

The Great Maine Adventure with L.L.Bean

Trip Details

Locations: Portland, Freeport and Camden

Duration: 7 Days/6 Nights

Accommodations: 4- and 5-Star Hotels

Activity Level: Easy

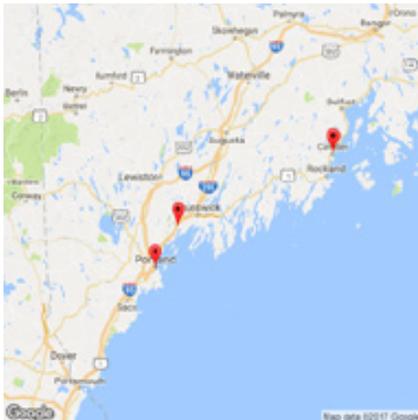
Group Size: 12 (not including trip leaders)

Minimum age: 18

Climate Information:

Average temperature for coastal Maine in the summer: High 70°F/Low 50°F

Daily Itinerary



Day 1: Welcome Lunch and Guided Lighthouse Bike Tour

For guests flying in to Portland International Jetport this morning, please plan to meet your Trip Guide at 8:30 a.m. at the baggage claim area. We'll shuttle together to the Courtyard by Marriott, conveniently located in downtown Portland.

For guests driving to Maine (or arriving the night before), please plan to meet us at 9:00 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott, located at 321 Commercial Street, Portland, Maine.

The group will kick off the trip at the Courtyard by meeting the other travelers and their Trip Leader(s). Following the trip kickoff, the group will head to South Portland to go on the first Maine adventure: a scenic 9-mile cycling tour along the rocky coast of southern Maine, featuring visits to three historic lighthouses. Our first stop is Bug Light, one of Maine's most elegant lighthouses, and the site of the Liberty Ship Memorial. Between visiting Bug Light and Spring Point Light, the group will stop for lunch at a great little sandwich shop along the way. Next, we will cycle to the Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse in South Portland, a unique stone version of the "sparkplug"-style lighthouse, for a private tour of a real working lighthouse. Our last stop will be the Portland Head Light in Cape Elizabeth. This is the most photographed lighthouse in the U.S. and offers breathtaking views from where it sits overlooking the entrance to Casco Bay.

Before heading out on this scenic ride, you'll receive a primer in safety practices and a comprehensive overview of the equipment you'll be using. The pace is leisurely, appropriate for all levels of cyclists, with plenty of time to take in the views. The tour is also shuttle supported.

There will be time in the late afternoon to explore Portland on your own. This vibrant city has plenty to enjoy – such as galleries, shopping, historic homes, working waterfront and more.

Portland is an amazing "foodie" city and we're excited to bring you to one of Portland's premier restaurants for our first group dinner.

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Activity: 9-mile bike ride



Day 2: Fly-Casting, Archery and Sporting Clays at L.L.Bean Fogg Farm

After breakfast, we'll head to Fogg Farm, our outdoor venue in Freeport. With our nationally accredited instructors by your side, you're sure to have lots of fun trying out some favorite outdoor activities. This is a great opportunity to learn how to cast a fly, try your hand at shooting at a target and discover how to hit a bull's-eye with an arrow – or take your skills to the next level with L.L.Bean experts. People all over the world come to Maine to learn from our guides and we're excited to offer this coaching opportunity to you!

In the afternoon, we will check in to the historic Harraseeket Inn, just steps away from shops, boutiques, outlets and our L.L.Bean campus of stores. The rest of the day is yours to relax at the hotel, explore downtown Freeport or sign up for a Personal Shopping Experience.*

Dinner will be at the award-winning Broad Arrow Tavern at the Harraseeket Inn. Eat at your own schedule or join your fellow travelers.

Hotel: Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Fly-casting, archery and sporting clays

Day 3: Kayak Tour of Casco Bay with Island Lobster Bake

Leave your everyday worries behind as you paddle the islands and bays of Maine's scenic coast. After a brief demonstration to cover the basic strokes and techniques for paddling a two-person tandem kayak, our guides will lead you on an interpretive tour, sharing their knowledge of the plants, wildlife and history of the Gosling Island preserve. You'll explore rocky islands and quiet coves and get a firsthand look at a stunning array of wildlife, including seals, osprey and bald eagles. To top it off, we'll stop at an island beach to enjoy a delicious lobster-bake lunch prepared by your guides.

Once we return to the dock, you will have time to stroll Freeport's shops and attractions at your leisure.

For this evening's dinner, you are on your own. Our guides are happy to help you pick one of the many award-winning restaurants in Freeport and make reservations for you.

