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Behold the family trip, and American institution. This February during school vacation week pack your bags and head to the Samoset Resort for their “Give the Kids a Break” where they will do all the work and provide a lot of fun for everyone.

Let your inner child out at Pajama movie night, Family Flag Football-Winter Style, Mystery Game Hour, and Story Time by the Samoset Fire with Hot Cocoa. Tie dye socks, decorate cupcakes, make an edible aquarium and get your face painted. A naturalist with the Bar Harbor Whale Watch will teach children about the watery world of whales and share stories about his personal interaction with these magnificent creatures. The Portland Children’s Museum of Maine is also collaborating with the resort for a special showing of the short film THE STORY OF ISTAR that is supplemented by an actual 45-foot replica of the whale children can explore from the inside.

Nestled between cosmopolitan Rockland and the Norman Rockwell like Camden the AAA Four Diamond Samoset Resort Hotel crowns a lovely 230-acre waterfront complex at the edge of Penobscot Bay.

The 178-room hotel features a 70-par golf course considered by *Golf Digest* to be one of America’s “10 most aesthetic”, a state-of-the-art health club, indoor pool, tennis, and complimentary Wi-Fi access throughout the guestrooms and public spaces. The resort’s guestrooms are undergoing a \$3 million investment in comfort enhancements, from down bedding and premium linens to new fixtures and amenities in the guest baths. Mahogany furnishings and granite counter-tops underscore the residential feel of luxury within, while suitably framing the dramatic ocean and golf course views from guest balconies and terraces. The resort upholds a tradition of gracious hospitality and service reminiscent of a bygone age. For guests of the Samoset anything may be possible, and attention to detail is of the essence. Over breakfast guests may enjoy sweeping views of Penobscot Bay the light radiating on the water.

Originally opened as The Bay Point Hotel in 1889 it quickly became known as the grand hotel of Coastal Maine. Several years later it was sold and renamed “The Samoset” after the Pemaquid Chief on the Maine Coast who was among the first people to greet the Mayflower Pilgrims. Like Samoset himself, the resort is a beacon of hospitality. Fine dining in Marcel’s Restaurant under the careful hand of Executive Chef Tim Pierce provides Four Diamond cuisine focused around local specialty ingredients and a 300-bin Wine Spectator Award-winning wine cellar.

A resort of choice for over a century for visitors to the coast of Maine seeking the perfect retreat for a romantic getaway, family vacation or group outing.

The “Give the Kids a Break” package includes two nights of luxurious accommodations; breakfast each morning for two adults and two children, dinner for two in the casually warm and inviting Breakwater Café and a wide selection of guest activities. Rates start at \$316 or \$79 per person per night. Single parent pricing is also available for \$252 or \$126 per night. All rates and are based on double occupancy and availability between February 16th – 24th. Activities vary by day, check website for schedule.

For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.samosetresort.com or call 800-341-1650.