

SAMOSET RESORT

WEDDINGS



DOWN THE AISLE,
BY THE SEA...

Located just south of Camden, Maine, in Rockport, where it is tucked away on its own private peninsula overlooking Penobscot Bay, Samoset Resort has become one of New England's premier locations for destination weddings. Having been ranked among the best golf resorts in the US by Conde Nast Traveler and as one of the best family vacation destinations in the world by Travel + Leisure, weddings here essentially double as once in a lifetime retreats, no matter the age or interests of your guests. That's because the sprawling 230 waterfront acres offer up a never ending list of to dos, everything from an 18 hole championship golf course right on the Atlantic and tennis courts to a 200,000 gallon zero entry pool and serene coastal inspired spa. There's even an on site outdoor activity center called The Ultimate Backyard, featuring pickleball, shuffleboard, croquet, horseshoes, and a nine hole disc golf course, among others, for families and friends who are more apt to bond over a little friendly competition. However, for you, the best part might be the resort's team of professionals who have perfected the art of the destination wedding. They leave nothing to chance so that you can relax and experience everything this award winning resort has to offer as if you were a guest at your own celebration.

WELCOME TO YOUR

Samoset Resort

WEDDING

YOUR MAINE
destination wedding
AWAITS





A Sample Wedding Weekend



THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Check into Your Oceanview Room

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by your wedding planner and escorted to your King Ocean View room to get settled in. And what a room to settle into: All 178 accommodations were recently renovated in 2020, boasting nautically rich details like shiplap walls, stunning Midcoast Maine photography from a local artist, decorative wooden paddles, headboards upholstered in beautiful white-and-navy striped fabric, and even accent tables featuring nautical maps of Penobscot Bay built right into the tabletops.

Looking to truly lavish yourself? Upgrade and book one of the property's four stand-alone cottages overlooking the golf course's signature holes, particularly the 1,500-square-foot Flume Cottage built on a rock cliff that juts out above the cool Maine waters below. With a central open-concept living area with lofted ceilings and exposed beams, a full kitchen, and private patio with a bubbling hot tub, the cottage can even be reserved just for the night of your wedding.

FRIDAY MORNING

Italian-Inspired Eats

Rise with the sun and greet the day at La Bella Vita, the resort's restaurant that is richly furnished with wooden touches, romantic lighting, a wood-fired brick oven, and artwork inspired by the boot-shaped peninsula. But you won't be digging into the restaurant's famous menu of antipasti dishes, pizza, and homemade pasta quite yet. Rather, you'll take a quick stroll through the breakfast mercato (Italian for "marketplace") to indulge in an abundant array of European charcuterie, sun-ripened seasonal fruit, and made-to-order waffles. Wash it all down with a refreshing smoothie before finishing your morning off with a visit to The Spa for a suite of pampering treatments or a round of golf at the 18-hole championship course.



FRIDAY AFTERNOON INTO EVENING

Rehearsal Dinner and Welcome Party

Casually receive your wedding party and out-of-town guests on the multi-level deck of the zero-entry pool, while soaking up some sun. Guests can enjoy frozen cocktails and light bites served up by Splash Pool Bar. As the sun begins its descent, your friends and family retreat to their on-site accommodations to unpack and unwind.

Following a brief rehearsal of the ceremony, you'll treat your wedding party to a traditional "Downeast" lobster bake or barbeque with breathtaking views of Penobscot Bay. After dinner, join all your guests for a small welcome party at the Clubhouse Grille with expansive views of the golf course and outdoor deck.

SATURDAY MORNING

Take a Walk Out to the Sea Before Getting Ready

Toast the sunrise with morning mimosas, then set off for a walk down the Rockland Breakwater. Located right near the golf course's 5th hole, this historic mile-long jetty constructed of massive granite blocks juts out into the bay, making the walk feel like an endless skim over the ocean. Then, summon your group to the Ultimate Backyard for a nine-hole disc golf challenge, croquet match, or cornhole tournament.

When it's time to begin getting ready, retreat to the Penobscot Bay Room for hair, makeup, and wedding preparation photos, while soaking up the beautiful wide-sweeping views of the bay from the room's big-picture windows. You and your wedding party will enjoy a relaxing and stress-free afternoon as the seasoned events staff puts the finishing touches on your special day.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON

First Look, & Ceremony

With a picture-perfect backdrop around every corner, it's hard to decide where to capture those "first look" photos. Perhaps it's at the foot of the historic Rockland Breakwater, with the scenic lighthouse over your shoulders, or under a stand of trees on the grassy knoll overlooking the bay. Finally, it's time to exchange your vows as majestic three-masted schooners ply the waters of Penobscot Bay along the horizon.

SATURDAY EVENING

An Open & Airy Reception

Begin your evening mixing and mingling with your friends and family over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres as the sun sets on the Front Lawn.

Treat your guests to an artfully curated dinner menu at the Penobscot Bay Pavilion. Set overlooking the bay and surrounded by the lush beauty of the resort gardens, this elegant, tented venue sets the tone for a memorable evening of dining and dancing amid ocean breezes and starry skies.





