR VIEWS:

TIDEWATER MOTEL, *Vinalhaven*

When the tide flows, the water rushes under the Tidewater Motel, comprising two buildings cantilevered over the working harbor. Rooms provide a front-row seat on all the action, but expect to rise early when the fishermen rev their engines. Rates: from \$110. *15 Main St. 207-863-4618; tidewatermotel.com*

BEST LIGHTHOUSE LODGING:

THE KEEPER'S HOUSE, *Isle au Haut*

After a day of hiking the trails on the remote Isle au Haut section of Acadia National Park, slumber in the rustic keeper's house, primitive oil house, or woodshed of Robinson Point Light. Rates: from \$325, including breakfast, pack lunch, and dinner. *Lighthouse Road. 207-335-2990; keepershoused.com*

BEST POOL VIEW:

WEST STREET HOTEL, *Bar Harbor*

Spy on downtown shoppers, excursion boats heading out to sea, cruise-ship tenders docking, and kayakers paddling the harbor from the rooftop pool. Rates: from \$164. *50 West St. 207-288-0825; theweststreethotel.com*

BEST MOUNTAINSIDE LODGE:

5 LAKES LODGE, *Millinocket*

Views! Views! Views! Mile-high Mount Katahdin is the backdrop for the watery vistas from this purpose-built bed-and-breakfast, sited on a spit of land thumbing into one of five connected lakes. Rates: from \$175. *46 Marina Drive. 207-723-5045; 5lakeslodge.com*

BEST QUEEN ANNE RESTORATION:

MUNROE HOUSE B&B, *Auburn*

Stained-glass windows, gleaming oak, and period antiques are just a few of the details distinguishing this meticulously restored National Historic Register-listed Queen Anne manse, with four spacious air-conditioned guestrooms. Rates: from \$115. *123 Pleasant St. 207-376-3266; themunroeinn.com*

BEST CONVENT MAKEOVER:

INN OF ACADIA, *Madawaska*

A calming decor, contemporary amenities, and a cozy lounge welcome guests to this meticulously renovated boutique inn, which began life as a convent and later served as a convalescence center. Rates: from \$79. *384 Thomas St. 207-728-3402; innofacadia.com*