

Portland, Maine

First settled in the early 1600s as part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the city endured multiple attacks during colonial conflicts.

Things to see: Old Port historic district with its cobblestone streets and warehouses, the Victoria Mansion dating back to pre-Civil War era, and the Portland Museum of Art.

Foods to try

- Lobster Roll: classic Maine dish. Luke's Lobster Portland Pier is the place to go!
- Oysters: Eventide Oyster Company is famous for its fresh oysters. The smoked mussels are also popular.
- Duckfat Restaurant: known for its Belgian fries and panini, it's a local favorite. The tomato soup is highly recommended.
- Scales Restaurant: on the waterfront, Scales serves a variety of seafood dishes, including clams, mussels, and calamari.



Excursions

Harbor Lights and Sights Cruise

Half maritime adventure, half sightseeing exploration, the best way to catch Portland's history is from the water. Gliding along Diamond Pass, you'll catch views of Civil War-era forts, historic lighthouses, and likely some lobster boats bobbing in the breeze. Perfect for all ages, you'll get to know the city and its maritime heritage, all while taking in its most scenic side. Bar, snacks, and comfortable restrooms onboard your vessel. Explore Portland Harbor, learning about its history from your knowledgeable crew. Witness Maine's oldest lighthouse, commissioned by George Washington. Nab views of the Casco Bay Islands, Fort Gorges, and more.

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Portland/Harbor-Lights-and-Sights-Cruise/d4382-312644P3?pid=P00002881&uid=U00204439&mcid=58086¤cy=USD>

Exploring on your own

Within walking distance:

- Victoria Mansion - 1 mile
- Maine Historical Society Museum - 1 mile
- Duckfat - 0.3 mile
- Eastern Cemetery - 0.5 mile (established 1668)
- Fort Allen Park - 0.7 mile (waterfront, beach, kayak/canoe rental)
- Portland Museum of Art - 1.1 mile
- Portland Observatory - 0.6 mile



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Casco Bay

- Portland Fire Engine Co. Tour Route
- Attractions Along The Route