



MAINE'S ROCKY COAST

Lighthouses & Lobster Boats



12 DAYS • Tour 12117
August 20-31, 2012



Tour Highlights...

Mystic Seaport Maritime Museum
Marble House, Newport, RI
Cape Ann
Kennebunkport Tour
Portland Discovery Tour
Gloucester/Rockport
L.L. Bean Company Store
Desert of Maine
Boothbay Railway Village
Captain Fish's Whale Cruise
Acadia National Park Tour
Lobster Boat Ride
Albany Aqua Duck Tour
Lucy/Desi Museum
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
16 Meals

Day 1, Monday

Today we begin our journey to the eastern seaports and the rocky coastline of Maine dotted with lighthouses and lobster boats. Our lodging tonight is in Elyria, OH.

Day 2, Tuesday

Our travels take us through the hills of eastern Ohio into the Appalachian forests and mountains of scenic Pennsylvania. Tonight's destination is Danbury, CT. **B**

Day 3, Wednesday

Mid-morning we arrive at **Mystic Seaport** located on 17 acres along the Mystic River of Connecticut. There are over 50 historic homes, shops and trade buildings that promote seaport life during the mid-19th century.

This afternoon we tour one of **Newport, Rhode Island's** most sumptuous mansions, the **Marble House**.

Built in 1892 for William K. Vanderbilt at a cost of \$11 million, the grounds feature a 1914 Chinese Teahouse. Fall River, MA, is our home for tonight. **B, D**

Day 4, Thursday

Our travel route takes us to **Cape Ann** and the communities of **Gloucester** and **Rockport, Massachusetts**. Highlights include the **Fisherman's Memorial** dedicated to more than 10,000 Gloucester fishermen lost at sea. Rockport is home to the red fishing shack built in the 1840s on Bradley Wharf and dubbed **Motif No. 1**.

Kennebunkport has long been a favorite among artists and writers. A **narrated tour** provides insight into the local history, shipbuilding era, Spouting Rock, Blowing Cave and home of President H. W. Bush. Lodging tonight is in Portland, ME. **B**

Day 5, Friday

Poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow described **Portland, ME**, as "the beautiful town that is seated by the sea." A **local guide** helps us discover Maine's largest city attractions including the famous **Portland Head Lighthouse**. Nearby is **Freeport, ME**, home to **L. L. Bean** in addition to many other retail stores where we have some **leisure time** to spend.

Our coastal route continues on to the **Desert of Maine**, an island of sand dunes that has grown since the early 1900s. We enjoy a **Desert Tram Tour** explaining the history and geological aspects of the desert. The picturesque seaport of **Boothbay Harbor** is our resting place tonight. A **lobster dinner** is planned for this evening. **B, D**

Day 6, Saturday

"A- whaling" we go this morning in search of whales like the humpback,



fin, pilot, sei, minke and other species. Our cruise vessel with padded seats offers the latest tracking equipment and a 360-degree viewing deck. This afternoon we turn to another form of transportation at the **Boothbay Railway Village**. The turn-of-the-20th century Maine village contains railroad memorabilia, antique cars, trucks and various buildings along with a narrow-gauge steam engine ride. Back on the coach we travel to the **Bar Harbor, ME**, area for a two-night stay. **B**

Day 7, Sunday

Today we experience **lobster fishing** as we sample the life and work of the Maine lobstermen. Captain John will demonstrate how lobster traps are hauled, baited and placed for a lobster catch. Back on land, our coach takes us to the **Acadia National Park** for an **extensive guided tour** inside the park with stops at the top of Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole, Jordan Pond and the wild Gardens of Acadia. The island is rugged granite with forests, flowers and numerous bays and inlets. **Dinner** awaits us this evening. **B, D**

Day 8, Monday

Late morning we head westward traveling via Bangor en route to **Portsmouth, NH**, called Strawberry Banke in 1630 due to the ground cover of wild strawberries. **B**

Day 9, Tuesday

We leave the scenic east coast as we travel across New Hampshire and Vermont to the capital city of **Albany, NY**. Boarding an **Aqua Duck**, a **guide** takes us on a fact-filled tour through Albany's historic district on land. The amphibious vehicle then transforms into a boat and takes us down the Hudson River to view the city's skyline and nautical sights. After checking in at our hotel, **dinner** is included tonight. **B, D**

Day 10, Wednesday

Traveling through the picturesque hills of lower New York State we arrive in Jamestown, NY, home of comedian and TV star **Lucille Ball** who with husband **Desi Arnaz** was responsible for the popular *I Love Lucy* show. The **Lucy-Desi Museum** and **Desilu Playhouse** pay tribute to this gifted redhead with interactive displays, per-

sonal belongings and videos. Lodging is nearby. **B**

Day 11, Thursday

Beginning our route homeward, we travel along the shores of Lake Erie to Cleveland, OH, where we stop to visit the 150,000 square foot **Rock and Roll Museum** dedicated to the living legacy of music from Delta blues to rock 'n roll to soul and alternative styles. The large collection of images and artifacts donated or on loan from current performers and collectors is imaginatively presented. Tonight's destination is Maumee, OH, where **dinner** is included this evening. **B, D**

Day 12, Friday

Today we reflect on the past 11 days filled with the scenic majesty of Maine's Rocky coast and the nautical attractions we have seen. With new friends and memories we return late afternoon to our home destinations. **B**

Tour Cost Per Person:

\$1979 Double • \$1879 Triple
\$1779 Quad • \$2559 Single

