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THE STYLISH GETAWAYS ISSUE

POWER DOWN
& *decompress:*

CHARMING
COTTAGES

by Ogunquit Beach

Circa 1888
a family camp
ON LONG LAKE

A BIDDEFORD MILL
with a Michelin Key

& A high-style
LINCOLNVILLE
HIDEAWAY

Plus! SPEND THE NIGHT
at a HISTORIC LOBSTERING
COMPOUND *in Brunswick!*

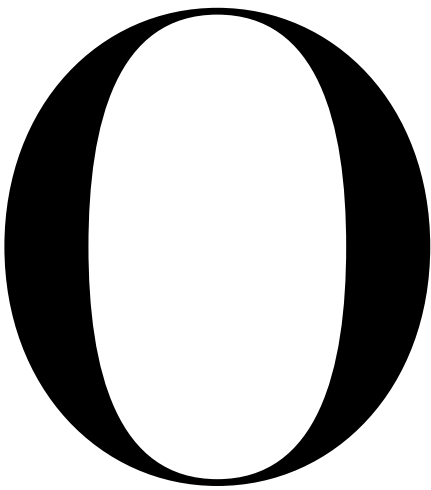


The cottages, beautifully preserved by builder Thomas & Lord, boast shutters in *Chimichurri* by Benjamin Moore against *Oxford White* siding. The landscape, designed by Gavin Boyce-Ratliff of GBR Landscape Design and Steve Doe of Knickerbocker Group, was installed by Stoney Brook Landscaping & Masonry.

WHERE TIME STANDS STILL

THESE DARLING COTTAGES NEAR OGUNQUIT BEACH ARE AT THE
INTERSECTION OF LUXURY AND QUINTESSENTIAL MAINE.

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ver eighty years ago, the Perkins family purchased a magical property on the waterfront in Ogunquit where they thought people would be able to enjoy the beach town. They created a resort with cottages meant for families to stay for weeks at a time. At the end of the previous season, they decided it was time to pass the torch to someone else. The property, called The Dunes on the Waterfront, caught developer Tim Harrington's eye.

Tim, the owner of Atlantic Hospitality, has a penchant for purchasing historic properties and preserving their essence and charm, turning them into an elevated reimagining of what they used to be. "The design team did a phenomenal job preserving the feel of the property," says Atlantic Hospitality's corporate director of marketing Caroline DeBruyckere. "They kept all of the original cottages, maintaining the white exteriors, green shutters, and screen porches."



ABOVE: In the lodge, the grand fireplace is the centerpiece, featuring a seashell installation by stone craftsman Brian Fairfield and artwork by artist Claire Cushman. **BELOW:** A slice of paradise on the Maine coast. Bright, striped inner tubes and lemon umbrellas give the pool a timeless ambiance. **(OPPOSITE) BELOW:** Each bedroom at The Dunes on the Waterfront is thoughtfully designed for comfort and relaxation, featuring plush, custom textiles from Cuddledown. Art by David Allen. Shades by Jennifer Kamrath of Second Wind Design.



ABOVE: In the kitchen, cabinets by Atlantic Design Center and *Du Chateau* flooring from Distinctive Tile and Design.

Pulling up to The Dunes, right off Main Street, feels like arriving at an idyllic movie set with panoramic views of the beach dunes, colorful gardens, and the resort's delightful cottages styled to the max. Seashell covered walkways wind through the grassy property, leading to the tidal river and boat dock or the Ogunquit Lobster Pound. There, guests can get a free blueberry cobbler if they show their room key. Ogunquit center is a quick stroll down the road, and the resort provides a golf cart, bikes, and a car service for easy transport. For those looking to travel via water, a Dunes yellow-striped cabana boat can bring visitors across the estuary to the beach or to cruise around the river.

Stepping into the cottages themselves, the level of care taken to renovate these unique getaways is evident, completed in collaboration with builder Thomas & Lord. "The core mission of this project was to take this coastal, heirloom property in Maine and preserve it for generations forward," says Atlantic Hospitality's creative director Krista Stokes, who, in collaboration with Mark Cotto, led the project's design. With an in-house design team, Atlantic Hospitality was able to pour extra touches and special design elements into each cottage, making each stay one-of-a-kind. "We feel so lucky that we get to be a part of people's most joyful memories when they stay at the resort," says Caroline.

Guests can expect amenities like Cuddledown bedding, Le Labo bath products, fully stocked kitchenettes, gas fireplaces, and screen porches during their stay. Whether on the garden-view or waterfront side, there are no bad views found on the property. The kitchenette is stocked with complimentary beverages and snacks. An espresso machine makes coffee a touch away, stocked with espresso pods. In the morning, the team delivers

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breakfast to each cottage with a thermos of coffee, local pastries, a local newspaper, and *The New York Times*. When guests check in, they can expect their stay to feel tailor-made, with special attention to items like food allergies and preferences. For those eager to explore, a helpful arrival letter details activity suggestions and information about the tides.

Each cottage varies in size, from one bedroom up to three. They are designed to reflect the palette and beauty of Maine, with soothing hues reminiscent of the surrounding sky, sand, and sea. All the furniture and upholstery are custom-made. Art and antiques fill each room, including sea-foraged items found by local artists, adding to a subtle coastal theme. Natural textures intermix with the patterns and tones in each room to create a layered, visual experience.

With prime access to Ogunquit Beach's white sand and mesmerizing waters, this getaway is a can't-miss for those wanting a taste of Southern Maine. The resort is a wonderful launching point for a day of exploring Ogunquit's celebrated shopping and restaurants. "We strive to give our guests a serene and beautiful space to make memories with their loved ones," says Tim. "Our main goal is that all who stay with us at The Dunes feel like they've had an opportunity to disconnect and truly enjoy the luxury of time!" ■ SEE THE RESOURCE GUIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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