



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM TRAVEL PRESENTS COASTAL MAINE

8 DAYS | JUNE 3 – 10, 2020

DISTINGUISHED HOST: PETER MOE, ARBORETUM DIRECTOR

Maine, known as “Vacationland,” is a state with natural beauty unlike any other featuring jaw-dropping scenery from rocky coastlines with rugged bluffs to dense green pine trees. Celebrate Maine’s precious sculpted gardens, lovingly curated arboretums and landscape designs that rival Mother Nature for pure artistry. Plus, experience lighthouses, a traditional lobsterbake, harbor cruise and more.

Our custom journey will highlight the charming seaport towns of Kennebunkport, Bar Harbor, Rockland and Portland. Please join Peter Moe in Coastal Maine on this 7-night/8-day personally escorted tour.

INCLUSIONS

- ~ Custom Tour Designed for *The Arb*
- ~ 7-Nights’ First-Class Accommodations in central locations
- ~ Daily Sightseeing with local experts
- ~ Admissions per itinerary
- ~ Deluxe private Motorcoach Transportation
- ~ Baggage Handling
- ~ Custom Tour Guides
- ~ 7 Breakfasts, Welcome Reception, 2 Lunches, Lobsterbake
- ~ \$200 tax-deductible donation to *The Arb*

PACE

This is a moderately-active itinerary with walking one to two miles at a time, which may include climbing one or two flights of stairs and walking over uneven pavement, groomed hiking trails or cobblestones. Standing up to one hour or more may be required.

\$ 2995 per person based on double occupancy

\$ 995 per person single supplement

Deposit: \$500 per person

Final Due: April 3, 2020



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Your MAINE CUSTOM TOUR GUIDE will meet your group at the airport and will assist with luggage and will then help you board your coach. Travel to Maine's southernmost lighthouse in CAPE NEDDICK the "NUBBLE" LIGHTHOUSE. This oft-photographed lighthouse was built in 1879 on a tiny, off-shore island, or 'nubble,' in York. It features a Victorian keeper's house with gingerbread trim and a lantern with miniature cast-iron lighthouses on its railing. It's so close to land you can view it easily from York's seaside Sohier Park. From "Nubble" lighthouse, you will spot the infamous BOON ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE. This, the tallest lighthouse in Maine, sits on a barren, storm-washed rock pile off York. It is not open to the public, but can be seen from Sohier Park in York Beach or on a local lighthouse cruise. The first Boon Island lighthouse was built in 1811.

Continue to KENNEBUNKPORT. Arrive at YOUR HOTEL for a two night stay. WELCOME RECEPTION is included this evening.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Your LOCAL GUIDE will meet you at your hotel and will conduct a guided tour of BEDROCK GARDEN including many structural elements such as paths, an espaliered fence, an arborvitae hedge, architecturally interesting rocks, pergolas, and garden art. The beds have exceptional plant varieties, often started as seedlings, including many unusual specimens of perennials, trees and shrubs.

LUNCH is included at the garden.

Next, you'll tour the HAMILTON HOUSE, a national historic landmark overlooking the Salmon Falls River in southern Maine. Built in 1785, there is a rich history following this home along with their beautiful garden. A century ago, Emily Tyson & her stepdaughter, Elise, came upon this stately mansion standing solitary on a bluff overlooking the Salmon Falls River. Despite the fact that the house was in derelict condition, its beauty cast a spell on them, as it does on all who visit it today. The two women purchased it and dedicated themselves to its restoration. Inspired by the Colonial Revival movement, they strove to create a vision of a glorious past, with painted murals, antiques, hooked rugs and country furnishings. The extensive formal garden & pergola have been partially restored.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. This morning, you will enjoy a leisurely one hour LOBSTER BOAT CRUISE aboard an authentic Maine lobster boats. Your Captain will take you on a narrated boat ride, show you lobster pots and even haul in a lobster trap for the day's catch. Take in the dramatic Maine coastline as part of your cruise.

Next, meet your LOCAL GUIDE for a narrated tour of KENNEBUNKPORT. Kennebunk's Lower Village & Kennebunkport's Dock Square is located along the ocean and Kennebunk River. Settled in the 1600's and a long time ship building mecca, the river banks saw five-masted ships and schooners making their way down the river on their way to the sea. Sea captains built fine mansions, many of which are preserved today as lovely inns with antique charm. Hear the history of these shipbuilding towns and the legend of the Wedding Cake House. Travel along OCEAN DRIVE with stunning views of Maine's rocky coastline, past the summer retreat of former President George H.W. Bush estate at Walker's Point. You'll also visit the seaside FRANCISCAN MONASTERY with its quiet beauty of riverside walking paths, English-style gardens, woodlands, and outdoor chapels.

Lunch is on your own in village of Kennebunkport.

Travel along the coast "downeast" to BAR HARBOR. Arrive at YOUR HOTEL for a two night stay.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. This morning, you'll meet your LOCAL GUIDE for a 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. Here, 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 the rich and famous visitors who built summer cottages in Bar Harbor. You'll tour this diverse flora, the WILD GARDENS OF ACADIA have tried to mimic the growing conditions found in these ecosystems of the park. You'll visit the 13 habitats.

Lunch on your own in Bar Harbor with free time to explore the waterfront which is filled with shops and dining options along the shoreline walking path.

Next, take a scenic BAR HARBOR NATURE CRUISE. Cruise on Frenchman's Bay, where you will search for eagles, porpoises, seals and other marine mammals and birds aboard this narrated sightseeing cruise. Pass by Egg Rock lighthouse and see the coastline views of Acadia National Park aboard the ACADIAN.

