

# Maine and Canadian Maritime

## Adventure

### August 12-22, 2017

#### Itinerary

##### Saturday, August 12, 2017

Make your way to the Sturbridge, Mass., area today. Stop for dinner at 5 p.m. at Salem Cross Inn, an historic inn built in 1705. Experience Yankee hospitality amid fieldstone fireplaces, chestnut ceiling beams and extensive American antique furnishings. You'll be treated to a hearth-cooked meal, with a demonstration on how their featured colonial dessert is created. Mouth-watering deep-dish apple pie with fresh whipped cream is included. Continue to north-central Mass. and check in to your hotel (tentatively Holiday Inn Tewksbury) in the Andover MA area. The hotel features an indoor pool and Jacuzzi, restaurant and lounge. (Dinner)

##### Sunday, August 13, 2017

Travel through the New Hampshire seacoast and meet your guide for a narrated tour of Kennebunkport. Drive past the sandy beaches and rocky coastline, past the George Bush estate at Walker's Point, hear the history of these ship-building towns and the legend of the Wedding Cake House. You'll also visit the seaside Franciscan Monastery with its beautiful landscaping, outdoor shrines and chapel. Free time in Kennebunkport for lunch on your own, with motorcoach parking provided near Dock Square.

Travel to Portland, a restored seacoast town and Maine's largest city. Downtown Portland is known for its beautifully restored historic districts, including the arts district and the popular Old Port waterfront. In the center of the arts district, you'll tour the boyhood home of poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Faithfully restored to the 1850s, 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. You'll also tour the elegant Longfellow garden behind the house, a Colonial Revival oasis amidst the modern bustle of Congress Street. Before checking in to your hotel nearby, you'll have your choice of riding to Cape Elizabeth for a photo stop at Maine's oldest and most photographed beacon, Portland Head Lighthouse. Or you may choose some free time before dinner in Portland's historic waterfront district, the Old Port, which is lined with unique shops, boutiques and art galleries.

Check in to the Clarion Hotel Portland, located 1 mile from the waterfront, for a one-night stay. Hotel features an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, restaurant and lounge. Meet the Maine Tour Lobsterette on arrival, who will provide a souvenir lobster hat for each passenger at your welcome reception (Breakfast, Dinner)

##### Monday, August 14, 2017

After a hot buffet breakfast, visit Pineland Farms, a privately owned working farm and gardens in the rolling hills of New Gloucester, near Freeport, Maine. You'll take a guided tour of the unique dairy, horse, and poultry barns and see cheese being made in their creamery. Your tour will also include a guided stroll through the beautiful flower gardens as well.



### **Monday, August 14, 2017 continued**

A box lunch is included to eat at the farm or on the way to the ferry. At 1:15, board the Bay Ferries "CAT ferry" for your 5 1/2 hour afternoon crossing from Portland, Maine to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Departs Portland 2:30, arrives 9 p.m. local time. Passengers will be seated in spacious reserved seats. Movie theater on board and café dinner on own. Your motorcoach goes on board with you. After clearing customs, your kilted, Atlantic Canada Tour director will meet you at the dock in Yarmouth and escort you to your hotel, tentatively the Rodd Grand, just 2 blocks from the ferry terminal. The hotel features an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, dining room and lounge. You'll turn your watch ahead 1 hour for the remainder of your tour in Canada. Your guide stays with you until Saturday morning in New Brunswick. (Breakfast & Box Lunch)

### **Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

After a full breakfast, your guide will embark on today's journey from Yarmouth along the southwestern tip of Nova Scotia known for its Acadian roots, colorful fishing villages and towering churches. The first stop of the day will be Annapolis Royal. Experience an incredible fusion of heritage and gardens here as you explore the 17-acre Historic Gardens. Continue towards the Bay of Fundy where you'll stop in this agricultural region for a tour and wine tasting at Annapolis Valley Winery. Make your way to Halifax for a two-night stay at a downtown hotel. Roll up your sleeves and don your lobster hat for a lobster-choice dinner at a local restaurant. Alternate entrees are available for landlubbers. (Breakfast & Lobster Dinner)

