

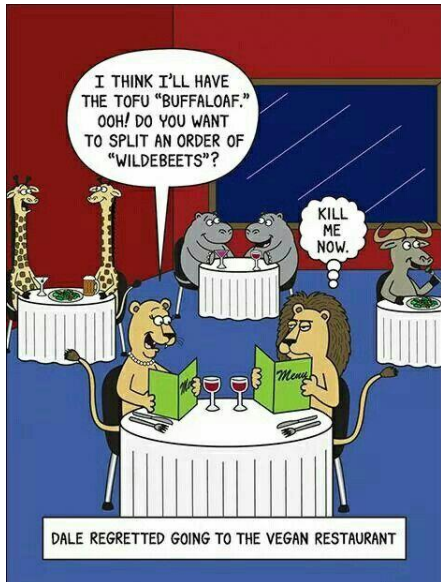
## Midcoast Restaurant Recommendations

Midcoast Maine is home to some of the state's most celebrated dining experiences, ranging from world-renowned farm-to-table restaurants to quintessential waterfront lobster shacks.

### Award-Winning & Fine Dining

These locations offer refined, seasonal menus and often require advanced planning.

1. **Primo Restaurant, Rockland, Maine \$\$\$** A national destination where Chef



Melissa Kelly (a multiple James Beard award winner) operates a "**0 km**" **farm-to-table philosophy**. The menu utilizes ingredients from their own five-acre farm, with their homemade donuts being a signature dessert.

2. **Natalie's Restaurant At Camden Harbour Inn \$\$\$** A high-end European-style restaurant known for its **tasting menu** and exceptional harbor views, making it a top choice for special occasions.

3. **Aster & Rose Restaurant, Lincolnville, Maine \$\$\$** Located in a restored farmhouse, this elegant spot is highly rated (4.9/5) for its inventive seasonal menu, including dishes like squid ink cavatelli and perfectly cooked halibut.

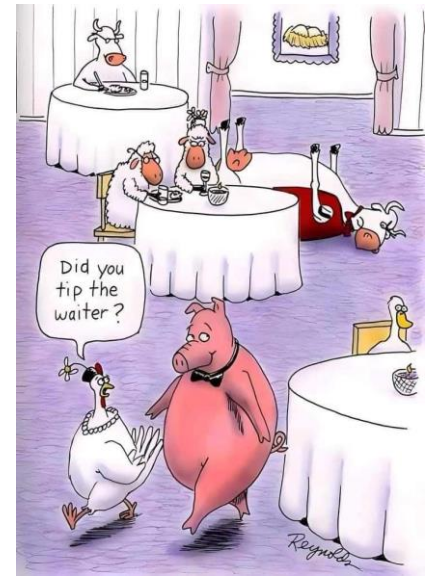
4. **Nina June's in Rockport \$\$\$** Jame Beard Award-winning Chef Sara Jenkins brings her global culinary experience home to Rockport, blending Mediterranean passion and Maine ingredients at her acclaimed restaurant

5. **The Causeway Restaurant \$\$\$** Located at the Crainair Inn in Spruce Head, this restaurant features Chef Gil Plaster and is a rising destination for elevated local dining in the region

**And for the rest of us! Just as delicious, but perhaps not as special...**

6. **McLoons Lobster Shack South Thomaston** Often cited as the **prettiest lobster shack in Maine**, offering classic lobster rolls and seafood in an idyllic working waterfront setting.
7. **Nautilus Seafood & Grill Belfast** Features **waterfront dining** with a varied menu including a one-pound lobster dinner, haddock Reubens, and views of Belfast Bay.
8. **Water Street Kitchen and Bar Wiscasset**, Known for its **river views** and a menu featuring seafood-focused items like seared scallops with risotto and paella.

9. **The Osprey Restaurant –Georgetown** Osprey Restaurant in beautiful Robinhood Cove in Georgetown, serves the freshest seafood and fun pub fare overlooking Robinhood Marina and the picturesque cove where osprey and seals play. Enjoy live music Sunday afternoons and Jazz Friday nights, cocktails specials and a casual Maine seaside setting.
10. **Sarah's Café – Wiscasset** A local favorite featuring a wide variety of authentic homemade food. Known for delicious soups, chowders, and desserts.
11. **The Boathouse Bistro, Boothbay Harbor** The 1st floor dining room and bar is the winter home for locals and guests from away alike. it's cozy, intimate and talk to your neighbor kind of tavern. During the summer it's the coolest place around on a hot day being one of the only air-conditioned dining rooms in town. The second floor has a bar and newly renovated patio room with unprecedented views of the working harbor. The third floor is an open-air deck and bar with even wider water views and the thrill of dining outside.
12. **Lobsterman's Wharf –East Boothbay** An East Boothbay landmark overlooking the Damariscotta River, Lobsterman's serves locals and visitors a traditional seafood menu with cold beer and cocktails. Lovely views.
13. **Damariscotta River Grill – Damariscotta** Damariscotta is the oyster capital of New England, and the Damariscotta Grill is the perfect place to give them a try. The Permaquid oysters are fresh from the river right outside the window. Great Happy Hour specials. Damariscotta's main street is like one of Maine's most charming streets. Come early to give yourself time to explore.
14. **Coveside Marina and Restaurant –South Bristol** This one is all about the experience. The scenic drive to get to Christmas Cove, the restaurant itself is a bit like stepping back in time – a local favorite and a little rustic – don't miss the live music on Friday and Saturday nights and the Sunday Deck Parties. The view of the cove from every window and from the decks is not to be missed.
15. **Bred In The Bone, Damariscotta** - A community-based Mediterranean project offering **creative small plates**, tuna crudo, and high-quality cocktails in a cozy-chic atmosphere.
16. **Home Kitchen Café, Rockland** A beloved local spot for **all-day breakfast**, famous for its sticky buns, huevos rancheros, and Maine blueberry pancakes.
17. **Long Grain, Camden** A highly regarded farm-to-table Asian restaurant serving authentic Thai and street food dishes like rice noodles with pork belly and local chicken green curry.
18. **King Eider's Pub, Damariscotta** A historic pub in an exposed brick building known for its **fresh local oysters** and award-winning crab cakes



**19. Mama D's Mercantile, Boothbay Harbor** The best breakfast spot in all of Boothbay Harbor. Great coffee bar. Homemade food cooked to order.

**20. Moody's Diner, Waldoboro** - a historic, family-run landmark operating since 1927, famous for its authentic, old-fashioned diner atmosphere, comfort food, and iconic, homemade pies. It is beloved for its nostalgic charm, consistent quality and famous whoopie pie.

**And now for a Coastal Maine Vacations secret spot (just for our guests – don't tell anyone else!)**

**Schooner Landing, Damariscotta** - Waterfront dining, live music every day. FREE OYSTER HAPPY HOUR on Fridays. Not a typo. They are free and delicious. Nothing like listening to a great band and dining al fresco on a hot summer day. Enjoy and shhh!

