



The Lobster Lady®
Maine Coast Tour
August 27-30, 2019
4 days / 3 nights / 7 meals



Day 1 – Tuesday 8/27/2019 Welcome to Vacationland! Check in after 3pm to the **Best Western Merry Manor Inn** in South Portland, Maine for your overnight stay. 5-7pm Meet the **Maine Tour Lobsterette** at your welcome reception on arrival at the hotel. She'll provide your room keys, a **souvenir lobster hat** for each passenger for your tour. (A detailed itinerary will be provided for passengers in advance). Your guide stays at the hotel with you tonight. The hotel is located 5 miles from Portland International Jetport (PWM), Portland Transportation Center with Concord Trailways and Amtrak Downeaster connections and downtown Portland. 1 mile from the Maine Mall. Free parking is available at the hotel for up to 3 vehicles per room for the duration of the tour. You'll receive a parking pass on arrival, if needed. Hotel features a full service restaurant, lounge, outdoor pool and Jacuzzi.

6:30-8:00 pm A get-acquainted **buffet lobster dinner** is included this evening in a private room with your guide at the hotel- with alternate entrees offered for any landlubbers. An after-dinner **Maine storyteller program** will make for a fun evening of introduction to Maine...learn how to talk like a Mainer, ayuh!

Meal counts due 1 day prior:

- Whole Maine lobster**
- Prime Rib**
- Vegetarian Alfredo**

Day 2 — Wednesday, 8/28/2019 — A full buffet breakfast is included at the hotel before meeting your local guide for a **narrated tour of Portland – Maine's largest city-by-the-sea**. You'll travel through the historic neighborhoods, learn about Portland's unique maritime history, pass by Longfellow's boyhood home and many sea captain mansions overlooking Casco Bay. Your tour includes a stop at **Portland Head lighthouse**, the most photographed lighthouse in America and Maine's oldest beacon, set in a beautiful park with crashing surf as a backdrop.

Travel to **Freeport**, Maine for lunch on your own and shopping at the L.L. Bean flagship store and a variety of outlet shops and casual restaurants.

Then sit back and relax as you make your way up the coast and 'Downeast' to Bar Harbor. You'll travel through charming villages, see lobster boats bobbing and a pretty harbor filled with windjammers. Hear the history and legends of the towns you'll be traveling through, including Bath – the City of Ships, Rockland – the Maine Lobster Capital and more. See where a Seal named Andre swam and stories of visiting film stars and famous residents such as the famous poet who lived in Camden, where the mountains meet the sea. Admission is included to **Camden Hills State Park** where you will make a photo stop at op Mt Battie.

Admire the view over the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and cross causeway onto **Mt. Desert Island**. The town of Bar Harbor sits at the gateway to Acadia and is a friendly collection of shops, restaurants and activities lining the waterfront. Check in to the **Atlantic Eyrie Lodge** on the outskirts of the village for a **two night stay**. Enjoy fabulous views of Frenchman's Bay from your oversized guest room with private balcony.



Roll up your sleeves for a traditional **Maine lobsterbake dinner** tonight. Your meal will be steamed in a large cooker where you can watch and ask questions about lobster fishing and lobster cooking. You'll want to bring your appetite and camera when the cover is lifted to reveal a colorful blend of lobsters, clams, potato and corn-on-the-cob amidst a cloud of steam. **(Buffet Breakfast & Lobster Dinner)**

Bar Harbor Lobster Bakes - Meal counts due 3 days prior:

- Whole Maine lobster**
- Steak, grilled to order**
- Baked haddock**
- Grilled vegetable skewers**

Day 3-Thursday, 8/29/2019 --After an included deluxe continental breakfast, meet your local guide for a **narrated morning tour of Acadia National Park**, the first national park founded east of the Mississippi. You'll see tremendous coastline views that have attracted the elite to this area for years and hear stories of the Victorian "rusticators", more recent visitors and famous residents. Highlights of this tour include the stunning Park Loop Road, the summit of Cadillac Mountain, the crashing waves at Thunder Hole and quiet beauty of the inland park scenery and Jordan Pond.



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.

Board a large tour boat for a fascinating harbor cruise with a naturalist aboard. Search for eagles, porpoises, seals and other marine mammals and birds aboard this **two hour nature cruise**. Pass by Egg Rock lighthouse and marvel at the breathtaking scenery of Acadia from the water.



After an early **plated dinner** at a spectacular hillside restaurant overlooking the ocean, you'll be treated to unique Maine entertainment at the **Great Maine Lumberjack Show**. See "the Olympics of the Forest" re-enacted as the lumberjacks and loggers used to compete 100 years ago. You will hear the big crosscut saws singing in the forest, just as you would have heard in a logging camp competition in the Maine woods...and you will watch the thrilling lumberjack sports of wood chopping and sawing, tree climbing, ax throwing, and everyone's favorite... log rolling... all exhibited with a modern twist, mixed with history, comedy, and lots non-stop, razor-sharp action! Return to the hotel approximately 9:15 pm. **(Deluxe Continental Breakfast & Plated Dinner)**

Looking Glass Restaurant – Meal count collected on arrival night:

- Grilled salmon**
- Filet Mignon**
- Chicken Piccata**
- Vegetarian**

Day # 4—Friday 8/30/2019 –After your included breakfast, make your way south with a quick stop to photograph the Rockland Harbor Lighthouse. Your destination today is one of Maine’s pristine coastal treasures – Bailey Island. Cross over the unique cribstone bridge to **Cook’s Lobster House** – you may remember this authentic Maine eatery featured on VISA commercials. **Plated lunch** included here at the restaurant surrounded on three sides by water.

Cook’s Lobster House Luncheon – Meal count due 5 days prior, 8/25:

- Maine lobster roll** (cold lobster meat sandwich)
- Salmon Caesar salad**
- Chicken & brie sandwich**
- Veggie burger**



After lunch, board the **Casco Bay Lines ferry** which will sail through Casco Bay, arriving on the Portland waterfront at 3:45pm. Your motorcoach will meet you at the ferry terminal for final transfer back to the Best Western Merry Manor Inn in South Portland by 4:30pm.

(Deluxe Continental Breakfast & Luncheon)

Optional Friday night stay at Best Western available, if needed.

Must reserve extra night by 7/15/19.

- **4th night add on Friday night 8/31/19 at Best Western Merry Manor:**
\$ 150 sgl, \$78 pp double,, \$70 pp trip, \$50pp quad includes room, tax, hot breakfast, luggage service, parking.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 3 nights’ accommodations (25 rooms per night)
 - Tues 8/27/19 Best Western Merry Manor - South Portland, ME
 - Wed 8/28 Atlantic Eyrie Lodge - Bar Harbor, ME - 2 nights
 - Thur 8/29 “
 - **Fri 8/30 Best Western Merry Manor - South Portland, ME – optional night if needed**
- 3 hot buffet breakfasts
- 1 luncheon
- 3 dinners, including 2 lobster choice dinners
- 1 welcome reception
- Reserved seating at the Great Maine Lumberjack Show
- Guided sightseeing from Portland to Bar Harbor including admission to Portland Head Lighthouse park and Camden Hills State Park and Mt. Battie
- Bar Harbor Nature Cruise
- One-way scenic boat cruise from Bailey Island to Portland
- 1 evening Maine storyteller entertainment program
- Guided morning tour & admission to Acadia National Park
- Full time tour director & souvenir Maine lobster hat for each passenger. *We provide luggage tags on arrival.*
- Taxes and gratuities (*driver and guide gratuities are included*)
- Luggage service at each hotel (1 bag per person)