

# Mainely Maine

## June 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

We're going on a long-requested adventure to the beautiful state of Maine this year! Join us for Mainely Maine, as we enjoy some of the highlights of New England and especially, Maine.



Our adventure will begin on Friday, June 12th, when we travel almost to Boston. Our departure is planned from Murrysville, PA at 7:30 am, with exact location to be announced. We'll make a lunch stop (on your own) and comfort stops along the way. There is a bathroom on the bus, but we will stop frequently enough that it can be used just in the case of an emergency. After a group dinner, we will overnight at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA.

On Saturday we'll make our way to Boston where a step-on-guide will join us for a tour of the historic city followed by some free time for lunch on your own and shopping. Later in the afternoon we will make our way up the coast, enjoying a group dinner and overnight in Portsmouth, NH at the Wyndham Howard Johnsons, Portsmouth.

On Sunday we will enjoy our first lighthouse stop, the Nubble Lighthouse, and then we will be joined by a step-on guide for some exploration of the area and the town of Kennebunkport. We'll by the Bush Family compound along with other historic mansions. Lunch will be on your own in Kennebunkport. As we travel further north we will make a stop at the iconic Portland Head Lighthouse. Our overnight will be in Bath, Maine where there are several restaurants within walking distance of the Hampton Inn where we will be staying, so dinner tonight will be on your own.

On Monday we will make our final trek to Bar Harbor, but we've got some fun stops planned along the way. We will start with a visit to the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse. Those who feel up to it and with weather permitting can do the "most memorable walk in Maine", 1.5 mile roundtrip walk on the breakwall out to the lighthouse. We'll stop in the cute harborside town of Camden for some lunch on your own, and the Maine State Prison Showroom, which sells crafts made by inmates, along the way. We'll then make our way to Bar Harbor, and will enjoy a group dinner to kick off our stay. We will spend three nights in Bar Harbor at the Seaside Motel.

Tuesday and Wednesday in Bar Harbor are still in flux as we try to pin down particular activities. I can tell you that you will have time to explore on your own, and a step on guide will take us on a four-hour tour of Acadia National Park. We will also take a harbor cruise to see the seals and the beautiful coastline from another vantage. One additional evening will include a group dinner, and the other will be dinner on your own. As soon as we get confirmation from these businesses, we will update this schedule with full details. You will be able to use the free Island Shuttle to make additional visits to the park if you wish or explore the many options for activities in Bar Harbor.

On Thursday we will begin our leisurely trip south. We'll make our way to Freeport, Maine for an afternoon of shopping. Dinner will be on your own in Freeport. Our hotel, The Ascend Hotel in Freeport, is about a mile from the L. L. Bean shopping area, so the bus will make a couple of trips back and forth.

On Friday, we will make a stop at 'The Marginal Way' for a smooth 1 mile walk seaside for those who wish to participate. We'll then make a lunch and shopping stop at the Kittery Outlets. From there it's on to Wellsworth, MA to stay again in the Wellsworth Hotel where we stayed on our way home from Cape Cod last year. The pool will be open and we'll be enjoying a pizza dinner buffet there that evening. Saturday morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we will make our way back to Redstone, making rest stops and a lunch stop (on your own) along the way. We should arrive home in the early evening.

In summary the trip includes motorcoach, driver gratuity, 8 nights hotel, 8 breakfasts, 5 dinners, step on guides and tours, harbor cruise, and national park fees. (The price for this trip is a little higher than we originally anticipated because hotel rooms are higher than expected and the major expense of the trip.)

All travelers must be able to go up and down the 3 – 5 steps on the bus independently when getting on and off the bus. Please note that coaches stop on average 6 – 7 times a day during which you will be required to disembark and then return to the bus. Mobility devices including rollators, portable scooters, collapsible wheelchairs, are welcome.

A \$25 nonrefundable deposit will hold your spot. 50% is due by April 12 and full payment by May 12. Call Gia at 724-832-8401 X 3378 to get on board for this fantastic trip!

