



LOUDOUN COUNTY SENIOR TRIPS PROGRAM



The Maine Adventure

Featuring Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor

8 Days – 7 Nights

May 31 – June 7, 2024

Maine... home to the magnificent rocky shores, cliffs, and bluffs that characterize the beauty of coastal Maine. Come along for a true authentic Maine Adventure featuring the region's jewel, Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor.

Day One, Friday, May 31, 2024

Depart the **Cascades Senior Center** and head north for the coastal state of **Maine**. Stop to tour the **Mark Twain House & Museum** with interactive exhibits and a 30-minute presentation by their **Living History Interpreter** in the Carriage Barn. A special **included dinner** is planned this evening to coincide with your visit. Overnight at the **Hampton Inn & Suites Hartford East in Connecticut**. (Meals: D)

Day Two, Saturday, June 1, 2024

Enjoy an **included breakfast** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out and continuing your northbound journey. Arrive in **Portland's** historic waterfront district, the **Old Port Exchange**. Stretch your legs, shop, have lunch on own, and stroll the cobblestone streets featuring beautiful views of the **Casco Bay**. Depart for **Bangor** this afternoon where you'll meet your local **Guide** and embark on a "**Tommy Knocker Tour**" of **Bangor** to include several sites from **Stephen King** novels and films, plus a photo stop at the giant **Paul Bunyan** statue. This evening, dine at a local favorite restaurant with **dinner included** before checking in to the **Resident Inn by Marriott Bangor** to rest and relax. (Meals: B, D)

Day Three, Sunday, June 2, 2024

Enjoy an **included breakfast** at the hotel prior to checking out and departing for **Bar Harbor**. You'll see quiet little protected harbors filled with working lobster boats along the way. Ospreys and bald eagles nest high in the spruce trees along the rugged shores, deer browse the open fields, moose forage the wetlands, and harbor seals make their annual pilgrimage to quiet coves. Hop off the motor coach and onto the boat! Sail away on a **Sightseeing / Nature Cruise of Frenchman's Bay** and glide along the calm waters of the harbor to witness a variety of marine life on this narrated excursion. Visit a small island to look at harbor seals basking on the rocks and enjoy the majestic scenery of the Maine coast. Explore **Northeast Harbor** with free time for shopping and lunch on your own. The small village of Northeast Harbor has several boutiques, galleries, and lunch spots to enjoy. Afterwards, check-in to the **Harborside Hotel Bar Harbor** located just steps away from the ocean and village shops. A traditional **Maine Lobster Bake Dinner** with all the fixings is included this evening. (Meals: B, D)

Day Four, Monday, June 3, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning. Explore **The Abbe Museum**, Maine's most extensive Native American heritage museum in Bar Harbor, focusing on the four tribes in Maine, (Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot). **Free time** has been allotted for shopping and lunch on own in Bar Harbor at the boutiques and eateries along the shorefront. This afternoon, breathe the salty ocean air as you climb aboard the traditional, Downeast-style lobster boat, **Lulu!** Cruising on Lulu makes the prettiest coastal Maine postcard seemingly come to life. During your cruise, you'll learn of the life and work of Maine lobster fishing. You'll even see a demonstration of how lobster traps are hauled. Lulu will slowly and quietly approach the rock ledges where the seals rest at the lower tides. Observe sea birds, bald eagles, and other marine wildlife in their natural environment. Dock, disembark, and depart for a delicious **dinner included** at a local favorite restaurant before returning to your hotel to rest and relax. (Meals: B, D)

Day Five, Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning. Depart on a **Guided Tour of Acadia National Park**, celebrated for its breathtaking beauty ever since the island was discovered in 1604 by Samuel de Champlain, who named it, 'Isle de Monts Desert', or Mt. Desert Island, for its bare, desert-like mountaintops. You'll see its tremendous coastline views and hear stories of the Victorian "rusticators", more recent visitors, and famous residents. **Free time** has been allotted this afternoon for shopping and lunch on own in Bar Harbor, followed by additional time at your leisure back at the hotel to enjoy the area, relax at the hotel, or explore the waterfront. **Dinner is included** at the hotel today before departing for an exciting night. A delightful treat is in store this evening at **Timber Tina's Great Maine Lumberjack Show!** See "the Olympics of the Forest" re-enacted as the lumberjacks and loggers used to compete 100 years ago. You will hear the big crosscut saws singing in the forest, just as you would have heard in a logging camp competition in the Maine woods. Watch the thrilling lumberjack sports of wood chopping and sawing, tree climbing, ax throwing, and crowd favorite: log rolling; all exhibited with a modern twist mixed with history, comedy, and lots of non-stop, razor-sharp action! (Meals: B, D)

Day Six, Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out. Depart south to mid-coast Maine where you'll meet your **Guide** for a narrated **Tour** of the picturesque villages of **Rockport** and **Camden** along with a **photo stop** atop **Mt. Battie** located within the beautiful **Camden Hills State Park**. Enjoy **free time** to explore, shop, and have lunch on your own in Camden. Continue your journey and check-in at **Meadowmere Resort**. While your luggage is delivered to your room, relax with a **Welcome Reception** followed by free time for sightseeing in **Ogunquit**, or strolling along **The Marginal Way's** shoreline walking paths featuring beautiful scenic overlooks. A lovely **included dinner** this evening wraps up your day before returning to the resort for the night. (Meals: B, D)

Day Seven, Thursday, June 6, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out. This morning, stop in **York, ME** for an Instagram-worthy photo of Maine's southernmost lighthouse, the **Nubble Light in Cape Neddick** near **York Beach**. From this location, you'll be able to spot the infamous **Boon Island Lighthouse**, just offshore. Step back in time exploring **Strawberry Banke Museum** in **Portsmouth, New Hampshire**. From stories of the Indigenous peoples to the present day, the museum brings more than 350 years of history to life right before your eyes. You'll be invited to tour historic houses on their original sites, meet engaging costumed role players, watch traditional crafts demonstrations, and explore heirloom gardens and historical landscapes. **Free time** has been set aside for additional exploration, shopping, and lunch on own while visiting in Portsmouth. This evening, check-in to the **Courtyard by Marriott Waterbury Downtown** to rest, relax, and enjoy a free evening to take advantage of the local amenities and nearby restaurants. (Meals: B)

Day Eight, Friday, June 7, 2024

Enjoy **breakfast included** at the hotel this morning prior to checking out and departing for home. A stop en route is planned for lunch on your own and time to explore at **DECO**, a contemporary and casual food hall in **Wilmington, DE**, featuring eight unique restaurant installations located on the 10th Street side of the Dupont building. (Meals: B)

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 3660 Member / \$ 3705 Non-Member
SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$ 4904 Member / \$ 4949 Non-Member

Tour Includes:

- Round-trip Luxury Motor Coach transportation,
- Seven (7) Nights' Hotel Accommodation with round-trip baggage handling,
- 7 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners,
- Admissions and guide services as stated in the Itinerary.
- Gratuities for Driver
- Payable in 4 Installments
- **TRIP # 946630**

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Important note: This trip requires extensive walking and long periods of standing. Fees are non-refundable, although a refund minus a 25% administrative fee may be issued if seat is resold. Purchase of Travel Insurance recommended.