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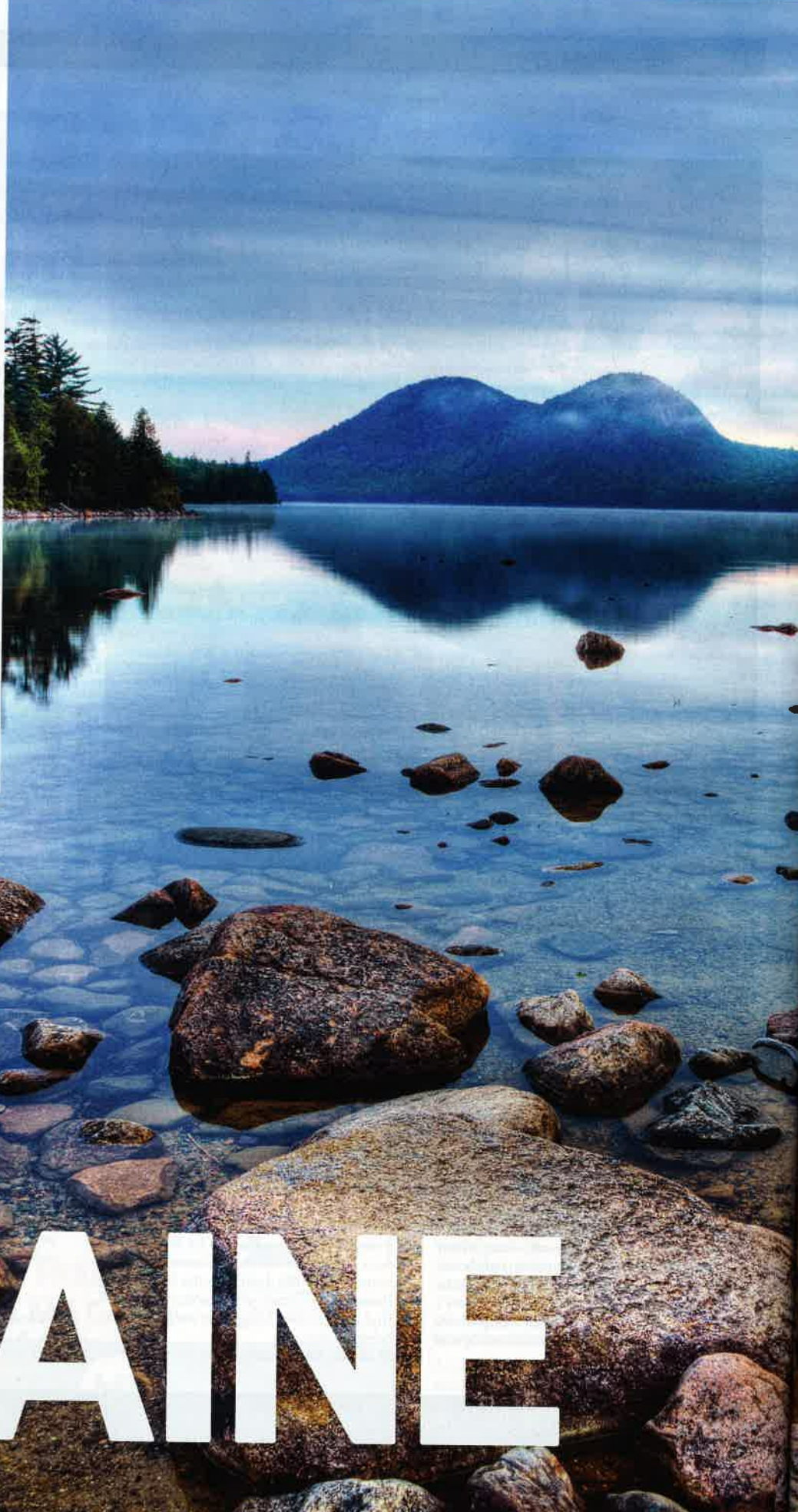
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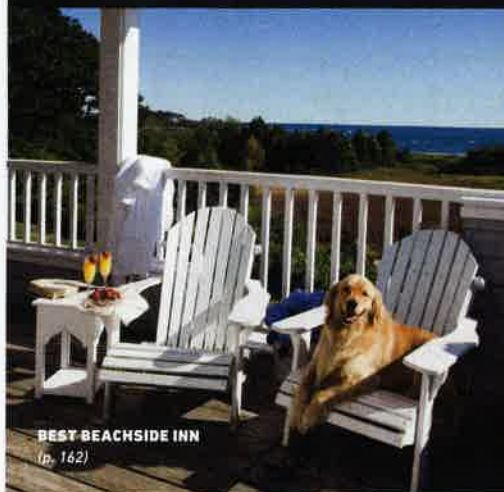
Established on the untamed, sea-swept Maine coast as Sieur de Monts National Monument in July 1916, today Acadia National Park—the first national park in the East—preserves some 47,000 acres of forests and mountains, meadows and wetlands, lakes and coastal habitats on Mount Desert Island, Isle au Haut, and the Schoodic Peninsula. Accessible by parkway and crisscrossed by landscaped carriage roads, graceful stone-faced bridges, hiking trails, and footpaths, the park welcomes more than 2 million visitors each year. Come celebrate the centennial of this crown jewel of the National Park system all year long: You'll find a full roster of festivals, concerts, cruises, art and science exhibits, craft shows, readings, presentations, and more at: acadiacentennial2016.org



