



Maine Motorcoach Update for 2025

Maine is ready to welcome the group industry with warm hospitality, scenic vistas, and a wealth of opportunities for groups to enjoy the depth and breadth of what makes Maine special. The following is only a sampling of Maine lodging, dining and entertainment options.

What's New in Maine

Maine has a new **national monument**. Located in the scenic town of Newcastle adjacent to the Damariscotta River, the **Frances Perkins Homestead National Monument** honors Frances Perkins' (1880-1965) trailblazing advocacy for social justice and labor rights. The first woman to hold a Cabinet position in the U.S. as Secretary of Labor under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, she was the driving force behind many of the benefits and safeguards American workers count on today.

Coastal Maine Botanical in Boothbay, a public garden extending 323 acres featuring ornamental and themed gardens as well as interpreted trails, has unveiled two new works by Indigenous artists to create permanent public art pieces that amplifies Indigenous wisdom, artistry, and presence.

Maine Day Ventures has added a food and history tour in Biddeford. The 2.5-hour walking tour takes you along revitalized Main Street and through town where textile mills and a thriving theatre and opera scene once took place. Food stops include a family bakeshop, pizza from Maine's original pizza maker and local ice cream. The company offers a variety of tours in several Maine cities and towns.

The **Maine Maritime Museum** recently published new group rates for their cruises and tours. Tours include cruises to learn about Maine's shipbuilding history and lighthouse cruises

Lodging

Bluebird Ocean Point Inn is a newly renovated and redesigned coastal Maine summer getaway in the idyllic town of Boothbay Harbor.

Alouette Beach Resort – Choose from a beach house, hotel room, luxury suite or economy room located on seven-mile beautiful Old Orchard Beach. alouettebeachresort.com

West Quoddy Station – Offering a range of lodges, apartments and cottages adjacent to picturesque Quoddy Head State Park. quoddyvacation.com

Hampton Inn Rockland – Located within 10 minutes of the best of Rockland, this hotel features an indoor pool, fitness center, free hot breakfast and Wi-Fi. hilton.com

Hampton Inn in Presque Isle – Offering free breakfast and an indoor pool, this hotel in The County is the perfect overnight stay whether you're coming to or leaving Maine. hilton.com/en/hotels/pqimahx-hampton-presque-isle

Residence Inn Scarborough – These well-equipped studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites are just minutes from the downtown hub of Portland, picturesque beaches and lighthouses. marriott.com

The Bethel Inn – Grand, 1913 historic resort fully updated with modern amenities and golf course—all located within a drive of outdoor hikes, water activities, museums, shopping and more. bethelinn.com

Attractions

The Kittery Outlets – Offers over 120 popular brand name outlet stores and the famous Kittery Trading Post spanning a mile-long shopping center. thekitteryoutlets.com



Lucky Catch – Guided excursions on Casco Bay showcasing the daily routine of Maine lobstermen, with the option to participate hauling the traps or relaxing. luckycatch.com

Norlands Washburn – 19th-century ancestral home brought to life through the grand property, costumed interpreters, events and tours showcasing one of the era's great political and industrial families. norlands.org

Maine Wildlife Park – Home to over 30 species of Maine wildlife that cannot be returned to their natural habitats, this park aims to educate the public and protect Maine wildlife. maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park

Puffin Cruises – Choose to cruise around New Harbor, Boothbay Harbor and more as you learn about and spot puffin colonies. projectpuffin.audubon.org

Lulu's Lobster Rides – Sail from the heart of Bar Harbor on a traditional Downeast-style lobster boat, offering lobster fishing, sightseeing and seal watching. lululobsterboat.com

Katahdin Cruises – Cruises on a historic 1914 steamboat offering cruises around Sugar Island, Mount Kineo on beautiful Moosehead Lake. katahdincruises.com/katahdin-cruises

Dining

Cindy's Dockside – Open year-round, this casual dining spot offers both indoor/outdoor seating with sweeping water views of Middle Range Pond and is known for lobsters, fried clams, burgers and more. dockside.me

Timber in Bangor – Conveniently located in downtown Bangor, this American restaurant is a great spot for tasty food and beverages inside the Residence Inn.

Mason's Brewing Company in Brewer – With great river views from both the outdoor and indoor dining space, this brewery with an extensive craft beer list also cooks up inventive pub food. masonsbrewingcompany.com

Nor'Easter Pound and Market – Co-founded by a lobsterman and captain, fresh catches are brought directly to the Nor'Easter Pound and Market to be served up to loyal patrons and visitors. northeastlobster.com

The Bistro at Atlantic Oceanside in Bar Harbor – Fine casual fine dining with local flair and a full bar, relaxed atmosphere and unparalleled views of Frenchman Bay. barharbormainehotel.com/the-hotel/bistro



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