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Start dieting now: Every January, about 500 fork-bearing, grinning folks nibble their way through Rockland, Maine (a.k.a. Pie Town USA), on the annual Pies on Parade Pie Tour. During this one-day event, sponsored by the Historic Inns of Rockland, more than 20 downtown businesses and inns prepare sample-size portions of one or more pies. That results in more than 40 tastings of pizzas, pastries, galettes, quiches, meat pies, seafood pies, tarts, fruit pies, and, this being Maine, whoopee pies. Monies raised benefit the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry and Fuel Assistance Program. To date, more than \$63,000 has been raised.

The 10th annual Pies on Parade Pie Tour takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2014. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$10 kids age 10 and younger. Advance purchase is recommended; the event usually sells out. Each of the four member inns offers two-night lodging packages (from \$345) that include two tickets, breakfast, dinner credit, two pies, and exclusive tours and tastings. (207) 596-6611; historicinsofrockland.com/pies-on-parade. —Hilary Nangle