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Maine's Camden Harbour Inn Launches Cooking Classes

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Those wishing to hone their culinary artistry in a pristine yet relaxed setting will enjoy a weekend get-away to Maine's sublime Camden Harbour Inn to participate in one of the Inn's new Cooking Class Weekends. Perched at the water's edge, Maine's Camden Harbour Inn is treasured for its classic New England ocean views, striking modern rooms, and Executive Chef Lawrence Klang's creative Modern French fare. The AAA four-diamond Natalie's, the Inn's signature restaurant, has been called the finest gourmet eatery in the state; hailed for its sophisticated décor, impeccable service and gourmet dining – sans formal attire.

Offered select dates only, Cooking Class Packages include two-night pampering stays in one of the Inn's highly styled guestrooms or suites, participation in a cooking class led by Chef Klang; a gourmet five-course gastronomic experience featuring dinner for two at Natalie's; delectable breakfast each morning, and invitations to an exclusive cocktail reception, featuring mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres and other delicacies. In addition to a late check-out on Sunday, Cooking Class participants also will receive a Natalie's (signed) apron from Chef, and a booklet of his favorite recipes and cooking tips, to serve as a reminder of their special visit.

Priced at \$295 per person and based upon double occupancy and space availability, Camden Harbour Inn Cooking Class Packages are offered December 19/20; January 16/17; January 23/24; January 30/31; February 6/7; February 20/21; March 6/7; March 20/21, 2009.

Chef Klang received his formal culinary training at Le Cordon Bleu L'Art Culinaire, London, and has worked in renowned kitchens including: London's Claridge's Hotel; Restaurant Jacques Maximin, Vence, France; Criolla's Restaurant, Grayton Beach, Florida, and Restaurant Saint Emillion, Fort Worth, Texas, in addition to the Fish out of Water.

A classic European-style inn with a contemporary spin, the Camden Harbour Inn is nestled atop a stunning hillside offering views of picturesque Camden Harbour, Mount Battie and Penobscot Bay. Built originally as a lodging establishment in 1874, this historic property was completely renovated last year following a \$2 million refit which has transformed the property into an exquisite boutique hotel, with world-class personalized service. Both the Inn and Natalie's have each been awarded the coveted Four Diamonds from AAA.

The Inn's 18 guestrooms - each with a distinct style and dazzling view – offer every modern convenience as well as uber-luxe bathrooms, robes and fine linens. Some rooms offer fireplaces, balconies and/or private decks. With its wrap-around porch, white clapboard siding, fine roof lines and stunning views, guests enjoy five-star relaxation, thanks to owner/hosts Oscar Verest and Raymond Brunyanszki. Natives of the Netherlands, these gracious proprietors have skillfully married their sophisticated global tastes with a chic urban sensibility to create a truly rare New England escape.

Considered Mid-Coast Maine's arts and cultural hub, the area boasts scores of museums, seasonal festivals, historic libraries, lighthouses and more. Camden's Main Street village shops offer wonderful items, while the nearby Library and Harbor Park, and dozens of boutiques and galleries, offer something for everyone. Active travelers enjoy area hiking, biking, sea kayaking, and winter pursuits such as downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating.

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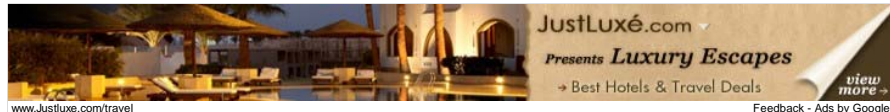
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