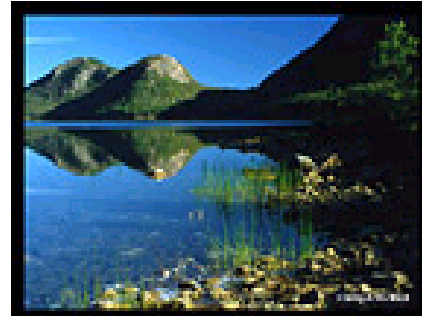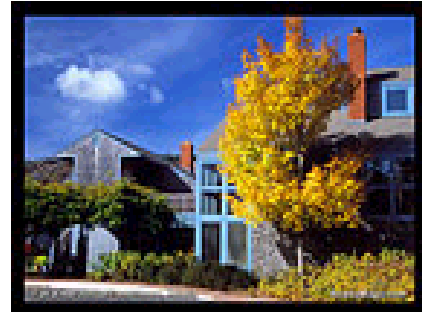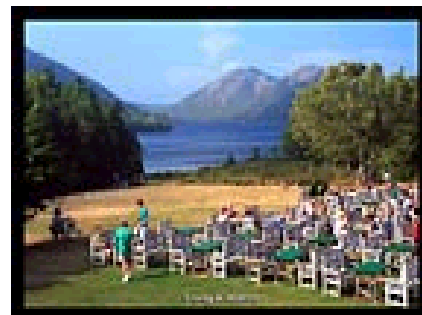*An American Tour:*

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Maine's *Jordan Pond*

The famous Jordan Pond House, the only full service restaurant located within **Acadia National Park**, is located in a spectacular park setting overlooking beautiful Jordan Pond with North and South Bubble Mountains in the distance. It's a modern full service restaurant offering lunch, dinner and afternoon tea. Weather permitting, you may continue a late 1800's tradition of having afternoon tea & popovers on the lawn while savouring the spectacular view. This is a popular place for visitors.

The pond has a maximum water depth of 150 feet and swimming is not allowed. Non motor boats such as canoes and kayaks are permitted. Carriage roads are adjacent to the restaurant and pond area. For people wanting to hike the Jordan Pond Shore Trail, there is a Jordan Pond parking lot just north of the restaurant.

The Jordan Pond House traces its history from 1847. The first settlers conducted a logging operation. The original farm house was built by the Jordan family of Seal Harbor, for whom the pond and house were named. The Jordan Pond House was founded as a restaurant by Mr. Melvan Tibbetts in the early 1870's.

In 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McIntire began their association, which was to last over 50 years. They were responsible for the character and atmosphere of the original Jordan Pond House, with its birch bark dining rooms and massive fieldstone fireplaces. Near the end of the McIntire's reign, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. purchased the property and gave it to the National Park Service to ensure its continuation. The Jordan Pond House has been operated by the Acadia Corporation, a small group of local people committed to preserving its traditions, since 1946.

On June 21, 1979, the original building was destroyed by fire. Through the efforts of the Island Foundation, private funds were contributed for a new Jordan Pond House. All in all, a very nice area. You might consider dropping by if you're in that neck of the woods.