Tonight, don your souvenir Maine Lobster Hat for a TRADITIONAL MAINE LOBSTERBAKE dinner with all the fixin's. Your meal will be steamed in a large cooker where you can watch and ask questions about the lobster fishing and lobster cooking. You'll want to bring your appetite and camera when the cover is lifted to reveal the colorful blend of lobsters, clams, potato and corn-on-the-cob amidst the cloud of steam. Alternate menus are steak and haddock.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. You will begin your day with a visit to the exquisite and historic gardens of THUYA GARDEN LODGE and ASTICOU AZALEA GARDEN by way of ASTICOU TERRACE TRAIL which is breathtaking! (*note: Thuya Gardens are only accessible via an uphill hike only*). Thuya Garden and the surrounding land is a wonderful blend of semi-formal English border beds and indigenous eastern Maine woodlands situated on a granite hillside overlooking Northeast Harbor. The Asticou Terraces, is a combination of formal English flower beds with informal Japanese effects. Shrine-like pavilions, a pool, tone jars and tubs are set against a background of Maine woods and cedar fencing. This garden is famous for its azaleas.

Enjoy an INCLUDED LUNCH today at the elegant ASTICOU INN overlooking Northeast Harbor, famous for their popovers! This afternoon, tour CELLADOOR WINERY AND VINEYARD on a private estate near Camden Hills State Park. With samples of course!

Continue on to ROCKLAND, the Lobster Capital of the World. Arrive at YOUR HOTEL for a one night stay. Take a stroll down Main Street, lined with antique shops and art galleries towards the harbor front park with a boardwalk overlooking the Rockland Harbor lighthouse.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Travel south to BOOTHBAY HARBOR where you'll have a guided tour of the COASTAL MAINE BOTANICAL GARDENS. This garden features 35,000 bulbs guaranteed to brighten your day! Stroll among the roses, lupines, and rhododendrons at the 250-acres. See the beautiful coastline along woodland paths and walk along scenic riverbank paths. Travel to Freeport, home to the L.L. Bean flagship store. Enjoy lunch on your own in Freeport amongst a myriad of outlet shops and cafes.

This afternoon, you'll visit PINELAND FARMS, a privately owned working farm in the rolling hills of New Gloucester, near Freeport, Maine. The Garden at Pineland Farms features one-acre of perennial, herb, and Maine vegetable gardens. With over 130 varieties of perennials, blueberry bushes, apple trees, espaliered pear trees, 6,000 flowering annuals, and an ornamental conifer bed, there is plenty to look at and enjoy during your visit. You'll take a guided tour of the gardens, Morgan Horse barn and equestrian center and other highlights including free time to explore The Market.

Continue to the Portland, Maine area, which is Maine's largest city-by-the sea. Check in to YOUR HOTEL for two night stay.



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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. Travel to South Paris this morning for a tour of the MCLAUGHLIN GARDEN AND HORTICULTURAL CENTER, which is known as the best public garden in Maine, by legendary gardener Bernard McLaughlin. For seventy years, gardeners, garden lovers, and those in search of beauty and serenity in South Paris, Maine have been welcome. The horticultural talent and generosity of Bernard McLaughlin and his family has blessed visitors from all over.

This afternoon, you will meet your LOCAL GUIDE for a tour of HISTORIC PORTLAND. Step back in time, stroll neighborhoods of red brick buildings dating from the late 1860s which offer a glimpse of the careful craftsmanship and fine architecture of the era where visitors walk along pleasant residential streets just adjacent to the downtown. Visit the PORTLAND HEAD LIGHTHOUSE – Maine's oldest and also the most photographed! Portland Head Light was built in 1791. Commissioned by George Washington and dedicated by the Marquis de Lafayette. Portland Head has a white conical tower and a Victorian keeper's house with a red roof and eyebrow eaves on the porch.

Next, you'll take an exclusive guided tour of a local nearby lighthouse that generally closed for public viewing. This lighthouse is accessed via a granite jetty (*those unable to climb stairs or manage the uneven terrain to the lighthouse will be offered an alternate activity*). See how the lighthouse keepers lived on the Maine coast and enjoy the scenic view of Casco Bay when you walk out on the ledge at the top of this two story beacon.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

BREAKFAST is included this morning at your hotel. You'll tour the boyhood home of poet HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW. Faithfully restored to the 1850's, the house was built in 1785-86 by the poet's grandfather. The house is one of the oldest brick structures on Portland's Peninsula and contains original furnishings belonging to the Wadsworth and Longfellow families, who occupied the house until 1901. Plus, tour the elegant LONGFELLOW GARDEN behind the house, a Colonial Revival oasis amidst the modern bustle of Congress Street.

Depart for the AIRPORT with your fond memories of the beautiful Coastal Maine gardens.



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COASTAL MAINE
RESERVATION APPLICATION

June 3 – 10, 2020



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- Double Occupancy \$ 2995 per traveler Sharing room with:
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To secure your tour reservation, a deposit of \$500 per traveler is required (\$250 non-refundable). Final Payment will be due April 3, 2020.

- Check (Please make payable to Skads Travel)
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CANCELLATION and REFUND POLICY.

Before April 3, 2020: \$250
April 4 – May 4, 2020: 50% of Tour Cost
After May 4, 2020: No Refund

A valid U.S. government issued picture identification is required for this itinerary. Travel Insurance is recommended.

Liability Release: I understand the Cancellation and Refund Policy above. I further understand that The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Skads Travel Service and cooperating agents act only in the capacity of agents for members of the trip...

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