

Hub & Spoke from Portland, Maine

Day 1

Portland and Lighthouses

Don't miss the iconic **Portland Headlight**, followed by lunch with a lobster roll at **Luke's Lobster** right on Portland's working waterfront.

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



Day 2

Shopping and Beaches in the South

Start the day in **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 extend your stay along Maine's beaches, venture inland, or head up the coast.

Beachside Adventures: The villages of the **Kennebunks** – Kennebunk and Kennebunkport (approx. ½ hour from Portland) – offer a charming mix of history, sandy beaches, and elegant dining and shopping in one of Maine's foremost seaside destinations. Ride on a vintage trolley at the **Seashore Trolley Museum**, and explore the history and culture of the Kennebunks at the **Brick Store Museum**. Enjoy authentic seafood dining experiences with views of the Kennebunk River and a lobster roll at **Nonantum Resort's** open-air restaurant or at **Federal Jack's**, or travel to Wells (¼ hour from Kennebunkport) for **Mike's Clam Shack**.

Inland Adventures: The towns along Route 26 to the north-west of Portland include Gray, Poland 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:

Nonesuch River Brewing: Enjoy lunch at the water's edge right on Route 26. A scenic location to stop for a seasonal, locally sourced rotation of fresh seafood, sandwiches, salads, and daily specials.

Pineland Farms, New Gloucester (approx. ¼ hour from Gray): New offerings for groups include tours to the new Maple Sugar House and gardens. Allow time for shopping in their marketplace full of locally made goodies. Or stay for lunch at the cafe, featuring the freshest bread, soups, salads, and sandwiches made in the onsite kitchen and bakery.

North of Portland Adventures:

Travel to **Freeport** (approx. ½ hour from Portland) for **L.L. Bean** and outlet shopping. Contact **Visit Freeport** in advance for a step-on guide welcome including customized coupons for your group and/or for ideas for shopping-alternative activities in Freeport. Between shops, enjoy a seafood lunch at **The Lobster Cooker**.



Travel to **Bath/Brunswick** (approx. ¾ hour from Portland). Learn about maritime history at the **Maine Maritime Museum** in Bath, then explore the City of Ships with a historic walking tour by **Embark Maine Tours**. Visit historic **Fort Popham** and **Popham Beach**. If time allows, enjoy an evening performance at the **Maine State Music Theatre** in Brunswick.

In **Wiscasset** (approx. 1 hour from Portland and ½ hour from Freeport), discover Maine's culinary bounty through immersive tastings and cooking classes at the **Maine Tasting Center**.

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 **Maine Historical Society**
- **Victoria Mansion** built at the height of the American Revolution and today contains over 90% of the original interior, including the only surviving intact Herter commission
- **DiMillo's on the Water** 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
- Learn to make your own lobster roll with Experience Maine Culinary
- Visit the **Portland Museum of Art** to view their exquisite collection of art, sculpture and much more
- See sights on a trolley with Portland Discovery

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