SUNDAY MORNING

Farewell Brunch

Before you say your goodbyes, gather your loved ones for a final meal in the tented pavilion, where you'll recount your favorite moments of the weekend over a spread of sumptuous pastries, seasonal fruit, and freshly brewed coffee.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON & ON

Stay a While

Once your guests have departed, it's time to wind down and experience all that the Mid-Coast towns of Camden, Rockport, and Rockland have to offer. Explore the art of Edward Hopper and Georgia O'Keeffe at the nationally recognized Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland; cruise the craggy coastline aboard a lobster boat that launches from Camden; or take a scenic drive from Rockport to Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, home to some of the area's prettiest stretches of coastal road. If a day of leisure is more your style, settle into one of the poolside hammocks to experience for yourself what all your guests were raving about the day before.



Winter Weddings



The Secret Season

There's something special about MidCoast Maine in the wintertime. When the crowds have thinned and the sailboats have been put to bed for the season, what remains is the peace and serenity of the sea. For couples who hear the call of the quietude, an intimate winter wedding can be magical.

Other Ways to Say "I Do"



Intimate Weddings, Elopements, and Micro-Weddings

Penobscot Bay provides an idyllic backdrop year-round, but the contrast of the deep-blue winter sea against a sprawling landscape blanketed with snow only adds to the romance. There's no limit to the possibilities, whether you're seeking a weekend punctuated by active outdoor adventures or quiet candlelit elegance, and you may very well have the property to yourselves.





REHEARSAL DINNER VENUES

Clubhouse Grille

The Clubhouse Grille offers two beautiful spaces for your guests to mingle: An open-and-airy dining room, anchored by an impressive stacked-stone fireplace, and a covered patio – both of which offer sweeping views of the resort's 18-hole championship golf course.

Accommodates 48 guests

La Bella Vita

A coastal Maine wedding practically begs for an alfresco lobster bake or barbeque, but the authentic old-world recipes at La Bella Vita can make for a lively atmosphere for your rehearsal dinner as well. There are also two private dining rooms, providing a rustic, engaging ambiance for 12 to 18 guests.

Accommodates 30 guests





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Wedding Venues



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CEREMONY VENUE

Breakwater Lawn

The sprawling manicured lawn is the ideal location for an exchange of vows, with the glistening bay as the backdrop. Scatter rose petals along the aisle to match your bouquet, or let Mother Nature take center stage. Your guests will share in your joy as they gather around the wedding arbor in white garden chairs.

Accommodates 300 guests



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RECEPTION VENUES

Each of Samoset's three reception sites offers a unique and romantic setting for your special day. Opt for an alfresco reception under the tented pavilion or a more traditional celebration in one of two distinctive ballrooms.

Penobscot Bay Pavilion

The paved pavilion overlooks the expansive lawn and the lush gardens bursting with the season's most brilliant colors. Your guests will enjoy panoramic views of glistening Penobscot Bay from the shelter of the elegant high-peak white tent. The resort team will put you in touch with Wallace Tents to arrange a separate tent rental and work seamlessly together to build this beautiful event space.

Accommodates 300 guests

***All outdoor wedding dinners require a reception tent that must be rented separately through the resort's preferred vendor, Wallace Tents. Outdoor events are required to conclude by 10:00 p.m.*

Bay Point Ballroom

The intimate Bay Point Ballroom, which can be further divided for a celebration of any size, embodies the elegance of a bygone era, featuring alabaster chandeliers and beautiful woodwork.

Accommodates 125 guests

Knox County Ballroom

At 6,000 square feet, the enchanting Knox County Ballroom is one of the largest ballrooms in Maine and arguably the most elegant. Opulent chandeliers and wall sconces provide atmospheric lighting.

Accommodates 400 guests



Wedding Packages



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SAMOSSET RESORT offers full-service packages for weddings of every size, style, and budget. What follows is just a sampling of the most popular packages. Our team of seasoned wedding professionals is here to customize your event to be a true reflection of you.

PENOBSCOT BAY PACKAGE

- Cocktail hour with three hors d'oeuvres and one display station
- Five-hour open bar with premium brands
- Elegant three-course dinner
- Handcrafted wedding cake or mini-desserts bar
- Champagne toast
- Floor-length white table linens and chair covers or white garden chairs
- Complimentary guest room for the newlyweds the night of the wedding
- Continental farewell breakfast for guests

BREAKWATER LIGHTHOUSE PACKAGE

- Cocktail hour with four hors d'oeuvres and one display station
- Five-hour open bar with premium brands
- Gourmet three-course dinner
- Handcrafted wedding cake or mini-desserts bar
- Champagne toast
- Floor-length white table linens and chair covers or white garden chairs
- Complimentary guest room for the newlyweds the night of the wedding
- Farewell brunch for guests

DIAMOND PACKAGE

- Cocktail hour with six hors d'oeuvres and two display stations
- Five-hour open bar with ultimate brands
- Gourmet three-course dinner
- Handcrafted wedding cake or dessert bar
- Champagne toast
- Custom linens, napkins, and custom chairs for the reception
- Complimentary guest room for the newlyweds the night of the wedding
- Farewell brunch for guests with bloody mary and mimosa bar
- Massage for two in The Spa

Opal Ever After

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