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SPOTLIGHT: PORTLAND

ATTRACTIONS

BEST BAY TOUR: LUCKY CATCH LOBSTER TOUR

Cruise Casco Bay aboard the *Lucky Catch*, and in addition to learning all about lobsters, participants can help haul, bait, and set traps and perhaps even catch dinner. 170 Commercial St. 207-761-0941; luckycatch.com

BEST SHOPPING ADVENTURE: RENY'S

Whether you're shopping for souvenirs, school supplies, brand-name clothing, housewares, food, toys, or personal necessities, find them at Reny's, a Maine-grown department store with wallet-friendly prices. 540 Congress St. 207-553-9061; reny.com

BEST HISTORIC-HOUSE MUSEUM: VICTORIA MANSION

Widely considered the most magnificently ornamented dwelling of its period remaining in the country, the mid-19th-century Victoria Mansion retains about 90 percent of designer Gustave Herter's original furnishings. Jaw-droppers include a 6-by-25-foot stained-glass ceiling window, mind-boggling trompe l'oeil wall and ceiling flourishes, and the dizzying colors and patterns of the Turkish Smoking Room. 109 Danforth St. 207-772-4841; victoriamansion.org

LODGING

BEST B&B: THE DANFORTH INN

New owners have revitalized this 1823 Federal mansion, updating it with a mix of period and contemporary Asian-accented art and antiques. The inn's justly acclaimed fine-dining restaurant serves authentic Southeast Asian cuisine. Rates: from \$210. 163 Danforth St. 207-879-8755; danfortbinn.com

BEST DOWNTOWN HOTEL: THE PRESS HOTEL

The full-service Press Hotel's décor takes its cue from its home in the former headquarters of the state's largest newspaper. Fronting on Congress at the head of Exchange and Market streets, the location is ideal for exploring the city. The hotel's Union restaurant earns raves. Rates: from \$175. 119 Exchange St. 207-808-8800; thepresshotel.com



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THE PRESS HOTEL

BEST ISLAND INN: INN ON PEAKS

Walk off the ferry, and it's just steps to the Inn on Peaks on Peaks Island, where each suite has a water view, a gas fireplace, a Jacuzzi, and a private deck for taking in sunset views of Portland's skyline across the harbor. Rates: from \$135. 33 Island Ave. 207-766-5100; innonpeaks.com

DINING

BEST BREAKFAST: HOT SUPPA

Scratch-made breakfast specialties—such as rave-worthy corned-beef hash, biscuits and sausage gravy, French-style omelets, and burritos—draw the faithful to this venerable brick Victorian in the city's West End. Breakfasts: from \$5. 703 Congress St. 207-871-5005; hotsuppa.com

BEST FINE DINING: BACK BAY GRILL

It's not the trendiest restaurant in town, but white-tablecloth elegance combined with pro-

fessional service makes Back Bay Grill a perennial favorite for a special evening. The nightly changing menu might include grilled filet mignon or lavender-marinated duck breast. Entrées: from \$18. 65 Portland St. 207-772-8833; backbaygrill.com

BEST PÂTISSERIE: PORTLAND PÂTISSERIE & GRAND CAFÉ

Find Paris in Portland at Steve and Michelle Corry's classic pâtisserie, serving pastries, cakes, and tarts, of course, but also crêpes, croissants, quiche, sandwiches, salads, and other light fare in a bright and airy, order-at-the-counter spot in Old Port. Baked goods: from \$5. 46 Market St. 207-553-2555; portlandpatisserie.com

BEST ICE CREAM: MOUNT DESERT ISLAND ICE CREAM

Oh my! Crazy rich, crazy good, crazy flavors. Try "Bay of Figs," "Cinnamon 7 Layer," lavender-white chocolate, blackstrap-banana, and other small batches of deliciousness. Ice cream: from \$4.50. 51 Exchange St. 207-210-3432; mdiic.com