

# TOPSIDE INN

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE

*Above it All*

## *Five Days in Boothbay Harbor*

A COMPLETE ITINERARY FOR YOUR STAY AT TOPSIDE INN



### Day 1

Here are some of our favorite “must-do” activities for when you can only spend one night at Topside Inn:

**Sail:** Cruise the coast on a local [schooner](#) and experience the harbor from the best vantage point. Watching the sun set over the bay is a fantastic way to unwind and get in vacation mode.

**Sip:** Enjoy a glass of [wine](#) on the front porch of our inn before walking to one of the excellent local [restaurants](#) for an evening meal.

**Stroll:** Spend the following morning at the [Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens](#). You can easily fill the day here with 270 acres of gardens, shorelands, and scenic woodland trails.

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### Day 2

If you’re staying with us for two nights, follow up your morning at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens with these Midcoast adventures:

**Kayak:** Rent from [Tidal Transit Kayak Co.](#) and launch directly from the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, or embark on their Harbor Tour with a scenic stop at Burnt Island Lighthouse.

**Hike:** Explore the natural beauty here at one of the [Boothbay Region Land Trust](#) preserves. Porter Preserve and [Ovens Mouth Preserve](#) are two of our favorites near the botanical gardens.

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**Drive:** See the rocky Maine coast and explore Ocean Point and the King Phillips Trail, both of which are an easy drive from Topside Inn. Free parking is available at Ocean Point if you care to take a walk in this summer community perched on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

**Shop:** Stroll along Boothbay Harbor's main street to explore a variety of shops and art galleries. We're happy to provide a map of the local highlights to make the most of your time in town.

**Dine:** After a full day of adventures, grab a fresh lobster roll at [Shannon's Unshelled](#) near the historic Boothbay Harbor Footbridge.

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## Day 3

Consider a [Monhegan Island adventure](#) for the third day of your stay. Your journey begins with Balmy Days Cruises as you depart from Pier 8 below our inn at 9:30 a.m. Sit back and relax for an hour-long cruise then spend a full afternoon exploring Monhegan Island. There's something for everyone here!

- Hike the woodland trails to the bluffs and view the dramatic cliffs and crashing surf.
- Check out the small but delicious local brewery, [Monhegan Brewing Company](#).
- Eat a picnic lunch and visit local galleries. (You may even see artists painting the idyllic scenery all around you.)

When you return to the mainland, catch a breathtaking evening performance at the [Opera House at Boothbay Harbor](#).

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## Day 4

On your fourth day, we recommend taking our self-guided foodie tour to enjoy the local delicacies and craft beverages of Midcoast Maine. This tour takes you to two more [breweries](#), a distillery, an unexpectedly sophisticated vineyard, farmers markets, and specialty food shops. A foodie tour is our favorite way to experience any region!

### Indulge at:

- [Boothbay Craft Brewery](#)
- [Oxbow Brewing Company](#)
- [Beth's Farm Market](#)
- [Morse's Sauerkraut Farm and European Deli](#)
- [Sweetgrass Winery & Distillery](#)
- [Cellardoor Vineyard](#)

(Be sure to visit the nearby town of Camden before returning to Topside Inn.)

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If you prefer to explore our region via museums and historical sights, we'll help point you toward some fascinating attractions.

## Visit:

- [Boothbay Railway Village](#)
- [Castle Tucker](#)
- [Maine Maritime Museum](#)
- [Farnsworth Museum](#)
- [Owl's Head Transportation Museum](#)
- [Maine State Aquarium](#)

If you're interested in a little "surf and turf" experience, play a round of golf at the [Boothbay Country Club](#) then sample local oysters at [Mine Oyster Bar](#)!

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## Day 5

If you're fortunate enough to have five or more days in Boothbay Harbor, you can continue to experience our region's beauty and history by land and by sea.

### Lighthouse Tours and Local Beaches:

- Visit [Pemaquid Point Lighthouse](#) and [Pemaquid Beach State Park](#).
- Enjoy the [Burnt Island Lighthouse](#) and Island Tour.
- Explore [Hendrick's Head Lighthouse](#) and beach followed by a meal at [Oliver's Restaurant](#) on Southport Island.

### Scenic and Sea Life Tours:

- [Whale watching](#)
- [Puffin tours](#)
- [Mainetain Charters](#) fishing trips

### The List Goes On:

If you still have time to explore, take another look at the full itinerary and see what you may have missed. Don't forget to save some time to relax and enjoy the view in one of the country's most beautiful locations!

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## Additional Information for Your Visit

### Boothbay Farmers Market:

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The [Boothbay Farmers Market](#) is open each Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from May to October at the Boothbay Town Common.

## **Maine Music Cruises:**

Join the fun on a [sunset reggae cruise](#) on certain Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sip rum punch and enjoy the scenery while the Dani Tribesmen Reggae band provides the tunes.

## **More Local Restaurants:**

The Midcoast region is full of incredible restaurants. Feel free to [visit our website](#) for even more options than you see here on your itinerary. Dine on the docks, in a tavern, or under the stars! No matter which restaurant you choose, you're in for a delicious meal.

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## Concierge Services and More at Topside Inn

Stop by our front desk during your stay or [contact us](#) for additional tips and recommendations! We are happy to assist with restaurant reservations, VIP reserved seating for Opera House events, boat charters, and more. Plus, our comfortable lodging puts you within short walking or driving distance of the best [things to do](#) in our area. **Browse our list of [accommodations](#) today and [book your stay](#) to enjoy it all!**

