



# FALL COLORS OF COASTAL MAINE

## SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 4, 2025

This is Maine, where rocky shores, infinite nature, and endless lobster forge a coastal New England classic. Dig in to local delicacies with an oyster shucking demonstration and tasting. Immerse yourself in dramatic nature at Acadia National Park. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean. Admire the picturesque Portland Head Light, Maine's oldest lighthouse. Enjoy free time in the vibrant city of Portland. Towering mountains, delectable cuisine, and bustling harbors await you in this maritime treasure.



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## **ITINERARY:**

#### DAY 1: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 Portland

Welcome to Maine, a "Vacationland" of intricate coastlines and all-encompassing natural beauty that serves as the perfect getaway. From charming towns and scenic ocean overlooks to oyster shucking and lobster hauling, experience the best of this New England retreat.

#### DAY 2: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 Portland

Discover the essence of this vibrant harbor city by means of a true New England classic – a trolley. From the opulent Victoria Mansion to the hum of the Old Port, your guide will introduce you to Portland's hidden gems. Get a chance to delve into the culture of Portland with free time to explore this seafaring city on your own. (B, D)

#### DAY 3: TUEDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 Portland to Bar Harbor

This morning, get an intimate look at a working oyster farm\* and learn how to dig into these local delicacies with an oyster shucking demonstration. Later, arrive in Bar Harbor, an iconic vacation spot featuring rich blue waters and home to Acadia National Park. With an evening at leisure, explore the bustling downtown, full of cozy cafes and indulgent ice cream shops just steps from your hotel. (B)

## DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Bar Harbor & Acadia National Park

This is Acadia National Park. Breathe in the crisp, fresh air and allow the nature around you to captivate your senses. Admire the striking mountains, towering forests, and rocky shorelines as you drive scenic Park Loop Road with a local guide. Then, dive into the cuisine and culture of Maine when you join a local lobsterman on a lobster boat. See how lobster traps are retrieved from the ocean and watch the cages get pulled to the surface. Tonight is yours to explore Bar Harbor on your own. (B)

## DAY 5: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025 -

Bar Harbor - Camden - Freeport

Head to Camden for some time at leisure. This quintessential town is home to the annual National Toboggan Championships and boasts many storefronts and 19th-century homes. Your scenic journey continues with a stop at a lobster shack to indulge in a must-try local favorite, the Maine lobster roll. Then, treat your pallet again during an Impact Moment! Visit the Maine Tasting Center to try a variety of Maine's iconic foods such as: blueberries, seaweed, potatoes, and more. Later, arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B,L)

## DAY 6: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 -

## Freeport & Boothbay

Today, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Enjoy some free time in Boothbay browsing this quaint, seaside town's cute shops and restaurants. Tonight, toast to the end of your trip and bid Maine farewell over dinner. (B,D)

## DAY 7: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

Your tour of coastal Maine comes to a close today. (B)



## FALL COLORS OF COASTAL MAINE PACKAGE INFORMATION

Double Occupancy \$4,099 / Single Occupancy \$5,899

## INCLUSIONS

- Dedicated Tour Manager
- Hotel accommodations while on tour
- Round Trip Air from O'Hare Intl Airport
- Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges
- INCLUSIONS
- Hotel Transfers
- Round Trip Group Transfers Between Bloomington and Chicago
- All meals stated in itinerary





All prices are in US dollars unless otherwise indicated. A deposit of \$698.00 per person is required to confirm your booking. Final payment is due on or before June 20, 2025. Please see website for full terms & conditions



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