Hotel: Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Activity: Kayak day tour

**While staying in Freeport, guests have the option for an exclusive personal shopping experience with one of our best-in-class associates at our legendary Flagship Store. Our representatives are excited to provide guidance, assistance and expertise about our products, so please join us! The Flagship store is open 24 hours, every day, so just let us know when you'd like to go!*



Day 4: L.L.Bean Brunswick Manufacturing Facility Tour

After the full breakfast buffet, our guides will take you to the L.L.Bean Manufacturing Facility in Brunswick. On this special behind-the-scenes tour, you'll see our boot-making process firsthand plus meet the skilled men and women who expertly handcraft the boots, one pair at a time.

After a group lunch at a popular Freeport restaurant, the rest of the day is yours to relax, shop or explore the great outdoors. Your Trip Leader is happy to take you hiking along a local trail or coordinate another activity, depending on your interest.

Dinner will be at the farm-fresh eatery, Gather, in the neighboring town of Yarmouth.

Hotel: Harraseeket Inn, Freeport

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Boot-making facility tour and free time

Day 5: Sailing on Penobscot Bay

After breakfast, we'll pack up for our ride to Camden, Maine, the "Jewel of the Coast."

After a bit of exploring the picturesque town of Camden, we'll board the historic schooner Olad for our windjammer cruise and catered lunch. Owner and skipper Captain Aaron Lincoln, a local Mainer, will talk to us about the boating history and local lore as we cruise around scenic Penobscot Bay, one of his favorite locations, and experience a unique view of lighthouses, islands, lobster boats, wildlife, private yachts and summer estates. After the cruise, we will settle into the Lord Camden Inn, Camden's premier downtown boutique hotel.

For this evening's dinner, you are on your own. Our guides are happy to help you pick one of the many award-winning restaurants in Camden and make reservations for you.

Hotel: Lord Camden Inn, Camden

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Activity: Schooner sail



Day 6: Camden Hikes and Wine Tasting

After breakfast at the inn, we will go for a beautiful morning hike on one of the numerous scenic trail options in the Camden area. Following the hike, we will drive up Mount Battie. Be sure to bring your cameras! Mount Battie is known for its amazing panoramic views of Camden Harbor, Penobscot Bay and the bustling downtown.

After we return from Mount Battie, enjoy exploring more of Camden's shops, views and galleries, relax comfortably at the inn. The L.L.Bean van is also available to take guests to the Cellardoor Winery, a beautiful local vineyard in nearby Lincolnville.

For our final dinner, we will dine together at one of Camden's award-winning local restaurants.

Hotel: Lord Camden Inn, Camden

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Activity: Camden hiking

Day 7: Transfer back to Freeport and Portland

After breakfast, we will pack up and travel back to Freeport and Portland, with a brief stop in Bath. Known as "the city of ships," Bath launched its first ship more than 400 years ago and is still home to Bath Iron Works shipyard. Here you'll discover a historic waterfront, 19th century architecture and specialty shops—and get a chance to stretch your legs before we continue our drive back to Portland.

Our estimated arrival time at the Portland International Jetport is noon.

Meals Included: Breakfast



ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Accommodations

All accommodations have been carefully selected for their ideal locations and comfort. Each room is double occupancy, with private baths.

Courtyard by Marriott, Portland (1 night)

Conveniently located in easy walking distance to the waterfront and Portland's Old Port district, the centerpiece to Portland's vibrant culture. Hotel features include modern rooms, luxurious bedding, and complimentary hotelwide Wi-Fi access.

Harraseeket Inn, Freeport (3 nights)

A family-owned luxury inn with antiques, award-winning dining and true Maine hospitality – and just steps away from the shopping village of Freeport.

Lord Camden Inn, Camden (2 nights)

Camden's premier downtown boutique hotel features coastal New England motif, comfortably furnished rooms and a great central location for shopping, dining and exploring.

Food & Drink

All breakfasts are provided by the lodging. Six lunches are provided by local restaurants and cafes. The four included dinners will be at some of Maine's best restaurants, featuring local, organic ingredients. Meals included in the price of the trip will be a combination of group meals at specific times or meals on your own schedule. Alcoholic beverages not included. To discuss dietary restrictions or food allergies, please call our Adventure Consultants at 1-888-615-9979.

Activity Level

This trip is rated easy; all activities are appropriate for a person in good health with an average level of fitness. If you have questions about your ability to do the daily activities, please call one of our helpful Adventure Consultants and they can help you decide. Daily activities are always optional, and there is plenty of free time built into the schedule for relaxing and exploring on your own.

Connectivity

All accommodations have free wifi available. Cellphone coverage will be good in most places we are traveling with some exceptions during outdoor activities.

Luggage

This trip is supported with a 14-passenger bus. We ask that you limit your luggage to one medium-sized, soft-sided bag that you can easily handle. We also recommend you bring a daypack in addition to your main bag. Please see packing list for more details about what to bring.

Activities and schedules are weather dependent. We reserve the right to change itinerary due to inclement weather.