

THE OCEAN HOUSE IN WATCH HILL, RI, AWARDED FIVE-STAR STATUS BY FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE

*Rhode Island's historic luxury resort is one of only 76 hotels to receive the Forbes
Five-Star rating for 2013*

WATCH HILL, RI, February 27, 2013 – Adding to its enviable list of accolades, the Ocean House in Watch Hill, Rhode Island has been awarded the coveted Five-Star rating from Forbes Travel Guide for 2013. To celebrate, the luxury resort is offering a “Forbes Five-Star” package, so guests can experience for themselves why the Ocean House is worthy of this prestigious honor.

The Ocean House is the latest addition to the travel ratings system that has been the gold standard in the industry since 1958. This year, only 76 hotels, 28 restaurants and 35 spas received the Five-Star rating. These exceptional hotels are destinations unto themselves, providing virtually flawless service and the finest amenities. The staff at each of these hotels is intuitive, passionate and eager to deliver above and beyond service with the guest's comfort in mind. The Ocean House's OH! Spa is recognized as a Forbes Five-Star Spa as well. The entire 2013 award winners will be showcased on Startle.com, the online home of Forbes Travel Guide.

“The Ocean House has achieved the ultimate accolade in our industry,” said Daniel Hostettler, the President and Managing Director of Ocean House Management, LLC. “The Forbes Five-Star rating is only given to a select few hotels of the nearly 20,000 that are inspected by industry professionals. I am so proud of each and every member of my team. It is their dedication and commitment that has made this possible.”

“The Forbes Travel Guide annual Star Awards represent the best in class in luxury hospitality. Travelers seeking exceptional experiences rely on our ratings to guide them to the world's finest hotels, restaurants and spas,” said Michael Cascone, President and COO of Forbes Travel Guide. “By continuing to evolve our ratings categories, we are establishing a global benchmark for the highest standards in hospitality service and facilities.”

In honor of this achievement, the Ocean House announces its new “Forbes Five-Star” package. Available February 26, 2013 through May 23, 2013, luxury-seekers can reserve a Deluxe or Terrace Room to receive 20% savings. The package includes:

- Spacious accommodations with unrivaled Deluxe or Terrace Water Views
- Complimentary seasonal afternoon refreshments served in [Seasons Lounge](#)

Rate starts at \$320 per night for a Deluxe room and \$352 for a Terrace room, based on double occupancy. Subject to availability and blackout dates apply. Tax, gratuities and resort fee excluded. Two night minimum stay over weekend dates. Book by calling 401-584-7000.

About the 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 136-year-old property, originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 15 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. This stately property is a member of Relais & Châteaux, an association of 475 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 55 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality.

For more information, please visit www.oceanhouseri.com or call 401-584-7000.

The Ocean House was recently joined by sister property, the Weekapaug Inn, which reopened in October 2012. The Inn is located five miles from the Ocean House in the peaceful community of Weekapaug, Rhode Island, with sweeping views of Quonochontaug Pond, and the Atlantic just beyond. Inspired by classic Cape Cod style, the property features 27 guest rooms and four Signature Suites, with farm-to-table fine and casual dining and boutique event space.

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