

**PORTLAND,
BATH & BRUNSWICK
MAINE**

**MILITARY
HISTORY
PACKAGE**

June, September, October

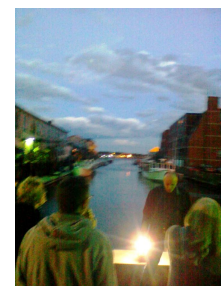


Day # 1

Welcome to Vacationland! Check into your **Greater Portland hotel**. A **plated dinner** is included tonight with a **special slide presentation on the military history of Casco Bay**. (D)

Day # 2

After an included buffet breakfast, you'll meet your local guide for a **morning tour of Greater Portland**, including the historic waterfront district and neighborhoods where sea captains lived. You'll learn more about Portland's nautical history when you stop at **Portland Head Lighthouse**. The grounds of the lighthouse provide all you could ask for in a spectacular setting: an historic lighthouse commissioned by George Washington, crashing surf, an old fort, a beach, and the ruins of an old stone mansion. Next you'll visit the **Portland Harbor Museum at Spring Point**, along with a walking **tour of Ft. Preble and a box lunch**. A **private lighthouse tour** is available (additional cost, involves stairs and uneven walking on granite jetty). See how the lighthouse keeper lived and walk out on the ledge to see the Portland skyline from this two story beacon. Stop at nearby **Bug Light** for a photo of this lighthouse and the **memorial to the WWII Liberty Ships** that were constructed here. Free time for exploring the cobblestone streets of Portland's historic waterfront district, the Old Port Exchange. Portland is a small city that mixes urban sophistication with home-town friendliness. **Portland's Old Port District** has been restored to 19th century splendor, housing an eclectic mix of restaurants, microbreweries, art galleries, and specialty shops . including great old bookstores, the US Customs House and a map store, too. Here you can enjoy views of Casco Bay while dining, or browse through the quaint shops selling crafts, antiques, and Maine-made products. This afternoon you'll board a ferry for the short and scenic **boat ride to Peaks Island**. On the island you'll visit the **5th Maine Regimental Museum** and an eclectic but hilarious attraction, the **Umbrella Cover Museum**. Return to the mainland this afternoon and enjoy dinner on your own in town or back at the hotel. (B & Box.Lunch) *Alternate evening activity: Wicked Walking Tour of Portland's Old Port . a one hour walking tour (typically 8:00-9:00 pm). As your cloaked guide leads you on a walk through the "Old Port", you will learn strange facts and bits of history. Hear legends of a Witch's Curse on a Society Lady, a Ghostly Pirate Ship, a Disembodied Diva, and a Minister attacked by Indians and burned as a Witch during the early settlement of Portland.*



Alternate Casco Bay activities:



-Take a boat cruise to Eagle Island, home of Admiral Robert E. Peary, the first explorer to reach the North Pole, and tour of his historic summer estate. Enjoy the beautiful walking trails around this small island with scenic ocean vistas. Box lunch included.

Day # 3

After a full buffet breakfast, you'll travel 45 minutes north to **Brunswick, Maine**, home of Bowdoin College. You'll tour the home of Civil War general, **Joshua Chamberlain**, who gained fame for his defense of Little Round Top during the Civil War. Walk through the home where he entertained guests including Helen Keller, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Gens. Ulysses S. Grant, George McLellan, Philip Sheridan and William Tecumseh Sherman. Chamberlain was not only a Civil War hero, but president of Bowdoin College and governor of Maine from 1867-1871. After lunch on your own, you'll visit the **Maine Maritime Museum**, located on the banks of the Kennebec River. The Maine Maritime Museum depicts Maine's shipbuilding industry from the 1600's to the present. Numerous hands on exhibits, boat building demonstrations, a lobstering exhibit and an intact historic shipyard are here to see. If time permits, visit the **historic Bath Iron Works shipyard**, located nearby. You'll see a film about the ships built here and, depending on security regulations, may be able to "roll through" the working shipyard aboard your coach. Since the 1950's, BIW has served as lead shipyard for 10 surface ship classes produced by the U.S. Navy, more than any other U.S. shipyard. Bath Iron Works today is the lead designer and builder of the ARLEIGH BURKE Class AEGIS guided missile destroyer, the most technologically advanced surface combatant in the world. BIW also provides a full array of life cycle services aimed at helping our Navy customer increase fleet operational readiness and reduce total ownership cost.

*Optional stop this afternoon: travel to the **Maine Military Museum** in the state's capitol city of Augusta.* On the way back to Portland, you'll have some free time to explore the L.L. Bean store, a variety of outlet shops and the **20th Maine Civil War Shop** in **Freeport Village**. Another favorite, time permitting, is a stop at the world's largest revolving globe, named **Eartha**, near Freeport. A special farewell dinner is planned for you tonight. You'll want to don your **souvenir Maine Lobster Hat** for a **Maine lobsterbake dinner**. (B & Lobster dinner)

Day # 4

A full breakfast is included before heading homeward with your Maine military and maritime memories. (B)

Alternate Day 4 activities:

-Guided tour of **Kennebunkport** with drive past Walkers Point and shipbuilding history of the villages of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport

-Guided tour of **Kittery Shipyard**, pending availability

-**John Paul Jones Memorial Sculpture – Kittery** (also John Paul Jones Historic Home in Portsmouth). This imposing and beautiful granite and bronze sculpture was established as a memorial to Maine's soldiers and sailors who served in World War I. Later the park was named for John Paul Jones, a Revolutionary War naval hero who commanded the sloop Ranger, which was built and launched from nearby Badger's Island.

-**Kittery Historic & Naval Museum** -a small museum with artifacts from Kittery's maritime past.



MAINE MILITARY HISTORY Package includes:

- 3 nights accommodations in Greater Portland, Maine
- 3 full buffet breakfasts, 1 box lunch & 2 dinners (including 1 lobster choice dinner)
- 1 night slide show of Casco Bay military history
- Admission to the 5th Maine Regimental Museum, Portland Harbor Museum, Joshua Chamberlain Museum and Maine Maritime Museum (other options include Maine Military Museum in Augusta, Bath Iron Works and Eagle Island / Admiral Peary cruise)
- Step-on guide service in Portland, including a stop at Portland Head lighthouse
- Walking tour of Fort Preble, So. Portland
- Souvenir Maine Lobster Hat
- Taxes, gratuities and round-trip luggage service (1 bag per person)
- Chartered motorcoach service for 2 full days
- One complimentary package with 30 paid packages or 1 suite upgrade
- Free use of 1 function room

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This tour is available with or without group overnight accommodations

TMTC Policies:

Your itinerary can be customized to meet the specific interests of your group. An initial deposit of **\$500 per group** is required at time of booking. This **deposit is refundable until 45 days** prior to arrival. A **rooming list is required 30 days prior**. You may also arrange for individuals to make their own overnight reservations and pay own charges. Please note any individual special requests such as low floor, near elevator, handicapped access, adjoining rooms, smoking room or special dietary needs on the rooming list. Guests wishing to arrive early or extend their stay in Maine will receive a special hotel rate and pay own charges for any additional nights. **Final master bill payment is required 21 days prior to arrival** via check or money order. The above package does not include motorcoach transportation, fulltime tour escort or gratuities for driver or local guide. Meal choices will be provided to you upon request. The first night's meal choices will be required at least 3 days prior to arrival, unless menu is changed to a buffet meal.

