

Maine Learning Vacation Itinerary

Enjoy the beauty and great outdoors of Maine while discovering how to catch a lobster, what it was like to be a lumberjack, and the history of Maine's first inhabitants.

Day 1

In Freeport, enjoy adventure at the **L.L. Bean Outdoor Discovery School**. They provide all the equipment and instruction for kayaking, fly fishing, archery and more custom adventures when set up in advance.

Spend the night in one of Freeport's lovely inns or hotels.

Day 2

Head to Bath (*approx. 20 mins from Freeport*). The **Maine Maritime Museum** brings the rich tradition of Maine boatbuilding to life with guided tours of the Percy & Small Shipyard; learn more about Maine's most famous fishery in the Lobstering & the Maine Coast exhibit. Take a trolley tour to learn more about how modern U.S. Navy destroyers are built at Bath Iron Works, or enjoy a cruise along the Kennebec River and see two lighthouses and abundant wildlife.



Then it's time to head to Bar Harbor (*approx. 2 ¼ hours from Bath*). En route, you're in for a treat. The span carrying Route 1 over the Penobscot River near Bucksport is North America's only public bridge with an observatory. Take the elevator to the top of the **Penobscot Bridge Observatory** to see mountains, lakes and the bay from 437 feet above the river.

Bar Harbor has numerous hotels and inns to choose from.

Day 3

Start your day aboard the Starfish Enterprise for Diver Ed's Dive-In Theater and watch live underwater footage as Diver Ed searches the bottom of Frenchman Bay for fascinating critters. Then roll up your sleeves and get ready to touch starfish, sea cucumbers, lobsters, sea urchins and whatever else he can fit into his catchbag to bring up to the boat.

Explore the history and culture of Maine's Native peoples at the **Abbe Museum**. The museum is noted for its large collection of archeological artifacts and outstanding basketry. Guided tours and special learning opportunities can be arranged.

It's time to learn about lobstering. During your cruise on **Lulu Lobster Boat** you'll experience a sample of the life and work of the Maine lobsterman. The captain will demonstrate how lobster traps are hauled the traditional way. While learning about lobstering you'll also be able to get a glimpse of seals on the rocks and other beautiful wildlife.

For this evening, **Timber Tina's Great Maine Lumberjack Show** is great edu-tainment. Enjoy a live reenactment of a historical lumberjack camp from the 1870s when Bangor, ME was one of America's largest logging ports. Watch the thrilling lumberjack sports of wood chopping and sawing, tree climbing, and ax throwing and a lot of non-stop, razor-sharp action.

Day 4

Sign up for the Meal, Laugh and Learn at **Washburn Norlands Living History Center** in Livermore (*approx. 3 hours from Bar Harbor*). Your

group will enjoy a delicious country lunch and participate in two interactive programs led by interpreters in period clothing portraying people of the neighborhood. Educational programs take place in historic buildings on their original sites, just as they appeared in the 1800s. They include a one-room schoolhouse, gothic granite library, farmer's cottage and pastureland with animals.



Visit **Pineland Farms'** New Gloucester campus (*approx. 1 hour from Livermore*) for a tour of their dairy facility and cheese-making process. Now the largest producer of cheese in the state, Pineland is operated as a not-for-profit organization committed to demonstrating responsible farming techniques. As an option to the traditional tour, you can get more involved in one of their many hands-on experiences like From Moo to You. Interact with the Holsteins, play games and explore the barns to discover all that it takes to bring milk to your table. There are also opportunities like making butter, ice cream, or cheese.

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