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20 Holiday Getaways

Winter is approaching faster than you can say brrrr—and the holidays are just around the corner. From Aspen to New Zealand, T+L has uncovered the perfect trips for travelers of every type: beachcombers scouting the next hot destination, culture buffs in search of enlightenment, foodies looking for that out-of-the-ordinary Christmas feast, or sybarites in need of some serious high-altitude pampering. Here, the season's best...

WHERE: Southern Maine Coast.

WHY: York Beach is even more atmospheric off-season—its deserted boardwalks, shuttered arcades, and often misty shores are perfect (albeit chilly) for walks in the salty air, with only intrepid seagulls for company. Just down the shore, the historic Cape Neddick lighthouse is at its most photogenic, shrouded in snow; in nearby Kennebunkport, Santa Claus arrives by lobster boat during the annual Christmas Prelude (December 1–11). Warm your beachcombing toes before a flagstone fireplace in one of the three Arts & Crafts–style Wharf Cottages at The White Barn Inn.

HOW: The White Barn Inn, 37 Beach Ave., Kennebunkport; 207/967-2321; www.whitebarninn.com

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