



## **Boothbay Harbor On The Bistro Bus: Culinary Delights & Holiday Lights**

**Luxury Roundtrip ride to Boothbay to enjoy "Gardens A  
Glow" and an afternoon foodie tour**

**\$178.00 Per Person**

**Includes:** Round trip luxury transportation aboard a Mercedes Sprinter from Portland/Yarmouth, your talented local tour guide, all food and beverages on the tour, admission to Gardens A Glow at the Botanical Gardens, and tips to your wait staff, driver and tour guide gratuities.

VIP Tour and Charter Bus Company is proud to team up with Maine Foodie Tours and “Gardens A Glow” at Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens to offer a day of activities, sights, foods and lights with round trip luxury transportation from Portland or Yarmouth to Boothbay and it’s harbor.

This tour begins with pick up in Portland at 12:00 to board a 14 passenger Mercedes Sprinter for the ride to Boothbay. The Sprinter offers stylish and comfortable leather seating with USB outlets, wireless internet and mini cooler to keep your beverages cold. With a quick stop en route to pick up guests in Yarmouth, enjoy your beverages in style heading directly to Boothbay Harbor.

Once arrived, enjoy an hour of free time to stroll the streets, or shop the plentiful stores open through December, or grab a beverage along the picturesque harbor at one of the many tasty restaurants, but save your appetite.

At 2:15, you’ll enjoy the deliciously talented culinary scene of Boothbay Harbor on our NEWEST tour offered in November/December. This tour introduces a mix of some of the areas oldest and newest locally-owned establishments while showcasing the culinary creativity that is alive and well! Bring your appetite for food, stories, and facts about the vibrantly local food economy.

Our friendly, local tour guides will introduce you to 4 locally-owned businesses to explore and taste their delectable, native-to-Maine foods. Enjoy a lively walk to restaurants and a gourmet food shop while you taste your way through town! Don’t worry if it’s cold outside. Our partners and their foods will warm you up with Maine award-winning crabcakes and cocktails, seafood chowder or seasonal soup in freshly baked bread bowls, a visit to taste the craft beers at the newest harbor brewery paired with award winning Maine cheese, mediterranean platters with local vegetables and meats served with hot teas or coffee, then ending on a sweet note with a uniquely Maine confection.

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You'll learn about the history of Boothbay and its harbor, the thriving lobstering and fishing industries, award-winning aquaculture, sustainable practices, and culinary events to enjoy this season – all on a beautiful, leisurely walk on the harbor.

Our last visit on this tour features the historic Thistle Inn where the Sprinter will pick you up. From here, you'll travel to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens for 2 hours to enjoy a walk through the fantastic festival of lights. This is the largest light show in Maine with hundreds of thousands of lights strung through the upper gardens in a beautiful display. From the lights, to the s'mores pit, popcorn stand and special art exhibits, there is something for everyone!

Enjoy a fresh baked cookie from Evantide of Boothbay Harbor as you ride in comfort back to Yarmouth/Portland to return by 8:00 pm.



### Tour Details

**When:** Tours offered through December, and by special request for groups of 8 or more

**How long:** 8 hours total

**What's included:** Round trip luxury transportation aboard a Mercedes Sprinter from Portland/Yarmouth, your talented local tour guide, all food and beverages on the tour, admission to Gardens A Glow at the Botanical Gardens, and tips to your wait staff, driver and tour guide gratuities.

**Who:** All ages are welcome

**Capacity:** 14 people per tour

**What to wear:** Comfortable and Maine weather appropriate clothing and shoes

**Weather conditions:** Tour takes place rain, shine or snow

**Where:** Tour meets at the Portland Park and Ride Lot on Marginal Way across from World Gym or at Yarmouth Park and Ride Lot off I-295, Exit 15.

### Schedule

**12:00pm** Portland Marginal Way Park & Ride Lot (Across from World Gym)

**12:15pm** Yarmouth Exit 15 Park and Ride Lot

**1:15pm** Arrival to Boothbay Harbor, 1 hour of free time

**2:15pm** Our friendly, local tour guides will introduce you to 4 locally-owned businesses to explore and taste their delectable, native-to-Maine foods

**4:30pm** Visit Coastal Maine Botanical Garden's "Gardens Aglow"

**8:00pm** Arrival back to Portland

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