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## ROCKLAND

**Pies on Parade.** Got your attention? January 23 is, believe or not, **National Pie Day**. As if anyone needed an excuse to eat pie, the Historic Inns of Rockland offer one up anyway with this fun festival set in the tiny port town of Rockland on January 22. More on the festival below, but first, here are other reasons to visit the “Gateway to Penobscot Bay,” which is about four hours by car from Boston.

The popular summer destination is home to the largest Windjammer fleet in the US, a huge tourist draw, but there’s plenty to do in the winter, too. The Main Street area is packed with charming stores, unique restaurants and a newly restored 1920s Art Deco movie theatre that also hosts live shows. **The Farnsworth Art Museum and Wyeth Center** and the new **Maine Lighthouse Museum** are within walking distance of each inn, as well as one of the best wine bars you’ll find anywhere. **In Good**

**Company** looks like someone picked it up in NYC and dropped it in the middle of Main Street.

The three inns that make up the Historic Inns of Rockland are the **Berry Manor Inn** (romantic with incredible showers and hot tubs, plus a very amusing collection of toy hamsters); the gorgeous Victorian mansion **LimeRock Inn** (owners Frank Isganitis and PJ Walter describe themselves as “corporate



The Berry Manor Inn dressed for the holidays.

refugees”), and the **Captain Lindsey House** (this former 19th century sea captain’s home is now owned by two real captains: Ken and Ellen Barnes, who also own the *Stephen Taber* Windjammer).

On January 22, the **2nd Annual Pies on Parade Inn to Inn Pie**

**Tour** features samples of original pies, including everything from sweet to savory and meat to seafood pies. Tours of the inns and demonstrations include highlights such as lattice pie crusts, pie toppers and pies-in-a-bag. Everyone goes home with a cookbook of the original pie recipes they’ve sampled. Tickets are \$10 per

person, and proceeds benefit the Area Interfaith Food Pantry. Overnight stays include a gourmet breakfast for two, a “personal pie,” two tickets to the tour, two cookbooks and late checkout on the day of the tour. One-night packages range from \$115-\$190 per couple, with a second night 50 percent off. More on Rockland at [www.therealmaine.com](http://www.therealmaine.com) and the Historic Inns of Rockland at

[www.HistoricInnsOfRockland.com](http://www.HistoricInnsOfRockland.com), 877-ROC-INNS.—KFM

## OGUNQUIT

Ogunquit—think colder mini-P-town with a tad more mature crowd. Don’t miss the **19th Annual Christmas by the Sea** celebration in gay-friendly Ogunquit. From December 9 to 11, this quaint oceanside town comes alive with tree lightings, caroling, parades, bonfires, a “Chowderfest,” open houses and more. Throughout December, on Thursday and Sunday evenings, (excluding Christmas) the **Five-O Restaurant** (207.646.5001), dubbed the “coolest cocktail lounge in town” by the *New York Times*, will be offering special Five-O dinners, where meal tabs will total from \$12.50 to \$14.50. While many restaurants and bars close for the season, **Club Inside Out** remains open in the winter from Thursday through Sunday, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., with dancing on Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (207.646.6655; [www.clubinsideout.com](http://www.clubinsideout.com)). **Maine Street**, which features disco and weekly karaoke, is also open (207.646.5101). Check out the Gay Ogunquit website for places to stay, since many places that normally stay open year-round decided to close this season. But the **Admiral’s Inn**, rated the best B&B/Inn for 2005, is keeping its doors open. A newer

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LimeRock Inn owners relax with their dogs.