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MIGIS LODGE 

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### MAINE'S BLACK POINT INN AND MIGIS LODGE NAMED TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER'S PRESTIGIOUS "STAY LIST"

**Scarborough, ME** – *National Geographic Traveler* magazine has named Scarborough, Maine's historic Black Point Inn and South Casco, Maine's Migis Lodge to its first-ever, annual "Stay List." The list, launched as an annual feature, debuts in the April 2008 issue of the magazine; it features 150 properties which best represent an authentic "sense of place" in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. The designation is considered an honor; *National Geographic Traveler* is the world's most widely read travel magazine, reaching nearly eight million readers.

The magazine's Stay List recommends the best places to stay the night that embrace authenticity, are dedicated to giving back to the community, and are mindfully green, according to editorial staff. "It's thrilling to see how many folks in the accommodations business truly care about offering guests a sense-of-place experience," said Sheila Feldman Buckmaster, Senior Editor with *National Geographic Traveler*. "The hotels and inns that made it onto the list give back to the community, work to conserve and sustain, and – day in and day out – celebrate the very best that their destinations have to offer."

Migis Lodge is owned and operated by Tim and Joan Porta; the couple partners with Neil Porta and Jesse Henry in True North Hospitality, a Maine business which operates the Black Point Inn. "We're all excited that more and more people are learning about the hospitable and beautiful guest properties available in Maine," said Neil Porta. "It's gratifying to see that the character of our inns, combined with our commitment to seamless service and top-notch dining experiences, all more than meet customer expectations."

Built in 1878 and now entering its 130<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of continuous operation, the Black Point Inn is the last remaining, grand Gilded Age hotel which once called the scenic, oceanside area of Prouts Neck home. In June 2007, the Black Point Inn was relaunched by True North Hospitality following extensive renovations which "right-sized" the Inn; the number of suites was reduced from 84 to 25. The Inn since its 2007 reopening also has achieved full certification as Environmental Leader in the lodging industry by the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Maine.

"We've been able to restore the relaxed, authentic 'ocean resort experience,' and the feedback we've received from guests and press has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic," added Porta, who serves as Managing Partner at the scenic, oceanfront property.

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*National Geographic Traveler* editors share Porta's view, spotlighting the classic seaside inn in their April 2008 feature: "The new ownership's immaculate revamp has resuscitated the classic 1878 inn's old-fashioned charms."

Named "Maine's Best-Kept Secret" by *Bon Appétit* magazine, Migis Lodge also was singled out by *Traveler* in its Stay List: "36 pretty cottages and a lodge dot 140 acres of stately pine forest along Sebago Lake." Migis Lodge is "cozy (fieldstone fireplaces, handmade quilts) and lounge-inspiring (lake-view porches)," according to the feature. This seasonal property holds the distinction of being one of the oldest resorts in the Pine Tree State, and is well-known for catering as graciously to honeymooning couples as to extended families with young children. Guests at Migis Lodge enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities, including waterskiing, swimming in the resort's pristine lake, canoeing, sailing and tennis. Three savory meals also are offered daily, both indoors and lakeside.

"In our 29 years at Migis Lodge, we've tapped into something special when it comes to our guests wanting to return year after year," Tim Porta, who heads the South Casco property, stated. "Guests' every need is anticipated and met, while guests are also able to enjoy a genuine 'escape' from their everyday worries and obligations. We're proud of our surrounding views, our gracious meal service, our attention to detail and the variety of our outdoor activities. But most of all, we're proud of the track record we've earned at Migis. Nothing is more valuable than guests' repeated annual visits and their confidence in our resort experience."

Additional True North Hospitality properties in Maine include Camden's The Inn at Camden Place and the AAA Four Diamond-rated Inn at Ocean's Edge, along with its oceanside restaurant, The Edge (located in Lincolnville). For years, all True North Hospitality hotels have set the standard for warm hospitality and personalized guest service in Maine.

"Word continues to spread about our inns, both throughout the U.S. and overseas," said Tim Porta. "With vacation season just around the corner, we are looking forward to welcoming back our long-standing loyal guests, and to the opportunity of welcoming for the first time many new ones."

## **Resources**

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For reservations at Migis Lodge, phone (207) 655-4524

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To download interior and exterior photos of the Black Point Inn and its restaurants, visit [www.frontburnerpr.com/clients/blackpointinn](http://www.frontburnerpr.com/clients/blackpointinn).

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