

Maine Culinary Itinerary

This culinary exploration tour uses Portland as your base for day trips to some of Maine's most delicious places. Appropriate for groups of 25 or fewer.

Day 1

Portland to Kennebunkport (Approx. 40 mins)

Head to Kennebunkport for a delicious lunchtime walking tour with **Maine Foodie Tours**. This 3-hour tour only covers a half-mile of Kennebunkport but you will visit and taste yummy Maine treats at six venues, filling you up with knowledge and food! Then, it's south to the town of York (approx. ½ hour). Here you can visit **Stonewall Kitchen's Company Store and Café**. This well-known Maine brand is available nationwide but there's nothing better than shopping and tasting where it all began. You can register for cooking classes, too, if you want to plan ahead. As you head back north to Portland, be sure to stop at **Len Libby Chocolates** in Scarborough – home of Lenny, the world's only life-size chocolate moose.



Day 2

Portland

Portland's food scene is incredible. *Bon Appetit* magazine named it "America's Foodiest Small Town" and The Food Network named the city as one of its top five "Most Delicious Destinations." The city has countless restaurants, diners, cafes and pubs, and there's a lot more than seafood.



Today, **Maine Foodie Tours** will treat you to the taste of Maine's culinary capital while exploring this historic city's Old Port and working waterfront with an Old Port Lunchtime Lobster Crawl tour.

Then it's off on **The Maine Brew Bus** to taste Portland's own beer, mead and hard cider. But feel free to continue to check out Maine's microbrew scene at dinner tonight. When Gritty's Brew Pub opened in 1988 it was Maine's first brewpub since prohibition and it has continued to be a leader in the microbrewery scene since. Or, visit the Sea Dog Brewing Company restaurant in South Portland.

Day 3

Maine's Wine Country

From Portland, head to Union, Maine (approx. 1.5 hours). The rolling hills of farm country are home to several of Maine's premier winemakers. At **Sweetgrass Winery & Distillery** you'll be amazed at the variety of wines and spirits produced at this family-run farm, including gin and rum. At **Savage Oakes**, the owners/winemakers also raise Belted Galloway beef cattle, pork and wild blueberries. A tour of their facility includes winemaking, as well as their other agriculture programs. All points lead to Lincolnville (approx. ½ hour from Union) – the quintessential winery experience in Maine is **Cellardoor Winery**. After your tour and tasting, you'll want to spend some time shopping in their gift shop for unique and hard-to-find treasures.



Follow iconic Route 1 south towards Rockland (*approx. ½ hour*), stopping by the **State of Maine Cheese Company** in Rockport.

Day 4

Farms and Potato Vodka

Start your day off with a visit to the **Pineland Farms** campus in New Gloucester for a tour of their dairy facility and cheese-making process (*approx. 30 mins from Portland*). Now the largest producer of cheese in the state, Pineland is operated as a not-for-profit organization committed to demonstrating responsible farming techniques. Allow time for shopping in their Marketplace full of locally made goodies.



Then it's off to Freeport (*approx. 20 mins from New Gloucester*). The **Cold River Vodka Distillery** has gained a cult following for their unique brand of potato vodka. The distillery only uses Maine potatoes and Maine water, keeping their product as authentically Maine as possible. Stop by and tour the facility, peruse the gift shop and maybe try a sample of their signature Maine vodka.

Freeport is, of course, known best for the **L.L. Bean** flagship store, open 24 hours a day, year round and the amazing outlet stores; there are numerous wonderful dining options, too.

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