

# OCEAN HOUSE

WATCH HILL, RHODE ISLAND

## **OCEAN HOUSE UNVEILS NEW FARM-TO-TABLE FINE DINING RESTAURANT: COAST BY CHEF JENNIFER BACKMAN**

WATCH HILL, R.I. – October 2, 2017 – Just in time for New England’s abundant fall bounty, the AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Five Star **Ocean House** in Watch Hill, Rhode Island unveiled a new fine dining restaurant, **COAST by Chef Jennifer Backman**. The restaurant, further elevating the Relais & Châteaux resort’s renowned food and beverage program, offers seasonal selections and sweeping ocean views.

Chef Backman’s carefully curated multi-course degustation menu integrates the freshest local produce with proteins from the surrounding seas and pastures. Guests can choose from a four-course savory or vegetarian menu, with the option to elevate the experience to an indulgent six-course culinary journey with additional caviar and cheese courses.

The seasonal menu changes nightly and offers exquisite combinations such as a terrine of Hudson Valley foie gras with native blackberry, stone fruit, and hazelnut; and hand-formed tortelloni with Shy Brothers Farm cloumage cheese and Rhode Island mushrooms. An optional wine pairing complements the exceptional cuisine.

With nearly two decades of experience in some of New England’s most esteemed kitchens including various OHM Collection properties, Chef Backman has returned to the Ocean House as Chef de Cuisine of COAST. She holds a degree in culinary arts from Johnson & Wales University and most recently served as Executive Chef at Spicer Mansion in Mystic, Connecticut.

“We are passionate about offering delicious and visually and textually exciting cuisine that reflects a true representation of the season and the local area,” said Chef Jennifer Backman. “The Ocean House’s ideal setting along the Atlantic Ocean and New England farms allows us to source some of the country’s finest ingredients for COAST’s kitchen.

The airy and elegant dining room features a comfortable setting with natural light, contemporary coastal decor, and stunning views of the beach and the Atlantic Ocean. COAST also offers an open exhibition kitchen. The Chef’s Counter experience Wednesday through Sunday at 6:15 pm offers a front row seat to the art of culinary creations and the opportunity to interact with chefs.

“Chef Backman is truly an artist in the kitchen, working hand-in-hand with our on-staff Food Forager to source the best local ingredients each day, and turning them into an unparalleled dining experience,” said Daniel A. Hostettler, President and Group Managing Director of Ocean House Management, LLC. “COAST will raise the bar on farm-to-table dining in New England.”

Open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., COAST invites guests ages eight and older to dine, and reservations are required. Both the savory and vegetarian tasting menus start at \$105, with a suggested wine pairing for \$80. The restaurant's dress code is resort elegant, with jackets and collared shirts preferred.

### **About Ocean House**

The Ocean House, one of New England's last grand hotels, re-opened its doors in June 2010 after a \$140 million rebuild and restoration. The 149-year-old property, originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 18 signature suites. Farm-to-table casual and fine dining, the 12,000-square-foot OH! Spa and more than 10,000 square feet of event space make the Ocean House ideal for mid-week business retreats, close-to-home family vacations, weekend luxury escapes and destination weddings. Ocean House is a member of Relais & Châteaux, an exclusive collection of more than 500 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality. This stately property is the only AAA Five-Diamond and Forbes Triple Five-Star rated resort in Rhode Island, for accommodations, dining and the award winning spa. For more information, please visit [www.oceanhouseri.com](http://www.oceanhouseri.com) or call 401-584-7000.

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