

# MAINE COASTAL TOUR

May 10-14, 2010

**Day 1:** A morning departure has you heading north through several states. Welcome to New England! Check in to our overnight accommodations in **Portsmouth, New Hampshire**. A welcome reception is provided upon arrival. Cross the border into southern Maine this evening for a photo stop at **Maine's southernmost lighthouse**. Then don your **souvenir Maine lobster hat** for a traditional lobsterbake dinner with **sing-a-long entertainment**. You'll feast on your choice of Maine boiled lobster or barbecued chicken, plus chowder, cultivated mussels, corn on the cob, Maine potatoes and blueberry cake.

**Day 2:** After a deluxe continental breakfast at the hotel, travel to Maine's largest city-by-the-sea and meet your local guide for a **narrated tour of Portland**. 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 Lighthouse**. This historic landmark is the most photographed lighthouse in America, set in Fort Williams Park with crashing surf, a beach, and an old fort. Your next stop is **Freeport, Maine**, home to the L.L. Bean flagship store and a myriad of outlet shops and casual restaurants for **lunch on your own**. Make your way north along the coastal route to mid-coast Maine. You'll travel through quaint coastal villages like Wiscasset and see lobster boats and shoreline views. Stop for some unique, handmade souvenirs at the **Maine State Prison Store**. There are bargain souvenirs available here, as the wood products are individually handcrafted by inmates working in the prison workshop. Check in to your hotel in Rockland, Maine – the lobster capital of the world – for a two night stay. Our Inn features an indoor pool and is located across from the harborfront park in downtown Rockland. There are many shops and art galleries within walking distance of this hotel, along with a boardwalk along the harbor. Tour the **Maine Lighthouse Museum**, located across the street from the hotel. This new museum houses a unique collection of historic artifacts of the US Coast Guard and local lighthouse culture. Dinner is included this evening in the hotel dining room with your choice of several entrees. Take a stroll after dinner on the boardwalk!

**Day 3:** A deluxe continental breakfast is included at the hotel this morning. Make your way "downeast" to **Bar Harbor** today, about a two hour drive along coastal Route 1 through coastal villages such as Rockport and Camden-where the mountains meet the sea. Board a special **Bar Harbor sightseeing cruise** upon arrival in town. Search for eagles, porpoises, seals and other marine mammals and birds aboard this narrated cruise on Frenchman's Bay. Enjoy **free time in Bar Harbor** to explore the shops, boutiques and numerous restaurants that are centrally located along the waterfront along with parks and a shoreline walking trail. This afternoon, meet your local guide for a **guided tour of Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park**. Bar Harbor has been celebrated for its breathtaking beauty ever since the island was discovered in 1604 by Samuel de Champlain, who named it "Isle de Monts Desert" (Mt. Desert Island) for its bare, desert-like mountaintops. In the first national park founded east of the Mississippi, you'll see 9 mountains over 1000 feet high, stone bridges, lakes, ponds, trails and carriage roads. You will travel the entire Park Loop road with stops at Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole on Ocean Drive and Sieur De Mont Springs Wild Gardens of Acadia, plus learn about rich and famous visitors who built summer cottages in Bar Harbor. Before returning to your Rockland hotel, you'll have a festive **Maine lobsterbake dinner** tonight overlooking a pretty cove near Bar Harbor. Alternate meal selections are offered for any landlubbers, or course.

**Day 4:** Deluxe continental breakfast included this morning. Continue south to picturesque **Boothbay Harbor**, where you'll meet your **local guide for a tour** of this picturesque mid-coast Maine resort town. Learn the local history and folklore of this bustling seaside community. Fishing craft lie alongside wharves that follow the quaint, winding village streets. Yachtsmen and artists began vacationing here in the early 1900's. You'll have free time after the tour to explore the local galleries, boutiques and restaurants for lunch on own. Then tour the **Boothbay Harbor Aquarium**, where you can pet a live shark and see some unusual lobsters, including Louie, the 17 pound lobster. Colorful marine life, including red sea anemones and purple sunstars, can be seen in the "Downeast" tank here. Travel to **Old Orchard Beach**, a resort community in Maine's south coast region. Check in to your waterfront hotel, along Maine's longest stretch of sandy beach. The hotel is within walking distance of the famous Old Orchard Beach pier and your guest room will be just steps from the beach itself! Dinner is included in Old Orchard Beach this evening. Fall asleep listening to the sound of the lapping waves on the shore.

**Day 5:** A deluxe continental breakfast is included at the hotel before making your way home with your magical Maine coast memories.

**Package Includes:** Motorcoach Transportation; 4 nights accommodations; 4 deluxe continental breakfasts; 4 dinners, including 2 lobster choice dinners; Guided tours of Portland and Boothbay Harbor; 2 lighthouse photo stops; Guided tour of Bar Harbor / Acadia National Park; Admission to Maine Lighthouse Museum and Boothbay Harbor Aquarium; Bar Harbor Cruise; Luggage Handling; Escort

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**Per Person Prices: Double - \$849 Triple - \$825 Quad - \$805 Single - \$1095**

A \$100 per person deposit is due within one week of a telephone reservation. Make checks payable to Krouse Travel and mail with registration to 20 Hampton Court, Red Lion, PA 17356. Balance is due March 10, 2010.

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I am reserving \_\_\_\_\_ smoking/non-smoking room(s) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s).  
I have enclosed a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with a balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due March 10, 2010.  
Enclose names and addresses of guests on a separate sheet.