### **Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

Venture to the quaint fishing village of Peggy's Cove this morning for an included breakfast with a picturesque view of the lighthouse, which sits atop wave-washed rocks. Upon returning to Halifax, the day continues with a tour of the historic neighborhoods and waterfront, including a guided tour of Halifax Public Gardens, a fabulous example of Victorian landscaping in the heart of downtown. Later visit the Fairview Lawn cemetery to see the graves of Titanic victims and learn the history of this capital seaport from Citadel Hill. Free time to explore the Halifax waterfront on your own, then reconvene for a traditional Nova Scotia-style pub dinner. (Breakfast & Dinner)

### **Thursday, August 17, 2017**

After an included full breakfast, make your way to the storybook Prince Edward Island via the Confederation Bridge, the world's largest multi-span bridge (9 miles long). Your visit to this delightful island includes Anne of Green Gables Heritage House, a National Historic site, which has become famous as the inspiration for Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic tale, Anne of Green Gables. You'll also tour the coastline in Prince Edward Island National Park, renowned for its red sandstone cliffs, fine white sand beaches, rolling sand dunes and the warmest waters north of the Carolinas. Enjoy an overview tour of Charlottetown before checking in to your downtown hotel for a one-night stay. After an early dinner, attend a performance of the Anne & Gilbert Musical at the Guild Theater, featuring a fun and entertaining story about "the grownup Anne." (Breakfast & Dinner)

### **Friday, August 18, 2017**

After an included breakfast, return across the Confederation Bridge – the world's longest multi-span bridge that separates Prince Edward Island from the province of New Brunswick. Continue your tour along the coastal route through the Bay of Fundy National Park. You'll stop to see Hopewell Rocks where the high tides have carved flower pots from the rocks, and if the tide is low, you'll be able to walk along the ocean floor. Tour the highlights of the Loyalist City of Saint John, including a stop at Reversing Falls Rapids, where the river appears to flow backwards. Check in the Chateau St. John in downtown St. John, which looks like a castle. Dinner included this evening. (Breakfast & Dinner)

### **Saturday, August 19, 2017**

Say farewell to your Atlantic tour director this morning at breakfast. You'll then travel unescorted to St. Andrews-by-the-Sea where you will tour Kingsbrae Gardens, a multi-award winning horticultural masterpiece (guided tour provided, pending availability). Lunch is included at the gardens. Drive through the seaside resort past the Algoquin Hotel. Cross the border from New Brunswick to Calais, Maine and head south through "downeast Maine" where the fields are covered in wild blueberries. You'll tour the Welch Blueberry Farm near Machias on your way to Mt. Desert Island. Cross the causeway to Bar Harbor and check in at the Atlantic Eyrie Lodge. The hotel sits high on a ridge overlooking Frenchman's Bay, about a mile from the village. The oversized guest rooms all have a private balcony facing the ocean and an outdoor pool. Dinner included in the Bar Harbor area. (Breakfast & Dinner)

### **Sunday, August 20, 2017**

After a deluxe continental breakfast (dine in the breakfast room or take a tray to your balcony), you'll meet your local guide for a day touring Acadia National Park and several gardens. 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. On this morning's tour, you'll see tremendous coastline views that have attracted the elite to this area for years and hear stories of the Victorian "rusticators," more recent visitors and famous residents. Highlights include the stunning Loop Road, the summit of Cadillac Mountain, the crashing waves at Thunder Hole and quiet beauty of the inland park scenery. Hear the stories of the first settlers and "the rusticators" who began vacationing in Bar Harbor to escape the hot cities. You'll visit Sieur de Monts, the Wild Gardens of Acadia and have an included lunch at the elegant Asticou Inn, pending availability. This afternoon tour the Asticou Azalea Gardens and Thuya Terraces (note Thuya Gardens are only accessible via an up hill hike. There is no motorcoach access at the top, but the coach can take anyone unable to walk for a short drive on the "quiet side of the island" instead.) Your guide will stay with you until about 3 p.m. You'll have free time in Bar Harbor village to explore the waterfront shops and galleries, or stroll along the ocean on a shoreline walking path. A Maine lobster-bake dinner is included this evening at 7:15, with your choice of lobster, baked haddock, steak grilled to order or grilled vegetable skewers – and plenty of steamed mussels, Maine potato, corn on the cob and wild blueberry cake. (Del Continental Breakfast & Lobster Dinner)

