



Charming Inns of Coastal Maine

"Your Ocean Cruise of Maine Without the Boat!"

Visiting Kennebunkport - York - Portland - Boothbay Harbor - Rockland - Bar Harbor & Ogunquit
Featuring a Maine Lobster Boat Excursion and Acadia National Park!

October 1 - 7, 2022

7 Days and 6 Nights

Maine evokes vivid images of the crisp New England shore, rugged woodland seascapes, and butter dripping off a chunk of cooked lobster!

October Fall Foliage is the perfect season to explore wild and wonderful Maine — taking in picturesque fishing villages and lobster boat harbors up and down this rocky seacoast, set against nature's often vivid Autumn landscape. You'll catch prime views of Kennebunkport's enclaves of the rich and famous, and those iconic lighthouses dotted along the jagged coastline. Special highlights include your in-depth tour on a working lobster boat, a "L'il Bit o' Maine" Boothbay Harbor cruise, and a scenic trip through magnificent Acadia National Park! Of course, a Maine visit isn't complete without that signature fresh seafood, so you'll surely want to savor their renowned Maine Lobster alongside tasty New England Chowders while you're here! And see it all while enjoying the seaside opulence of three of Maine's most celebrated upscale coastline resorts, plus the majestic Bar Harbor Grand Hotel.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience all the delectable Autumnal Charms of Coastal Maine!

Itinerary

October 1, 2022 - First It's Off to Boston!

You'll travel to **Boston** today en route to the rocky shores and lush scenery of **Maine**! Upon arrival, you'll be assisted with your Boston hotel transfer. Relax for a bit, then enjoy tonight's **welcome dinner** at a local favorite. Overnight: Boston - Park Plaza (or similar) (D)

October 2, 2022 - Kennebunkport, York and Stonewall Kitchen

After this morning's breakfast, you'll travel up to Maine. Enjoy the ride while this glorious season shows its colors as you head northward! You'll meet your local guide in **Kennebunkport, Maine**, then embark on a sightseeing tour of Kennebunkport that includes the **summer cottage of Former President George H.W. Bush**. You'll also visit historic **York** to learn about the first town in the United States founded in 1652, and see the nation's oldest jail, Jefferson's Tavern, the "Wiggly Bridge" and a spooky cemetery. After lunch on your own in Kennebunkport, you're in for a major treat with a visit to the fabulous **Stonewall Kitchen**! Tantalizing aromas of sweet preserves and savory sauces will tempt your taste buds into the delightful **Company Store**, as you're greeted by friendly staff offering samples of delicious specialty foods. They can help you choose ideal gifts from their full culinary line, as well as useful kitchen gadgets, cookware, tableware and home décor. You can also watch the operating production line through the **Viewing Gallery** windows, while the **award-winning Demonstration Kitchen** often cooks up something scrumptious to taste, with recipes and more to share with you. Later you'll check in to elegantly historic **Nonantum Resort** - set along the ruggedly scenic coastline up against a rich backdrop of typically colorful autumn leaves, here you can truly unwind, letting the sea air and ocean breezes soothe you! Tonight you'll enjoy dinner at a local seafood favorite, and later you'll be treated to tasty **fire-pit roasted s'mores** out under the autumn stars (weather permitting).

Overnight: Kennebunkport - Nonantum Resort

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October 3, 2022 - Portland, Lobster Boat Excursion & Shakers

