

# Beauty of Maine

## August 2024



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**Discover the beauty of Maine on this incredible adventure to the largest city by the sea!**

### Day 1 (Monday): Home to Rockford, IL

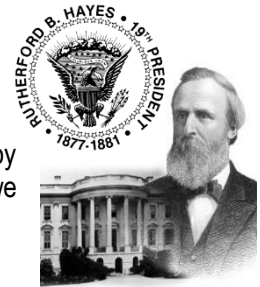
We begin our fabulous journey traveling through Iowa and into Illinois with comfort stops along the way to our first overnight in Rockford, IL. Tonight, we will have a welcome dinner and spend time with our new friends and other travelers.

**Included Meals: Dinner**

### Day 2 (Tuesday): Rockford, IL to North East, PA

Breakfast starts our day before today's travels have us crossing Indiana and stopping in Ohio to visit the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museum. The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum is America's first presidential library and the forerunner for the federal presidential library system. Hayes Presidential Library and Museum is located at President Hayes' 25-acre wooded estate, called Spiegel Grove. The Hayes Museum was founded in 1916 by the Hayes family and State of Ohio which tells the story of the life and times of President and Lucy Hayes. After our visit, we will travel to our next overnight in North East, Pennsylvania.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



### Day 3 (Wednesday): North East, PA to Portland, ME

Rise and shine to breakfast before we leave the state of Pennsylvania and travel through New York, stopping for lunch along the way. We arrive in Portland, where we will be staying for the next 4 nights. Tonight, we can sit back, relax and unwind in this beautiful waterfront community and enjoy a delicious welcome dinner together.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



### Day 4 (Thursday): Portland, ME

After breakfast we join our step on guide for a guided seaside city tour where we can enjoy the views and hear about the historic landmarks of Portland. See magnificent views of Casco Bay as we travel around the peninsula and see the boyhood home of the great American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow where he was born and raised as well as the last standing maritime observatory on the east coast, the Portland Observatory. We will visit the Portland Breakwater Lighthouse (aka Bug Light) for a photo opportunity and great view of the Portland skyline and the islands of Casco Bay. We will also explore the Portland Head Lighthouse,

first lit in 1791 and the most photographed lighthouse in America where you can get a close-up view of the glaciated rocky coast of Maine. An elegant tour of the Victoria Mansion will follow. A landmark distinguished for its architecture and its extraordinary original interiors and among the most important historic homes of the nineteenth century anywhere in the nation. This evening you will be treated to a harbor cruise and incredible lobster dinner!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



### Day 5 (Friday): Portland, ME

Following breakfast, we will drive through the picturesque countryside to a guided tour of Pineland Farms. Located in the rolling hills of New Gloucester, Pineland Farms is a 5,000-acre working farm, diverse business campus an educational recreational venue that welcomes visitors to enjoy its beautiful rural landscape. After our visit we will head to the Boothbay Railway Village featuring 28 historic structures where artifacts are displayed of rural Maine from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> through the mid-20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Take a ride aboard the Narrow-Gauge Steam Train and marvel at the antique auto exhibit with over 60 vehicles on display from 1902-1962. See the immense model railroad exhibit, authentic boxcars and much more. Tonight, get ready for the Carousel House Dinner Theatre Show!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



*Where history moves you.*



Day 6 (Saturday): Portland, ME

Today, we will embark on a guided tour of the charming coastal villages of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. These town centers are separated by 5 miles and two rivers, but united by a common history and a laid-back seaside vibe. We begin by exploring the Franciscan Monastery, established in 1947 with its beautiful English-style gardens, woodlands, outdoor chapels and shrines. View the beaches of Kennebunk while passing through the residential areas of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. This road is lined with majestic Federal and Victorian style mansions that were the homes of sea captains in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. See and hear the stories of the Wedding Cake House before passing through Dock Square and viewing the beautiful Walker's Point residence of 41<sup>st</sup> President George H.W. and Barbara Bush. Next, we are off to the Seashore Trolley Museum where you can enjoy a trolley ride on an authentically restored streetcar through the Maine countryside.



**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 7 (Sunday): Portland, ME to Niagara Falls, NY

We say goodbye to the beauty of Maine after breakfast and make our way to New York with comfort stops along the way. We will arrive Near Niagara Falls for our next overnight and relax for the big day ahead!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**



Day 8 (Monday): Niagara Falls, NY to Columbus, OH

Today, we will explore one of the 7 wonders of the world by visiting Niagara Falls. Many daredevils have attempted to "conquer" the falls in various contraptions from wooden barrels to rubber balls, but we will not be attempting any of that on this tour! Next, we head to Columbus, OH and visit the very interesting Rock and Roll Hall of Fame before retiring to our hotel for the evening.

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 9 (Tuesday): Columbus, OH to Milwaukee, WI

We begin our journey through Ohio to Wisconsin to our next overnight at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino where gaming fun awaits!

**Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 10 (Wednesday): Milwaukee, WI to Home

We make our way home from Wisconsin to Minnesota today. This tour is bound to leave you with lasting memories to share with family and friends.

**Included Meals: Breakfast**

**Highlights Include:** Motorcoach Transportation, 9 Days Lodging, Luggage Handling, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museum, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Home, Portland Observatory, Portland City Tour, Portland Breakwater Lighthouse, Portland Head Lighthouse, Victoria Mansion Tour, Seashore Trolley Museum, Boothbay Railway Village & Antique Auto Exhibit, Pineland Farms, Franciscan Monastery, Kennebunk & Kennebunkport, Niagara Falls, Lobster Dinner, Harbor Cruise, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, 19 Meals, and so much more!

**Price Per Person:**  
**TBD**

**\$200 Deposit**  
Per person required  
to reserve your spot!

**Final Payment**  
Due  
6/1/24

Personally Hosted  
By:  
*Patty Chmielewski*  
& *Michael Bell*



**Register NOW!**  
Seats fill fast!