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Does a recent National Geographic program on Antarctica make you nostalgic for the ice skates stored in your basement with other seasonal goodies? Then sign up for the Samoset Resort's Skate by the Bay Package and get ready to have a cool time at one of Maine's newest and most beautiful recreation facilities. Lace up your skates and glide for a while at The Midcoast Recreation Center (www.midcoastrec.com) which boasts a state of the art Ice Arena.

Back from the ice and ready to warm up, gather round the wood-burning fireplace in the resort's lobby. 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 recently underwent 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. Sunday Brunch in Marcel's is the locals' not-so-best-kept secret.

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 "Skate by the Bay" package includes one night of luxurious accommodations, two adult public skating passes to the Mid-Coast Recreation Center, and breakfast for two at Marcel's. Rates start at \$158 or \$79 per person and are based on double occupancy and availability.

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