After your hotel breakfast and check-out, you're in for a unique opportunity to get better acquainted with the iconic **Maine lobster**! On this fascinating **lobster boat excursion**, not only will you see **lobster traps hauled from the sea**, but you'll learn about the challenging life of

the lobster fisherman, and get a close-up view of the **rocky Maine coastline** to see former President Bush's summer cottage a second time, but from a completely different angle - the water! Enjoy a guided **tour of Portland**, visiting the **Portland Head Light**, commissioned by George Washington, and also the Victoria Mansion, **Longfellow House**, the Portland Observatory, and the **Eastern Promenade** with breathtaking views of Casco Bay. After lunch on your own in Portland, you'll enjoy a **signature potato donut at the famed Holy Donut**, where Maine potatoes are the donuts' not-so-secret ingredient drawing raves all the way from northern Maine to the "big city" of Portland. Next, your visit to **Maine Wildlife Park** may well leave a deep impression on you. For decades this heart-warming place has been caring for area wildlife that have been permanently injured, become human-dependent or raised in captivity, so they can't be released back to the wild. It's a touching way to **meet Maine's wildlife up close and personal**! Continue on to the remarkable **Sabbathday Lake Shaker Museum**, the world's only remaining active Shaker Community. This 1931 institution seeks to educate about the "truths" of Shakerism. Discover here a unique and sacred place of work and worship, where six of the 18 existing structures at Sabbathday Lake are open to explore, along with 27 exhibit rooms that examine **over 200 years of Shaker heritage** in Maine communities. Later you'll head out to **Boothbay Harbor** to stay at **Smuggler's Cove Oceanfront Inn** in East Boothbay, epitomizing quaint New England Coastal Inn charm. Completely renovated in spring 2021, all rooms feature **gorgeous views of Linekin Bay** from a private waterfront balcony. Relax and enjoy the resort's sandy beach, heated swimming pool and cozy fire pit, with tonight's dinner on your own.

Overnight: Boothbay Harbor - Smuggler's Cove Oceanfront Inn (B)

October 4, 2022 - Boothbay Cruise, Fort Knox and Bar Harbor

Following breakfast and check-out this morning, you'll embark on a **photo-worthy boat ride in Boothbay Harbor**, giving you a great glimpse of a "**L'il Bit o' Maine**." This narrated cruise (weather permitting) takes you past lighthouses, playful seals, snug coves, busy harbors, old fishing villages, bustling boat yards and summer colonies. Afterward, you'll visit charming **Boothbay** where you'll meet a creative local potter whose shop is filled with such inventive items as a pottery

"chewing gum saver"! Then you'll head off to one of the **"coolest small towns in America"** - **Rockland, Maine**, voted one of the best small towns to visit by the Smithsonian. With an authentic working waterfront and numerous shops and art galleries, it's a great place to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. **Fort Knox State Historic Site** is Maine's largest fort and most visited historic site, with a rich history even though it's never been in a battle. Known for its amazing design and master craftsmanship, construction took place between 1844 and 1864, and though never finished, over \$1 million was spent - a fabulous sum in those times! As the **sole New England example of military architecture** of its period and Maine's first granite fort, it was set along the narrows of Penobscot Bay to protect from British naval attacks. Its initial goal was to defend Bangor, Maine, a major source of shipbuilding lumber, from the British during the Maine-New Brunswick border dispute. Here you'll also see one of the world's most impressive engineering structures, the **Penobscot Narrows Observatory**. For a panoramic view of mid-coastal Maine and even Mount Desert Island, the Observatory delivers all you'd ever want, from its tower top 42 stories above the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. Then sit back on your ride to **Bar Harbor**, arriving in time to dine at the **Looking Glass Restaurant** high on a hilltop with spectacular sea and mountain views! Here you'll enjoy the best of Maine cuisine expertly prepared by an award-winning culinary team, before checking into your Bar Harbor hotel.

Overnight: Bar Harbor hotel

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October 5, 2022 - Acadia National Park and More Bar Harbor

Enjoy breakfast this morning, then set out to visit **Acadia National Park** with your local guide. In this **first national park east of the Mississippi**, you'll see 9 mountains over 1000 feet high, stone bridges, lakes, ponds, trails and carriage roads. Covering the entire Park Loop road, you'll stop at **Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole on Ocean Drive, and the Jordan Pond House**, and learn of the rich and famous who built summer cottages here. Enjoy lunch and a stroll on your own in **Bar Harbor**, then visit the **Abbe Museum, Maine's only Smithsonian affiliate**, and one of the best places to explore the history

and contemporary cultures of the Native peoples in what's now known as Maine. Return to your Bar Harbor hotel to enjoy the late afternoon and evening discovering this alluring downtown, with shops, galleries and dinner on your own at one of its inviting restaurants.

