



ITINERARY

AN ADVENTURE IN MAINE

From lobster shacks and craggy coastlines to precious lighthouses and hip craft breweries, Maine encapsulates everything that makes New England such a wonderful destination to visit. On this intrepid program, experience “Vacationland” in all its majesty by sea, air and land- with an added dose of adventure in the form of exhilarating bike tours, vintage biplane rides and hands-on lobstering experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn how to pull up and bait traps on an authentic lobster boat on the waters surrounding Acadia National Park.
- Enjoy insider access to Portland’s top breweries as you sip and taste your way through the heart of American craft beer culture.
- Spot humpbacks, fin, minke and even endangered right whales from the comfort of your private watercraft.

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ROUTE AND STOPS

7 Days & 6 Nights

- Bar Harbor/Acadia National Park
- Portland

TRAVEL STYLES

- Educational Travel
- Romance

PASSIONS

- Food + Drink
- Nature
- Sports + Adventure

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina
- Blind Tiger Portland



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN PORTLAND

Welcome to New England! Fly into Portland International Jetport and pick up your rental car before proceeding to your accommodations at The Danforth Inn. Housed in an 1823 Federal-style mansion with a rooftop cupola, the Danforth is an upscale inn conveniently located amongst Portland's charming waterfront downtown district. Spend the day settling into your room and exploring your surroundings.

Overnight at The Danforth Inn

DAY 2: LIGHTHOUSES OF PORTLAND

Kick off your adventure through Vacationland with an exhilarating private bike tour of Portland's treasured historic lighthouses. Meet your local guide to get fitted for your bikes before setting out on a route that will feature picturesque state park trails, rugged coastline views, and an assortment of historic forts and lighthouses. Arrive at the city's famed majestic Portland Head Light and enjoy a casual lobster roll picnic lunch (paid direct) set against breathtaking ocean views. Afterwards, head back into town center to return your gear and enjoy the rest of the day at your own pace.

Overnight at The Danforth Inn

DAY 3: CASCO BAY AND CRAFT BEER

Today, you will spend your morning on a sea kayaking expedition to the craggy islands of Casco Bay, alongside an expert guide with extensive knowledge of Maine's ecology. Meet on the Portland waterfront for a brief kayaking refresher course, then venture onto the open waters to enjoy views of seals, lighthouses and rustic island villages. Learn about the importance of Maine's prized natural resources before disembarking at a remote island beach for a gourmet picnic lunch. Afterwards, continue paddling through the glassy blue waters as you make your way back to shore, change into a pair of dry clothes and return to your hotel.

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In the afternoon, visit some legendary breweries while learning about the history of Maine's most important seaport city. With your guide's insider access to some top-tier breweries, sip and taste your way toward the realization that Portland's beer buzz is a proud part of its cultural fabric. From modern tasting rooms to the towering kettle-like tanks that dominate fermentation chambers, observe how Portland's brewhouses are blazing the trail of a craft beer nation. Once you have drunk your fill, make your way back to your hotel to enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight at The Danforth Inn

DAY 4: PORTLAND TO BAR HARBOR

This morning after breakfast, trade in Portland's urban charm for the natural splendor of Maine's crown jewel, Acadia National Park. Make your way up the coast, arriving in Bar Harbor in time for lunch at your elegantly-appointed accommodations at the Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina. Take some time to unwind and relax as you enjoy this waterfront property's luxurious amenities. In the afternoon, head to Frenchman's Bay for an aerial survey of your new surroundings aboard an authentic 1930's biplane. Enjoy stunning bird's-eye views of Acadia's rugged rock-bound shores, islands, lakes and beaches against the romantic backdrop of the setting sun. Fly over the stately homes of Mt. Desert Island and see if you can pick out all seven of the nearby lighthouses from the air. Once back on terra firma, make your way back to your hotel to enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Overnight at Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina

DAY 5: BIKING AND WHALE WATCHING

Explore Acadia National Park's 47,000 acres of raw beauty this morning on a private guided bike tour. Learn about the details of this stunning natural environment, from its unique glacial history to the diverse flora and fauna that call it home, as you traverse a small segment of its network of carriage trails comprised of gravel roads and stone bridges. At the end of your tour, you will pedal back to the bike shop, rack up your bike, and enjoy lunch in town.

In the afternoon, board a private watercraft in Bass Harbor and head out into the open ocean in search of the many species of whale that can be found in these biodiverse waters. With luck, you may catch sight of humpbacks, fins, minke and even endangered right whales as they frolic, breach and blow in their natural habitat. Your experienced captain will navigate to get you as close as is allowed by law to the marine life you encounter. Along the whales, enjoy unparalleled views of the scenic Maine coastline, undisturbed by human habitation. As the afternoon winds to a close, make your way back to the harbor and proceed to your hotel for some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Overnight at Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina

DAY 6: LOBSTER FISHING AND LUNCH CRUISE

This morning, arrive at the docks of Acadia's Northeast Harbor to head out on an authentic lobster boat for a sightseeing tour of the Somes Sound. you head to your first set of lobster traps, your Captain will be on the lookout for gregarious seals and porpoises, as well as ospreys and eagles hunting for their next catch. Upon arrival at the fishing spot, you will gain a deeper understand of the ins and outs of the life of a lobsterman as you help pull up traps, bait and replace them. Wish the lobsters well as you make your way to Little Cranberry Island, where you will disembark for a delicious seafood lunch (paid direct) at a renowned lobster shack perched over the water. After lunch, peruse the adjacent art gallery and gift shop, before boarding the boat for your return journey back into the sound.

Overnight at Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina

DAY 7: DEPARTURE

After breakfast, say goodbye to Maine, and make your way back to Bangor International Airport, where you will drop off your rental car and begin the journey home.

ACCOMMODATIONS



HARBORSIDE HOTEL, SPA & MARINA

BAR HARBOR/ACADIA NATIONAL PARK, MAINE, UNITED STATES

Unwind and relaxed at this elegantly-appointed seaside retreat where the spirit of coastal Maine meets gracious hospitality and exceptional amenities.



BLIND TIGER PORTLAND

PORTLAND, MAINE, UNITED STATES

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