

Maine Motorcoach Update for 2024

Maine is ready to welcome the group industry with warm hospitality, scenic vistas, and a wealth of opportunities for groups to enjoy the depth and breadth of what makes Maine special. The following is only a sampling of Maine lodging, dining and entertainment options.

What's New in Maine

New visitor center at **Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument** will tell the story of the region through the eyes of Native Americans. The center is now under construction and slated to open spring of 2024 is named "Tekαkαpimk" from the Penobscot Indian language meaning "as far as one can see."

The Oceanarium in Bar Harbor has reopened after a five-year hiatus with upgraded exhibits and a refurbished interior. The three buildings include a visitor's center and gift shop, a former lobster hatchery hosting marine-related exhibits and an Aquaria building with indoor tanks of live sea creatures from the Gulf of Maine.

Height of Land, perched beside Route 17 in Western Maine, offers you an expansive look at the sprawling Rangeley Lakes region and the mountains beyond. On the **Rangeley Lakes Scenic Byway**, has been declared one of the finest in the state, if not New England.

Lodging

Bluebird Ocean Point Inn is a newly renovated and redesigned coastal Maine summer getaway in the idyllic town of Boothbay Harbor. bluebirdhotels.com/hotels/ocean-point

Alouette Beach Resort – Choose from a beach house, hotel room, luxury suite or economy room located on seven-mile beautiful Old Orchard Beach. <u>alouettebeachresort.com</u>

West Quoddy Station – Offering a range of lodges, apartments and cottages adjacent to picturesque Quoddy Head State Park. quoddyvacation.com

Hampton Inn Rockland – Located within 10 minutes of the best of Rockland, this hotel features an indoor pool, fitness center, free hot breakfast and Wi-Fi. https://doi.org/10.1007/j.j.gov/

Hampton Inn in Presque Isle— Offering free breakfast and an indoor pool, this hotel in The County is the perfect overnight stay whether you're coming to or leaving Maine. hilton.com/en/hotels/pqimahx-hampton-presque-isle

Residence Inn Scarborough – These well-equipped studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites are just minutes from the downtown hub of Portland, picturesque beaches and lighthouses. <u>marriott.com</u>

The Bethel Inn – Grand, 1913 historic resort fully updated with modern amenities and golf course—all located within a drive of outdoor hikes, water activities, museums, shopping and more. <u>bethelinn.com</u>

Attractions

The Kittery Outlets – Offers over 120 popular brand name outlet stores and the famous Kittery Trading Post spanning a mile-long shopping center. thekitteryoutlets.com

Lucky Catch – Guided excursions on Casco Bay showcasing the daily routine of Maine lobstermen, with the option to participate hauling the traps or relaxing. <u>luckycatch.com</u>



Norlands Washburn – 19th-century ancestral home brought to life through the grand property, costumed interpreters, events and tours showcasing one of the era's great political and industrial families. norlands.org

Maine Wildlife Park – Home to over 30 species of Maine wildlife that cannot be returned to their natural habitats, this park aims to educate the public and protect Maine wildlife. maine.gov/ifw/wildlife-park

Puffin Cruises – Choose to cruise around New Harbor, Boothbay Harbor and more as you learn about and spot puffin colonies. <u>projectpuffin.audubon.org</u>

Lulu's Lobster Rides – Sail from the heart of Bar Harbor on a traditional Downeast-style lobster boat, offering lobster fishing, sightseeing and seal watching. <u>lululobsterboat.com</u>

Katahdin Cruises – Cruises on a historic 1914 steamboat offering cruises around Sugar Island, Mount Kineo on beautiful Moosehead Lake. <u>katahdincruises.com/katahdin-cruises</u>

Dining

Cindy's Dockside – Open year-round, this casual dining spot offers both indoor/outdoor seating with sweeping water views of Middle Range Pond and is known for lobsters, fried clams, burgers and more. <u>dockside.me</u>

Timber in Bangor – Conveniently located in downtown Bangor, this American restaurant is a great spot for tasty food and beverages inside the Residence Inn.

The Rangeley Inn and Tavern – This historic, fireside bar and lounge offers a wide-ranging menu with all of comfort food favorites in a cozy setting. therangeleyinn.com

Mason's Brewing Company in Brewer –With great river views from both the outdoor and indoor dining space, this brewery with an extensive craft beer list also cooks up inventive pub food. masonsbrewingcompany.com

Nor'Easter Pound and Market – Co-founded by a lobsterman and captain, fresh catches are brought directly to the Nor'Easter Pound and Market to be served up to loyal patrons and visitors. northeastlobster.com

The Bistro at Atlantic Oceanside in Bar Harbor – Fine casual fine dining with local flair and a full bar, relaxed atmosphere and unparalleled views of Frenchman Bay. barharbormainehotel.com/the-hotel/bistro



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