The Maine Attraction





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Tour Summary

Ask someone about Maine and they'll likely tell you what the state is famous for: its lobsters and its scenery. Well, the lobster population has declined recently, but the jagged, rocky coastline and low, rolling mountains are still wonderful to behold, any time of year. First, this tour will take us to the charming town of Bethel in western Maine. Next we'll venture into the untamed interior, before heading to the famous coast. Then we'll explore the capital, Augusta, and the largest city, Portland. Join us in search of the best adventures to be found in Maine!

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Stroll Down Maine Street





Maine is famous for its relatively large size, the crustaceans in its sea, and its unique geographic location. Although mostly rural (with only 1.5 million inhabitants), Maine is renowned for its coastal scenery, with almost 3,500 miles of irregular shoreline to explore.



Our first stop on this Maine tour is to the eastern town of Bethel at the foot of the White Mountains. Many miles of hiking trails, pristine lakes, and the Androscoggin River accent this beautiful region of the state.



In one fun-filled day we will go gem hunting in two caves, take a kayak trip down a secluded river, and search for the most-perfect covered bridge in Maine. And we will succeed in all these undertakings!



As we venture further north we'll go whitewater rafting near the small town called The Forks, named for the confluence of the Kennebec and Dead Rivers. Also nearby is the famed Appalachian Trail

extending all the way from Georgia, and the tallest waterfall in Maine, called Moxie Falls.



The wildlife in Maine is amazing too. Be sure to keep on the lookout for moose in the road, especially in the northern part of the state. As we get closer to the Canadian border, the signs are also in French. In fact,

Maine has more French speakers than any other U.S. state, including Louisiana.



Our coastal tour is around the picturesque village of Ogunquit situated in the southwest corner of York Country, the second most populous county in Maine. The Bush family has their vacation home in nearby Kennebunkport.



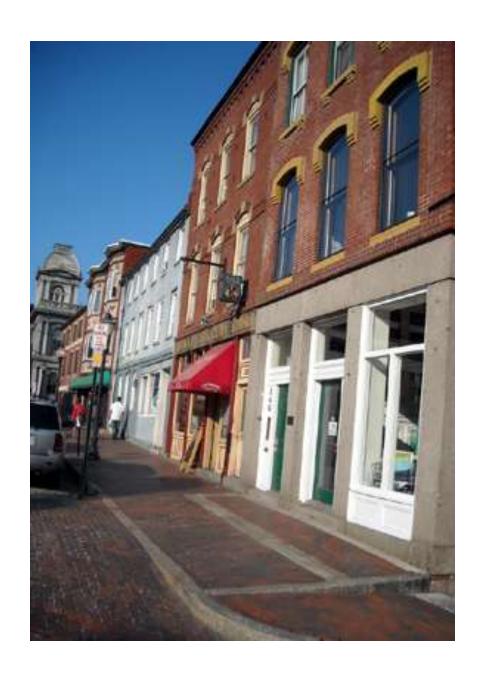
Between Kennebunkport and Ogunquit is the seaside town of Wells with an amusement park located on the beach. We'll stop for some cotton candy and take a few rides!



One of the best ways to explore the Maine coastline is by boat. Our kayak trip will take us out into the Atlantic where we will discover an old Coast Guard station and more than one lighthouse!



Not to be outdone by the coast, the urban areas are also interesting. The two major cities of Maine are both worth exploring. In Augusta, the Capitol building dominates the city ...



... while in Portland the old harbor, cobbled streets, and colonial buildings charm any visitor.



We'll take a walk around each of these interesting urban areas, and stop for a tasty beer in the oldest brew pub in Maine, called Gritty McDuffs.



Finally, what would a trip to Maine be without trying a succulent lobster! The pot is boiling. Join us for another five-chapters chronicling the "Pine Tree" state?

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