

Art & Garden Itinerary - Coastal Maine

Day 1

Portland

First, visit the **Portland Museum of Art** featuring many wonderful permanent collections, as well as internationally renowned visiting exhibits, with art and sculpture from the last 300 years on display.



Then, head to **The Tate House** for a pre-arranged herb garden tour. Built in 1755, it is the only pre-revolutionary home in Greater Portland open to the public and its garden reflects what was commonly used by the household during the 18th century, including medicinal herbs and plants for mattress stuffing.

For the remainder of your day, stroll through the Old Port where numerous galleries have long been a draw for visitors. Don't miss **Space**, **Greenhut** and the **Edgecomb Potters Gallery**. The Old Port is also the perfect spot for dinner with many chefs sourcing products from local farmers and fishermen.

Day 2

Boothbay

Drive to Mid-Coast Maine to spend the day at the spectacular **Coastal Maine Botanical**



Gardens in Boothbay (*approx. 1 ¼ hours from Portland*). The gardens have wonderful art and sculpture throughout, as well as scenic trails.

If it's the first Friday of the month, June-October, be sure to enjoy the First Friday Art Tour through the lovely town in the evening.

Augusta (Second option)

The **Maine State Museum** is one of the nation's oldest state-funded museums. It maintains systematic collections regarding Maine's pre-history, history, and natural science. For smaller groups (up to 25) **The Blaine House**, better known as the Governor's residence, is well worth a visit and just steps away from the Maine State Museum.

The **Viles Arboretum and Art Trail** combines nature and art for a one-stop shop. See hundreds of plants and flowers while stopping to admire sculptures along the way.

Just 30 minutes away from Augusta, the town of **Waterville** boasts the **Colby College Museum of Art**. An exceptional collection including works from Georgia O'Keeffe, Alexander Calder and Picasso. *Entrance is always free.*

Day 3

Rockland

Head north to Rockland (*approx. 1 hour from Boothbay*). Today you will spend the day at **The Farnsworth Museum**, and the Farnsworth Homestead and Olson House, both of which are part of the Museum's complex. The Wyeth Center at the museum is dedicated to N.C., Andrew and James Wyeth's work.



Now in a beautiful building in downtown Rockland, the **Center for Maine Contemporary Art** features Maine artists and well-known works of contemporary artists.

Allow time for browsing downtown **Rockland**, which has been named a Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. There are several galleries, shops and restaurants to visit.

Day 4

Mt. Desert Island

From Rockland, you will continue your tour and head to the glorious, garden-rich Mt. Desert Island (*approx. 2 hours from Rockland*), home to Acadia National Park. Visit **Asticou Azalea Garden** in Northeast Harbor. Then it's off to explore **Acadia National Park** and the flora and fauna of this beloved landmark. Be sure to check out the **Wild Gardens of Acadia**, at Sieur du Mont Springs in Acadia National Park. Here there are more than 300 native species well labeled for identification. The Wild Gardens share the general space with the Nature Center and the original **Abbe Museum**, whose focus is on the Native American culture and its history in Maine.



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