Maine Coastal Escape

Tue-Fri, September 4-7

Itinerary

September 4, 2018
Depart early morning.
Welcome to Vacationland! Stop at Maine’s southernmost lighthouse in Cape Neddick at Nubble Lighthouse for a photo and take in the picturesque view. This afternoon, you’ll board a special lobster tour boat to learn how the Maine lobstermen make their living. Travel to the town of Ogunquit, which means: "Beautiful Place by the Sea." On this 1 hour cruise, you’ll see the scenic beauty of Ogunquit’s shoreline with a first-hand viewing of how the lobstermen set and haul their traps. Next, travel north for Portland, Maine’s largest city-by-the-sea. Check in to the Clarion Hotel, located just one mile from the Portland waterfront. This full service hotel features an indoor pool, restaurant and lounge. Meet the Maine Tour Lobsterette at your welcome reception, who will have a souvenir lobster hat for each passenger. Buffet dinner included tonight at the hotel, followed by an interactive Music Trivia Bingo entertainment program. Your choice of programs including Bob Hope, Big Band/Swing music, Frank Sinatra, 50’s-60’s music that will take you down Memory Lane.

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September 5, 2018
Enjoy a full breakfast this morning before you meet your local guide for a narrated tour of Portland - Maine’s largest city-by-the-sea. You’ll see views of Longfellow’s boyhood home, sea captain houses and the elegant Victoria Mansion as you drive through historic neighborhoods overlooking the islands of Casco Bay in Portland Harbor. Your tour includes a stop at Portland Head Light. This historic landmark is the most photographed lighthouse in America, set in Fort Williams Park with crashing surf, a beach, and an old fort. You’ll then take a private tour of Spring Point Ledge lighthouse that is not normally open to the public. The lighthouse is accessible via a granite jetty (some uneven footing). You’ll see how the lighthouse keepers lived as you walk through the rooms to the top of the two story lighthouse. You can walk out on the ledge at the top for a beautiful view of the Portland waterfront. Lunch on your own in the restored Old Port waterfront district with cobblestone streets lined with quaint shops and galleries. This afternoon, you’ll board a tour boat for a narrated Portland Harbor cruise. Sail on the calm harbor waters through the beautiful Calendar Islands, past forts and lighthouses as you hear the maritime history of Casco Bay. Return to the hotel to freshen up. Plated seafood choice dinner included tonight in Portland’s historic Old Port.

September 6, 2018
A buffet breakfast is included this morning before you travel to Maine’s beautiful mid-coast region. Your first stop is Maine’s City of Ships, where you’ll tour the Maine Maritime Museum on the banks of the Kennebec River. The museum depicts Maine's shipbuilding industry from the 1600's to the present. Numerous hands on exhibits, boat building demonstrations, and a lobstering exhibit are here for you to see on the grounds of an historic shipyard. Travel to Boothbay Harbor where yachtsmen and artists began vacationing here in the early 1900's. Roll up your sleeves and SAVOR THE FLAVOR at a traditional Maine Island bake. Don your souvenir Maine lobster hat when you board The Argo tour boat for a traditional Maine island lobster bake event. You’ll travel to nearby Cabbage Island, a private 5-1/2 acre island where a feast of Maine lobsters and clams with all the traditional fixin's awaits. Watch as your meal is cooked in seaweed, steamed from top to bottom, and covered with tarpaulins and rocks in order to capture all the flavor and sweetness of Maine lobsters and clams. This authentic meal includes traditional New England Fish Chowder, two lobsters (or barbecued chicken for any landlubbers), steamed clams, corn on the cob, onion, and new Maine potatoes. For dessert, enjoy homemade blueberry cake with coffee or iced tea. You’ll have a bit of free time to explore the local galleries and boutiques along the waterfront after returning to Boothbay at 4:00. Free time to explore Boothbay Harbor waterfront after the bake.

Return to the hotel for dinner on your own in the hotel restaurant.

September 7, 2018
A buffet breakfast is included this morning. Then meet your local guide for a narrated tour of Kennebunkport. Drive past the sandy beaches and rocky coastline, past the George Bush estate at Walker’s Point, hear the history of these shipbuilding towns and the legend of the Wedding Cake House. You’ll also visit the seaside Franciscan Monastery with its beautiful landscaping, outdoor shrines and chapel. Lunch is on your own in Kennebunkport before you’ll travel home with your Maine sea coast memories!
Trip Includes:

- Transportation
- 3 nights accommodations at Clarion Hotel, Portland ME
- Welcome reception
- 3 Full buffet breakfasts
- 1 Traditional Maine island lobster bake lunch on Cabbage Island, with round-trip boat transportation
- 2 dinners
- Evening entertainment
- Guided tour of Portland including photo stop & coach permit for Portland Head Lighthouse park
- Narrated Portland Harbor cruise
- Admission to Maine Maritime Museum
- Guided tour of Kennebunkport
- Dock Square area coach parking
- Maine Lobstering Cruise
- Private lighthouse tour (not normally open to the public. The lighthouse is accessible via a granite jetty which has some uneven footing).
- Photo stop at Nubble Lighthouse, York Beach
- Meet & greet at hotel with souvenir Lobster Hat for each passenger
- Taxes and gratuities (except local guide and driver gratuities)

Date of Trip: September 4-7, 2018

COST: Double $699pp / Single $899pp
$100 pp Deposit Due with registration
Balance due July 15, 2018
For Travel insurance please call: 717-657-9658

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