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BOOTHBAY HARBOR OCEANSIDE RESORT, Summer Cottages, and Golfside Villas

BOOTHBAY

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**BOTH THE
COTTAGES AND
VILLAS CAN
ACCOMMODATE
GATHERINGS OF
VARYING SIZE, AND
BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
IT'S JUST OVER
AN HOUR OUTSIDE
PORTLAND.**

BHCC STRIVES FOR A NEW LEVEL OF LUXURY, WITH A CLASSIC, OLD-SCHOOL SWAGGER.



photo: Jeff Roberts

THE OCEANSIDE RESORT IS APTLY NAMED. IN EVERY DIRECTION, A WATERY VISTA.

SERIOUS GOLFERS ARE UNDOUBTEDLY familiar with the dazzling links at Boothbay Harbor Country Club (BHCC). In 2013, owner Paul Coulombe brought in Bruce Hepner for a redesign of the entire course that resulted in a 6,655-yard, par 71 golfer's haven—with expertly maintained conditions, formations of natural granite, water features, and a state-of-the-art practice facility complete with PGA professional instructors, caddies on request, and EZ-Go's TFM GPS systems in every cart—all of this hugged between the Sheepscot and Damariscotta Rivers. The vistas are jaw-dropping (play occasionally slows because golfers are taking pictures!), and Boothbay Harbor Country Club

has deservedly become one of the premier courses in New England.

The club went private this year, but—and this “but” is where the getaway comes in—this exclusive course is still available for play to guests at one of BHCC's deluxe sister properties, either the Boothbay Harbor Oceanside Golf Resort or the Boothbay Harbor Summer Cottages and Golfside Villas. “With both properties,” says Creative Director Kate Butler Thomas, “Paul is bringing a new level of luxury and personal pampering to Boothbay.”

The 75-room resort—an easy, straight shot from both Portland and Boston—opened on the harbor in 2017 with new king-size beds and fine linens (“They’re more comfortable

than the W,” Kate says) and a fantastic new restaurant, Coastal Prime. Here, guests enjoy cocktails and locally sourced seafood on a massive heated deck while the Atlantic splashes, literally, beneath their feet. On chillier nights, staff is on hand to distribute blankets and stoke the firepits.

The Golfside Villas, opening just this year, are situated directly on the course and give pristine views of the first hole as well as convenient access to a clubhouse named “one of the most beautiful in America” by *Architectural Digest*. Depending on your group size, villa rentals range from one- to six-bedroom properties, and stays can last anywhere from a few days to full months. All include exclusive membership benefits at BHCC as well as reduced—or waived—greens fees.

And if golf isn't your thing, there's more than enough world-class pampering to be had at the Wellness Center. They've got a heated saltwater pool, Jacuzzi, top-of-the-line exercise equipment, classes, pickleball and tennis courts. Chiropractors and massage therapists on staff. “When it comes to guest comfort,” Kate says, “the hope at all of our properties is to *elevate*.”

top, left The comfort and convenience of home but with the pampering of a luxury resort. **above, left** Full kitchens and dining spaces allow cottage and villa guests the freedom to cook for themselves and entertain if desired. **opposite page, top, right** The interiors within Boothbay Harbor Country Club's cottages and golfside villas are bright and spacious. **opposite page, bottom, right** Relax before your round. Or after. Or both.