

Hub & Spoke from Portland, Maine

Day 1

Portland and Lighthouses

Hop on a bike for a 5 Lighthouse Bike Tour with **Bike Portland Maine**. Cycle 13-20 miles along the coast from Portland to Cape Elizabeth to see the iconic **Portland Headlight**, among others. Lunch is a lobster roll overlooking Casco Bay.



Then it's time to shop and enjoy the plentiful food options in the Old Port. Be sure to contact the **Greater Portland CVB** and order discount restaurant brochures.

Day 2

Shopping and Beaches in the South

Kittery (Approx. 1 hour from Portland)

From Orvis to Coach and everything in between, the more than 120 stores of the **Kittery Outlets** offer something for everyone on the bus. Call ahead and order coupon books for all your guests.

Head north to **York** (Approx. ¼ hour from Kittery or ¾ hour from Portland)

Shop and/or enjoy lunch at **Stonewall Kitchen's Company Store and Café**. One of Maine's top brands of products, it is available nationwide, but there's nothing better than shopping and tasting where it all began.



Visit Sohier Park in York Beach, which is the perfect place to view **Nubble Lighthouse**. This picturesque and often-photographed lighthouse features a charming, Victorian keeper's house with gingerbread trim and a lantern with miniature cast iron lighthouses on its railing.

Day 3

Explore the surrounding communities near Portland. In the "Choose Your Own Adventure" fashion, select to head either up the coast or inland.

Inland Adventures: The towns along Route 26 to the north-west of Portland include Gray, Poland Springs and New Gloucester. In Gray (approx. ½ hour from Portland), the **Maine Wildlife Park** serves as a home for animals that can no longer survive on their own. Residents include a bald eagle, moose, fox, bobcat, black bear and mountain lion. Visit one or more of the historic sites at **Poland Spring** including The Maine State Building (from the 1893 Chicago World's Fair) and Poland Spring Preservation Park (the original source of Poland Spring water.)

Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, New Gloucester is the only active and functioning Shaker Village in the world. The museum buildings encompass more than 200 years of Shaker history. Guided tours offer insight into this unique religion and way of life.

Possible Additions on or Near Route 26:

Cyndi's Dockside, Poland: Stop for lunch at the water's edge right on Route 26. The perfect location to stop for fresh Maine lobster, seafood, salads, sandwiches and daily specials.

Cole Farms Family Restaurant, Gray: For 50 years, Cole Farms has kept a tradition of offering delicious comfort food, at low, reasonable prices. This is a great meal option.

Pineland Farms, New Gloucester (approx. ¼ hour from Gray): Offers tours of their dairy facility and cheese-making process. Now the largest producer of cheese in the state, Pineland is committed to demonstrating responsible farming techniques. Allow time for shopping in their marketplace full of locally made goodies.

North of Portland Adventures:



Freeport (Approx. ½ hour from Portland):

Travel to **Freeport** for **L.L. Bean** and outlet shopping. Stay as late as you'd like – L.L. Bean is open 24 hours a day. Contact Freeport USA in advance for a step-on guide welcome including customized coupons for your group and/or for ideas for shopping-alternative activities in Freeport.

Bath/Brunswick (Approx. ¾ hour from Portland):

Learn about maritime history at the **Maine Maritime Museum** in Bath. Visit the famous Bowdoin College campus where you can enjoy the **Art Museum** and the **Peary MacMillan Arctic Museum**. Visit historic **Fort Popham** and **Popham Beach**. If time allows, enjoy an evening performance at the **Maine State Music Theatre** in Brunswick.

Wiscasset (approx. ¼ hour from Freeport): Enjoy two prime examples of 1800 era Victorian architecture and life at Castle Tucker and the Nickels-Sortwell House.

Day 4

And, there's always more to do in Portland! If your plans allow, spend some additional time exploring Maine's largest, yet charming, city of Portland.

- **Portland Observatory**, America's last standing 19th century maritime signal station; the 86-foot tall observatory was built in 1807 overlooking Portland Harbor and Casco Bay
- The **working waterfront & Old Port** District
- Historic sea captains' homes on the **Eastern Promenade**
- The boyhood home of poet **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**
- **Victoria Mansion**
- **DiMillo's** on the Portland waterfront; originally a car and passenger ferry, the ship is now the largest floating restaurant on the east coast with fabulous harbor views and award-winning dining



OR Choose a Specialized Tour

- Contact **Portland Discovery Tours** for a Portland Harbor Cruise or a Trolley Tour
- Take a **Maine Foodie Tour** of the Old Port
- Take a **Brew Bus Tour**
- Visit the **Portland Museum of Art** to view their exquisite collection of art, sculpture and much more

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