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# Maine tasting tour to a birding festival

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## TASTING TOUR PACKAGE IN MAINE

Enjoy a tasting tour of Portland as part of the Inn by the Sea's new spring package, the Maine Culinary Tour. In addition to two nights of luxury accommodations, it features a 2½-hour guided walking or trolley excursion to local food purveyors in the scenic Old Port with Portland Foodie Tours; a three-course seasonal tasting menu (with bottle of Maine wine) at the inn's ocean-view restaurant, Sea Glass; and welcoming whoopie pies. Package for two guests through October; weekends only until June 1. From \$652. 207-799-3134, [www.innbythesea.com](http://www.innbythesea.com)



JEB WALLACE-BRODEUR

## BERKSHIRES ARTS COLLABORATION

Jacob's Pillow Dance and Mass MoCA are co-presenting an evening of dance and theater by the interdisciplinary choreographer David Neumann on April 26 at 8 p.m. Exploring the lines between audience and performer, movement and voice, the retrospective evening of solos spans Neumann's career from his first choreographic endeavor, "DOSE," to his current work-in-progress, "I Understand Everything Better." At the Hunter Center at Mass MoCA, North Adams. Tickets: premium \$20; general \$15; students \$10. 413-662-2111, [www.massmoca.org](http://www.massmoca.org)

## RESTAURANT WEEK IN VERMONT

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Locavores won't want to miss the fifth annual Vermont Restaurant Week (April 25-May 4), a celebration of the state's vibrant farm-to-table food culture. Take advantage of special deals at more than 90 participating restaurants offering prix-fixe dinners (one pictured at left) at

three price points — \$15, \$25, and \$35 — with some venues also offering \$10 breakfast and lunch specials. Scheduled events include the Sweet Smart Smackdown, Culinary Pub Quiz, Bartender Brawl, and more. New this year: resorts and inns feature lodging deals with onsite or nearby restaurants. Reservations recommended. [www.vermontrestaurantweek.com](http://www.vermontrestaurantweek.com)

## **there**

### **STAY MODERN IN HAWAII**

Forget floral print drapes and dark wood armoires. Those who like their accommodations sleek and modern will love The Modern Honolulu, a luxury resort on Waikiki with views of the ocean. The 353 rooms and suites are a study in gauzy fabrics, white upholstered headboards, and teak louvers, with colorful accents provided by bright sarongs and a ukulele. Rooms from \$289. Upgrade to luxury suites March-June, September-December from \$489 (usually \$699). Suite bookings include breakfast for two at Morimoto, Passageways, The Grove, or Room Service. No minimum stay required. Available through Dec. 24.

855-970-4161, [www.themodernhonolulu.com](http://www.themodernhonolulu.com)

### **COLORADO BIRDING FESTIVAL**

Bird lovers flock to the Ute Mountain Mesa Verde Birding Festival in Cortez, Colo. (pictured at left).

Now in its 10th year, the event features regional wildlife specialists as guides and lecturers, and offers tours that combine birding with regional archeology, ecology, and history. The festival's birding tally has climbed to 180 avian species. Overnight tours within easy driving distance look for species not found in the Cortez area. Other activities include evening

lectures, social hours, a bird-themed art show, and banquet. This year's keynote speaker, Rick Taylor, will present "Six Seasons: A Birding Year in the Land of the Apache." \$55 full registration includes banquet; \$10 a day. 970-565-1151,

[www.mesaverdecountry.com/tourism/festivals/birding/birdfest.html](http://www.mesaverdecountry.com/tourism/festivals/birding/birdfest.html)



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