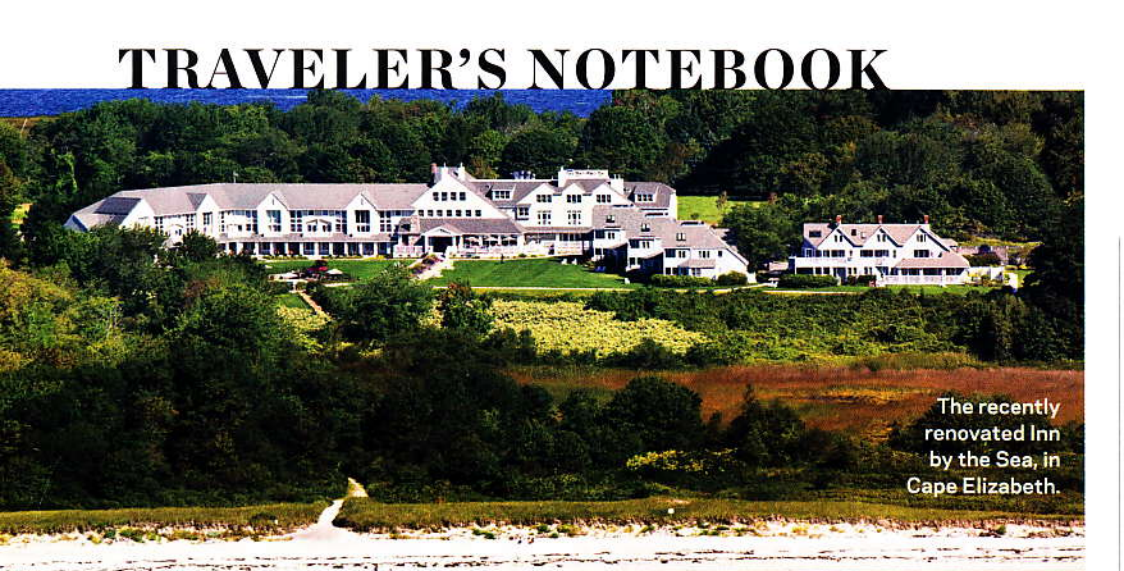


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The recently renovated Inn by the Sea, in Cape Elizabeth.

## MAINE STAYS

While coastal Maine is synonymous with lobsters and wind-battered lighthouses, those classics are merely a fraction of the attraction. In Cape Elizabeth, the **Inn by the Sea** (doubles from \$409; 40 Bowery Beach Road; 207-799-3134; [innbythesea.com](http://innbythesea.com)) completed a major overhaul last year. A private boardwalk through a thicket of rosebushes leads to Crescent Beach, but you can have equally expansive sea-side views from most of the fifty-seven maple-furnished one- and two-bedroom suites. Just thirty miles south, in a birch forest in Kennebunkport, are the fourteen clapboard cottages that make up the one-year-old **Hidden Pond** (doubles from \$695; 354 Goose Rocks Road; 888-967-9050; [hiddenpondmaine.com](http://hiddenpondmaine.com)). There, you can recreate your sleepaway-camp memories in a more luxurious way, with gauzy Frette linens, outdoor showers and candlelit screened porches. In the summer, pluck blueberries in front of your cottage, roast s'mores at the main lodge's nightly bonfire or sign out a bike for the one-mile pedal to Goose Rocks Beach, where, yes, there happens to be a 176-year-old lighthouse.

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