



here's only l one part of Maine that is home to the Northeast's only National Park, an island mountain that looks over the sea, more than 25 lighthouses, a coastline dotted with charming towns and villages, an outdoor recreation playground filled with sweet smelling fir and spruce and what seems like a million ponds, lakes and streams. Historic sites, state parks, shops, galleries, museums and kids' attractions await in what many say is the most scenic and authentic part of Maine.



delicious and decidedly not classic varieties, from butternut squash, ricotta, and cranberry to spicy pulled pork with scallion and herb. There are two locations on Congress Street, and a third will soon open in South Portland. 225 and 576 Congress St., Portland. 207-773-7099. ottoportland.com

ROMANTIC RESTAURANT PRIMO

Two distinctive experiences under one roof: the intimate and formal parlors downstairs and the lively maze of little rooms upstairs. And then there are the amazing Italian dishes created by James Beard Foundation Award-winning chef Melissa Kelly.

2 South Main St., Rockland. 207-596-0770. primorestaurant.com

SEAFOOD MARKET HARBOR FISH MARKET

In addition to fish and lobsters caught off the Maine coast, Harbor Fish boasts Maine's largest selection of fresh fish imported from all over the world. 9 Custom House Wharf, Portland. 800-370-1790. harborfish.com

WINE SHOP

RAYR

This charming shop near Rockport Harbor stocks hundreds of varieties of wines from around the world, and owner Jason Haynes offers friendly, knowledgeable advice. 67 Pascal Ave., Rockport. 207-230-7009. rayrwine.com

WINERY CELLARDOOR WINERY

Located in a beautiful renovated barn with the vineyard right out back, Cellardoor offers a fantastic selection of reds and whites. The complimentary tastings are relaxing, fun, and informative. There also is a shop on Route 1 in Rockport. 367 Youngtown Rd., Lincolnville.

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