Overnight: Bar Harbor hotel

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October 6, 2022 - Seafood Heaven to Ogunquit & Perkins Cove

After breakfast and hotel check-out, you'll stop briefly in **Bangor** at the mansion of one the most popular authors of modern times, **master of horror Stephen King**, who was born in Maine and used the state as the setting for many of his stories. You'll then depart for **Augusta**, Maine's capital, where you'll enjoy lunch at the **Red Barn, an award-winning rustic seafood shack** family owned and operated for 41 years, offering you a **deeply authentic taste of Maine** at their irresistibly unrefined seafood shanty. Later you'll pass by **Maine's State Capitol** before heading off to wonderfully quirky and quaint **Ogunquit**, an artists' colony that's home to colorful shops, studios, and eateries where you'll have the rest of the day to explore on your own. Here you can view two of the most recognized lighthouses in America, the first being **Cape Neddick Lighthouse**, one of Maine's prettiest and most often photographed, while the second is the remote and beautiful **Nubble Lighthouse**. You'll also find **Perkins Cove**, a sweet little harbor that's been home to artists from around the world for nearly 100 years. You can visit the cove's shops, galleries and museums along the Marginal Way, with dinner on your own. Watch lobster boats come and go from the marina's wooden drawbridge, or simply find a bench to take in the rocky shoreline. Tonight you'll stay at **Ogunquit's renowned oceanfront resort, Anchorage by the Sea**, where the Maine coast's spectacular beauty is your focal point from anywhere on the luxurious grounds.

Overnight: Ogunquit - Anchorage by the Sea Resort

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October 7, 2022 - Back to Boston and Farewell!

After your hotel breakfast and checkout, you'll travel onward with lunch on your own along the way to the **Boston** airport for your flight home, with **fond lasting memories of Charming Coastal Maine!**

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****Please note that itineraries are subject to change.**

Charming Coastal Maine

\$4,298.00

per person/double occupancy



Single Supplement \$1,098.00



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Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Boston (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Transfers from airport to hotels to airport
- 1 night hotel in Boston upon arrival
- **5 nights deluxe lodging in Maine at classic inns and hotels** (bed types and water-view rooms are assigned at the hotels' discretion and always subject to availability)
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- 3 special regional Maine dinners and 1 lunch (all offer non-seafood choices as well)
- **Lobster boat excursion at Kennebunkport, and Boothbay Harbor cruise**
- Private motor coach for the entire itinerary
- **Full park loop tour of Acadia National Park**
- All sightseeing and admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Stonewall Kitchen, Maine Wildlife Park, Sabbathday Lake Shaker Museum, Fort Knox and Penobscot Narrows Observatory, Abbe Museum and more!
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes, government fees, & service charges
- TRIPS ticket wallet, and luggage tags
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Call today to reserve your space!!!

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An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour.

This deposit is fully refundable up to June 23, 2022. **Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before June 23, 2022.**

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Travel & Leisure Club

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Please complete and return with your **\$650 per person** deposit.

Name: _____

(MUST BE EXACTLY AS IT IS ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE THAT WILL BE USED FOR THIS TRIP.)

Any charges by airline for name changes will be the responsibility of the passenger.

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Travel Companion Information

Name: _____

Lodging preference: King Bed _____ 2 Double Beds _____

Single and Triple accommodations are an additional cost and subject to availability. Request: Single _____ Triple _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Please note if your birthday or anniversary occur during the tour:

Occasion: _____ Date of celebration: _____

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