### **Monday, August 21, 2017**

Make your way south along the mid-Maine coast through Camden and make a rest stop at Merryspring Park & Nature Center. Continue to Boothbay Harbor, where you'll take a guided tour of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Here the Maine woods meets the wetlands shore with a variety of special theme gardens such as the wildflower garden and the children's garden (the most popular!) Your guided tour is approximately 1 hour, followed by free time to explore the impressive gardens and shoreline paths at your own pace. A box lunch is included to enjoy on your way south. Make your way to the Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts for your overnight stay at Hampton Inn Chicopee, near Springfield. Dinner on own en route or nearby. (Deluxe Continental Breakfast & Box Lunch)

### **Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

After a hot breakfast, make your way to Millbrook, NY, a tour of Innisfree Garden. You'll tour the Chinese style gardens with the landscape curator who will show you highlights of this beautiful garden with its streams, waterfalls and terraces designed by landscape architect, Lester Collins. Make your way home in the early afternoon with your majestic memories of scenery and greenery in New England and the Atlantic Maritimes! (Breakfast)

### **Trip includes:**

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- 10 Breakfasts (7 full, 3 deluxe continental)
- 9 Dinners (including 2 lobster choice dinners, 1 Nova Scotia pub dinner)
- 2 Lunches (NB & Bar Harbor)
- 1 way ferry service for passengers & motorcoach on Bay Ferries The CAT from Portland ME to Yarmouth NS
- Full time guide on Canada portion of tour from Yarmouth NS to St John NB
- All Canada bridge & road tolls including Confederation bridge
- Guided tour of Kennebunkport including coach parking near Dock Square
- Guided tour of Longfellow House & Garden Portland, Pineland Farms, Gloucester
- Free time in Kennebunkport, Portland, Bar Harbor
- Guided tours of Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, Annapolis Valley Wineries with wine tasting, Peggy's Cove, Halifax city & Halifax Public Gardens, Fairview Lawn cemetery, Anne of Green Gables Heritage House, PEI National Park, Hopewell Rocks & Fundy National Park, Reversing Falls, Kingsbrae Gardens NB
- Guided tours of Welch Blueberry Farm, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens
- Guided tour of Acadia National Park, including Cadillac Mountain, Sieur Du Monts Gardens, Asticou Gardens, Thuya Terraces
- Guided tour of Innisfree Gardens, Millbrook NY with landscape curator
- George Weigel
- Escort
- Taxes & gratuities, except driver & guide gratuities
- Luggage service (1 bag per person, additional bags \$4 each, per hotel)

**Cost:**

**\$3,495 Double Occupancy / \$4,295 Single Occupancy**

**Travel Insurance \$225pp**

**Terms & Conditions**

Our standard terms and conditions apply.

**Deposit Requirements**

An initial deposit of \$250 is required to confirm reservation.

Travel Insurance must be purchased at the time of booking to cover pre-existing conditions.

Full payment must be received by June 1, 2017.

**Baggage** ~ Portage of baggage is included in program, it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard baggage per person. We recommend that passengers limit baggage to 1 suitcase per person plus 1 carry on.

**Items Not Included** ~ Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, laundry, telephone charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel or returning home.

**Gratuities** ~ tips for baggage handling, chambermaids, and waiting staff for included meals are included.

Gratuities are not included to the motorcoach driver and tour guides. These are at the participant's discretion. A guideline of \$2.00 per person per day for the guide and \$5.00 per person per day for the driver.

**Taxes** ~ Our prices include all government taxes as levied as of the date of this proposal. In the event that additional taxes are introduced by governing bodies or existing taxes increased, we will have to pass on all such additional charges to the individual passengers concerned.

**Insurance** ~ We strongly recommend that all passengers be adequately insured for medical expenses, baggage loss or damage and trip cancellation or interruption. This is the responsibility of individual tour participants. Insurance is \$225pp.

**Visa & Passports** ~ As of the time of going to print, US citizens require a full and valid passport.

**Garden Series ~ Maine & Canadian Maritime Adventure**  
**Package Price:**  
**\$3,495pp Double Occupancy - \$4,295pp Single Occupancy**

Enclosed please find a deposit in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250 pp) to secure reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ # people

I (We) wish to purchase Travel Insurance      yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find payment in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$225pp) to secure Travel Insurance  
Travel insurance must be purchased with original deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

Total Payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit names exactly as they appear on passports

Passport Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate's Passport Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount to be Charged : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit due with registration \$250pp / Final payment due by June 1, 2017