

Maine

October 12th – 17th, 2019

From the iconic lighthouses perched along sparkling bays to Portland's cobblestone streets boasting award-winning restaurants, a visit represents a true, authentic experience where the sights, sounds and tastes are sea-infused and historically rich. The Pine Tree State is famous for lobster and harvests most of the lobster in the U.S. Did you know Maine has 3,478 miles of coastline? That is more than California!

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- ⌘ Roundtrip air to Portland ME – 1 bag included
- ⌘ Personal services from your OregonWest Tour Director
- ⌘ Deluxe Motor-coach on tour
- ⌘ 5 nights deluxe lodging
- ⌘ 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners
- ⌘ All attractions as described below
- ⌘ All Gratuities & Lots of Fun!



Welcome to Portland, Maine and our home for the next two nights the **Westin Harborview**, located in the heart of downtown.

This morning we'll learn more about what has shaped this small city into one of the most historical and unique cities in the nation on our **city tour!** Next, it's Fort Williams Park, home of **Portland Head Light**, Maine's oldest, and North America's, most photographed lighthouse. **Enjoy some free time** for lunch and shopping in the historic downtown before our next adventure, a **lighthouse lovers cruise...** Experience the iconic lighthouses and sights of Portland Harbor and the picturesque waterway known as Diamond Pass. First, we'll explore the bustling inner harbor and main shipping channel to get close-up views of Civil War era fortifications and the lighthouses that have guided mariners into Portland Harbor for over a century. As we weave our way among the islands, we enter Diamond Pass long considered to be the "gateway to the Calendar Islands". We'll cruise past the villages and Victorian cottages on the islands. Next, we'll head to Len Libby's Chocolate Shop for a treat and to meet the world's only life size chocolate moose before some free time and a **wonderful dinner.**

Our first stop today is **Bath Iron Works...** Experience Maine's rich seafaring history on the banks of the Kennebec River at **Maine Maritime Museum.** From watercraft and lobstering, to shipbuilding and sea trade, you'll hear stories about dangerous voyages to distant lands, see how a shipbuilder's family lived in the 1890s, smell the sawdust from historic ship timbers, and discover the wonders and mysteries of Maine's maritime culture. You'll have some free time for lunch and to explore **Boothbay Harbor** "the soul of the coast," before we head to **Bar Harbor**, our home for the next two nights.

Today we'll explore stunning terrain and diverse wildlife of beautiful **Acadia National Park** in our **private trolley.** Acadia is the oldest national park east of the Mississippi. Quiet trails lead to serene ponds fringed with blueberry bushes, lobster boats chug to tiny islands, and rocky coastline gives way to glorious balsam forest. Our driver/guide will teach us about the area's rich history, from discovery in 1604 to the great fire of 1947. We'll make our way back to the hotel and Bar Harbor where your **evening is free** to explore this quaint town on your own.

After breakfast we'll head to **The Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory** is offering spectacular 360-degree views. Next, we'll take in **Fort Knox...** During the country's infancy, Maine was repeatedly involved in northeast border disputes with British Canada. Fort Knox was established in 1844 to protect the Penobscot River Valley against a possible future British naval incursion. The fort was designed by Chief Engineer Joseph Totten and construction from 1844 – 1869. Our home for the night is the **River House Inn in Camden...** you'll have some free time to explore or rest up before our **wonderful farewell Lobster Bake.**

We'll make our way home today, but the fun isn't over... first stop the **Maine State Museum...** it shows the best of Maine – all under one roof. From beautiful nature scenes with live trout, to a dramatic three-story working mill. We'll head to the airport with grand memories of beautiful Maine.



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A \$100 per person deposit will hold space; balance is due by July 11th, 2019