

SeaCat's Rest Oceanside Lodgings Brochure



Who we are:



We are Bruce Gillett and Kathleen Rybarz, empty nesters and Michigan transplants. We own a house on the ocean too large for the two of us, so we decided in 2005 to convert the first floor into an apartment for guests. Bruce did all the work and Kathleen and daughter Amelia made the décor choices. The result has been a hit among our guests and we have fun providing folks with what we believe to be a luxury alternative to the standard hotel, at a lower price. SeaCat's Rest is separate and private and looks out across the water towards Acadia National Park.

We launched affordableacadia.com in fall of 2009 because our neighbor and web guru Captain Mike told us we could reach more people and he would help us do it. (Thanks Mike!). Mike suggested we write a blog to acquaint people with things to do in the Acadia area and what it was like to live on the Maine coast. No matter where you stay, we hope you get some ideas from our website and drop in a comment if you like!

The Pitch:

Every summer two million visitors cross the causeway onto Mt. Desert Island, home of Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor. It's a beautiful island but lodgings are finite and expensive. Our alternative is a few (20) miles away but we feel the value, luxury, space, quiet and shore access is well worth it. Where else can you dig clams (with a cheap license), kayak, build a bonfire, cook a great meal in a full sized kitchen and access the internet at broadband speed for one low price? While we are a phone call away for anything you may need, we treat you as if your privacy is top priority.

Amenities:

SeaCat's Rest is a 900 square foot (85 square meters) two bedroom apartment with full kitchen and bath. The lounge area has seating for 7 and Dish Network satellite TV with DVD and VCR player. The common area features a 32 foot window wall towards the ocean opposite a fire-view woodstove. The kitchen is full size with large fridge, gas stove with oven, dishwasher, coffee maker and grinder and a full selection of utensils. Some basic condiments and spices are provided. Broadband wireless internet is free of charge. A bookshelf with an eclectic selection of fiction, non-fiction, games and movies sits above a desk with drawers full of area activity ideas. A washer and dryer are located in the separate utility area. The owners need access to this area for occasional maintenance but not for laundry. Outside there is a picnic table with gas grill, fire pit and seating area. About 75 feet away is a bluff overlooking Frenchman Bay and Mt. Desert Island beyond. A stairway leads to the rocky shore. Parking is 100 feet away.



View from the bluff.

Rates:

For **short stays** any time of the year, \$150/night with a two night minimum. For stays of four to six nights, \$130 per night any time of the year. **Weekly Rates:** During the low season (October 30, 2011-May 5, 2012) we charge \$650 per week. From May 6, 2012 to June 29, 2012 we charge \$750/week, and from September 10, 2011 to October 29, 2011 we charge \$720/week. In high season, July 2, 2011 to September 9, 2011 we charge \$820/week. Additional nights beyond one week are charged at the weekly rate. Maine lodgings tax adds 7%. Tax is applied based on the **date of occupancy**, so it will not be possible to know exactly what the tax amount will be until that date draws near. We do **not** charge cleaning fees. While we provide very clean accommodations, we do not offer maid service. We also do **not** charge anything extra for local phone service, internet access, satellite TV, heat, hot water, washer and dryer, etc.

Payments and Cancellations:

We do not accept credit cards but personal checks are fine. We ask that you first pay \$100 deposit to hold your reservation and then pay at least ½ down six weeks prior to your arrival and the balance upon arrival. We offer a lease for those who want it and will mail keys to you if we cannot meet you when you arrive.

We do not have a formal cancellation policy. We believe that we can arrive at a mutually agreeable arrangement should your plans go awry. Obviously, we will be hurt by a cancellation during high season and less so other times; we hope you will be willing to “share the pain”. We have so far had such nice people stay with us we have never considered punitive policies of any kind.

Please email us with your plans or questions at affordableacadia@gmail.com or call (207) 664-0069, mobile: (207) 460-9069. We will be able to reserve your stay on our calendar when we receive your deposit, and will delay making conflicting reservations long enough for your check to arrive.

