



For those of you desiring a first class vacation without all the hassle of travel, I have an idyllic spot for you. On the southern end of Green Island, sits the legendary Sagamore Resort, the crown jewel of the Lake George Region!

The Sagamore was built for luxury and first opened its doors in 1883. It has been a destination for people of note ever since. The property has recently undergone some major renovations and has never been more impressive. Greeted by the dramatic porte cochere and a staff that is only too eager to welcome you, it is obvious that The Sagamore is no ordinary vacation destination. As we checked in I couldn't help but admire the handsome lobby. The marigold walls were the perfect backdrop for the

classically sophisticated furnishings. The sunlight glistened so beautifully on the crystal chandeliers; everything about the space was impeccable. As I made my way farther into the lobby, I came upon one of the more welcoming seating areas I have ever seen. A curved wall of French doors with an unrivaled view of Lake George and the Adirondacks made this area more than inviting. The spectacular veranda looked like another heavenly spot to just sit, relax, and soak in the natural beauty the Lake George area is so famous for.

Our accommodations were just fabulous! The living and bedroom area offered a panoramic view of Lake George and the Adirondacks that was absolutely breathtaking. No detail was overlooked in putting our suite together. The furnishings were stylish, yet very comfortable. The apricot walls of the living room were offset perfectly by the muted earth tones in the Oriental rug and original artwork that graced the walls.

The bedroom was well-appointed with café au lait window treatments featuring gazelles, and a luxurious pillow-topped bed. The bathroom had a marble topped pedestal sink, but what I really loved was the whimsical frog wallpaper done in very soft beige tones. With plasma TVs and high-speed Internet, we were able to both relax and get some work done on our mini-retreat.

There is no need to ever leave the resort as it offers everything you can imagine and then some. Upon weighing our many options, we decided to dine lakefront at the Pavillion. The two story restaurant is truly a state-of-the-art facility. Recent renovations ensure that you will dine in total comfort. In fact, on the evening we were there, some inclement weather moved in and the temperature dropped considerably. Not only were we able to sit right by the lake with a sheer covering that protected us from the rain, but the ceiling fixture over our table doubled as a heat lamp to keep us toasty despite the chill



in the air. I just loved these features—I never could have dined al fresco on this particular evening without them. Our service was noteworthy throughout our meal, from being greeted by name, to our every wish being anticipated before we needed to ask. The atmosphere was fun and family-friendly, with many families with children enjoying a wonderful evening out. There was a great mix of music playing in the background with selections ranging from Elton John to Lynyrd Skynard. The restaurant is open to the general public and has become a local favorite. I can certainly understand why!

As my companion and I perused the many intriguing menu options, we were brought a basket of warm house-made rolls with infused butter. Simply put, they were amazing. To begin our dining odyssey I opted for the lobster bisque, while my companion could not resist the chilled seafood sampler. We were both thoroughly delighted with our choices. My bisque was made with fresh lobster meat, sherry wine, and cream. It was divinely smooth and rich in both taste and texture. My companion relished the profound freshness of his chilled seafood sampler, which consisted of two East Coast oysters, two West Coast oysters, two Jonah crab claws, four shrimp, and a Maine lobster tail—all of which were utterly delectable. We then moved on to share the Jonah crab cake and the shrimp and vegetable tempura. The crab

cake was brimming with fresh crab meat and the roasted red pepper aioli was just the perfect complement. The tempura was light and delicate with sweet and sour orange dipping sauce adding just the right zest. We also shared a fresh and refreshing farmer's salad. This verdant delight was a healthful concoction of fresh greens, asparagus, green beans, radish, edamame, sprouts, and Old Chatham ewe's blue cheese tossed in a peach vinaigrette. For an entrée I ordered the Jonah crab crusted halibut. Served with cauliflower puree, beautiful rainbow carrots, and baby Brussels sprouts in a lemon chive sauce, this dish was a standout! My companion could not resist the Pavillion crock pot—fresh shrimp, scallops, lobster claws, clams and mussels



in a tomato lobster broth, served with grilled hearth bread. The freshness of the seafood was paramount and the aromatic broth highlighted the seafood superbly. Executive Chef Gordon Baker is doing a brilliant job of keeping the kitchen at the Pavillion cutting-edge and innovative! Mango cheesecake and passion fruit chocolate mousse rounded out the meal and added yet another dimension to this splendid evening.

After a magnificent night's rest we decided to make our way down to breakfast. We decided to dine at the lovely La Bella Vita. This spectacular dining room is majestic with expansive windows showcasing the stunning view of Lake George and the Adirondacks. There is every conceivable breakfast option available, but we opted for the complete breakfast buffet. Eggs of every variety, a plethora of fresh fruit, bacon, sausage, home fries, freshly made Belgian waffles, pancakes, breakfast pastries, yogurt and granola parfaits ... everything was stellar, right down to our cups of robust coffee.

The Sagamore Resort is truly a gem nestled in the heart of the Adirondacks. With a premium placed on catering to your every want and desire, your entire family can relax in total comfort. With remarkable pools, golf, tennis, a fully equipped fitness facility, and a full complement of spa services, the amenities and their possibilities are endless. You need not look far for the vacation of a lifetime!