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PIES ON PARADE, AN INN TO INN PIE TOUR

Historic Inns of Rockland Celebrate National Pie Day with Pies On Parade, An Inn to Inn extravaganza of pie samplings and demonstrations, January 25, 2009

Rockland, ME - January 23, 2009 marks National Pie Day, according to the American Pie Council. Because nothing tops a cold winter day like a warm piece of pie, the Historic Inns of Rockland will celebrate pie throughout the weekend before with their annual Inn to Inn Pie Tour, scheduled for January 25, 2009. Pies on Parade, the inn to inn pie tour will take place from 1:00-4:00pm as Historic Inns of Rockland's member inns feature homemade pies at the **5th Annual Pies on Parade Inn to Inn Tour**. Along with a wonderful collection of recipes to take home as a keepsake and plenty of pie tastings, the inns will offer demonstrations about pie baking techniques and pie decorating. Additionally, weekend guests can look forward to breakfasts featuring egg pies and maybe even a dessert at breakfast, including pie a la mode! Each guest will receive their own individual pie upon arrival and best of all, those attending the tour can feel good about eating pie because proceeds will benefit the Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry of Rockland. More than \$8500 has been donated to feed the needy through this event in the past, offering enough help to provide food for more than 100 needy Midcoast families for a year for the past four years, when matched with national grants. In June, 2007, the Food Network named Rockland Pie Town USA when renowned chef, Bobby Flay, came to challenge the "Pie Moms" to a Throwdown.



Those visiting Historic Inns of Rockland during the January 25th Pies on Parade Inn to Inn Tour, will be treated to such traditional pies as cherry, apple, and berry pies. For those who care for something a little less traditional, fabulous pies such as Raspberry Cheese Pie, Kiwi Berry Tart, or Sun Dried Tomato and Goat Cheese Breakfast Pie will be offered, along with their recipes, so tour goers can make them at home.

It's even possible that a Maine Lobster Pie might even be on the menu! Tickets for the Pies on Parade Inn to Inn Tour are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ten and under. Tickets sell out quickly, are available from participating inns, and include a keepsake recipe collection, and plenty of pie to sample.

As a bonus, participating inns will offer the following demonstrations:

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| Berry Manor Inn: | Fun ingredients for breakfast pies
Fool-proof lattice crusts from the “dueling innkeepers’ Moms” who carry on a friendly fight throughout the year regarding the best pie crust recipe. |
| Captain Lindsey House: | Decorating with pie crusts & pie crust embellishments |
| LimeRock Inn | Savory pies & Rock City Roasters Limerock Blend Coffee |
| Lakeshore Inn: | Sweet potato pie as chiffon or dense custard: same pie, different results |
| Granite Inn: | “Not Your Grandmother’s Chess Pie” and meat pie. |
- Participating inns may also offer additional special workshops or demonstrations.

Weekend packages including one night accommodations, breakfast each morning, complimentary personal pie for each guest upon arrival, a copy of the Historic Inns of Rockland cookbook, *INNdulgences* which includes original pie recipes, along with two tickets to the Pies on Parade Inn to Inn Tour are \$160-235 per couple. Two night packages are also available with 25% discount off the 2nd night.

For pie lovers and those seeking a romantic luxury getaway, there is no better choice for lodging than the Historic Inns of Rockland, a collection of gracious inns, offering everything from business traveler-friendly to elegant accommodations. Each distinctly different in their features, the Historic Inns of Rockland will provide the ideal base from which to enjoy Midcoast Maine’s bounty. For more information about Historic Inns of Rockland, please visit them on the web at www.HistoricInnsOfRockland.com, consult each participating inn’s website for more specific pricing and details of this package or call 877-ROC-INNS (877-762-4667) for more information or reservations.

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