Occupancy

We limit occupancy to five, with wiggle room. We understand that you may meet up with additional folks for a night or two, but showing up with 8 people for the whole stay is a recipe for running our well dry. There are two bedrooms with a queen bed in each, a single inflatable and an L shaped couch. We provide linens for 5.

Pets/ Smoking

Pets and smoking are not allowed. We have repeat guests who have allergies and cannot change this. Our three cats are for outdoor enjoyment only.





The kitchen is big enough for all your cooking needs



Granite counters and custom-built cabinets



The lounge has a couch, recliner and flat screen TV



Bedroom one of two--Queen beds in both



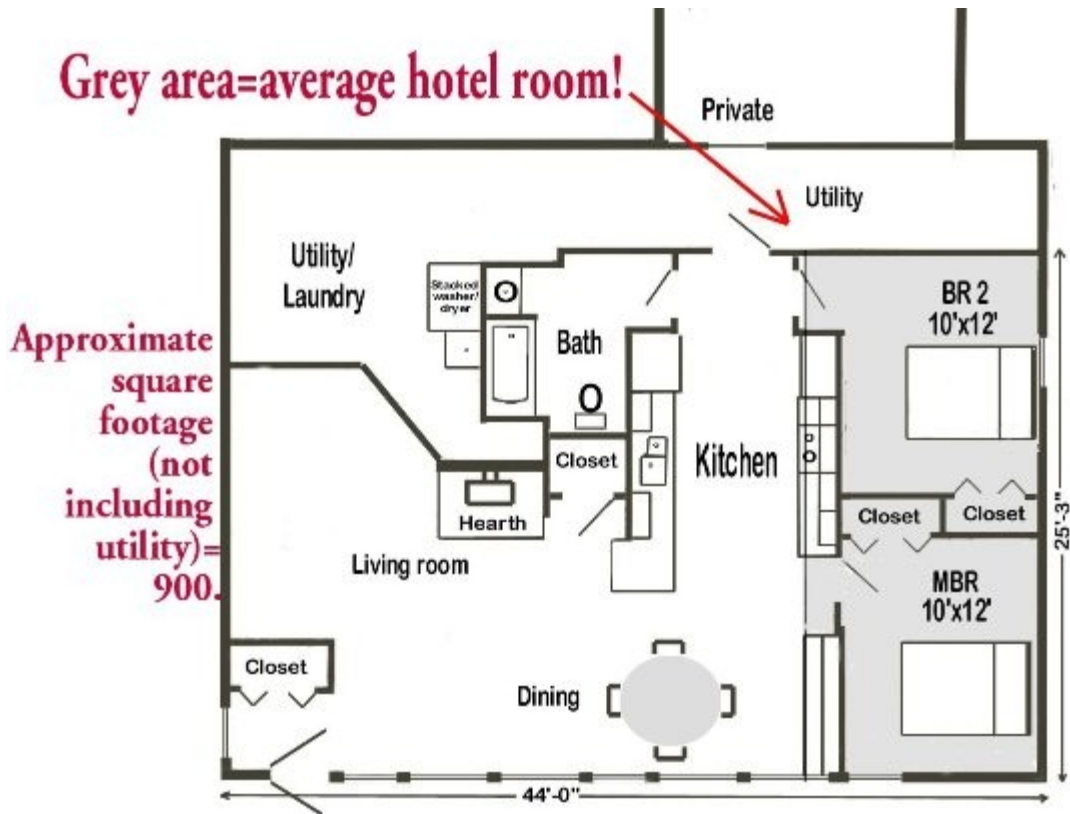
Bedroom two of two. There's an inflatable mattress too.



Big bathroom, plenty of towels



A nice wood fire to come home to





You might see this guy out your windows



You might see fishing out front



What's for dinner? Lobster again??



Eagles like our spruce trees



Our 1/4 mile long driveway means no road noise

