

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

When: Thursday, February 20, 2020 (4:30 pm) & Wednesday, March 18, 2020 (4:30 pm)

Where: Anne Gordon Center • 1901 Spring Forest Road • Raleigh

MERIDIAN
GUIDED TRAVEL

RALEIGH PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES *presents* Highlights of Maine

featuring Portland, Bar Harbor & Acadia National Park

8 days September 10-17, 2020



Trip Highlights

- 4 Nights in Portland
- Portland City Tour
- Portland Narrow Gauge Railway
- Portland Head Light
- Mt. Washington Cog Railway
- Kennebunkport
- Seashore Trolley Museum

- Ogunquit
- 3 Nights in Bar Harbor
- Maine State History Museum
- Acadia National Park
- Cadillac Mountain
- Lobster Boat Cruise
- Lobster Bake Dinner

Inclusions

- Round-trip Air (RDU)
- Round-trip Transfers (RDU)
- Hotel Accommodations
- 11 Meals (7-B & 4-D)
- Experienced Tour Manager
- Baggage Handling
- Sightseeing per Itinerary

Accommodations

4 Nights - Portland, ME
Holiday Inn by the Bay
3 Nights - Bar Harbor, ME
Bar Harbor Regency

Trip Pricing

\$3,649 per person/double
+\$1000 single supplement

For Trip Details & To Sign Up, Contact:

Raleigh PRCR Adult Program
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DAY 1: TRAVEL TO MAINE

Today, travel to Maine and meet your Meridian Guided Travel tour director. Transfer to your hotel and check in for a four-night stay. Tonight, enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** with your fellow travelers.

Overnight: Portland, ME (D)

DAY 2: PORTLAND

Today, we start with a **Portland City Tour**. We'll begin with a visit to the famed **Victoria Mansion**. Built in the style of an Italian villa, this historic home was completed in 1860 and opened with cutting-edge technology such as hot and cold water and central heating. Next, we'll take a ride on the **Portland Narrow Gauge Railway**. This scenic rail journey travels along the Eastern edge of Casco Bay with panoramic views throughout. Afterwards, we'll stop in **Old Port**, a historic shipyard which has been converted into shops, art galleries and restaurants. We'll finish the day with a visit to the **Portland Head Light**, one of the most photographed lighthouses in the country. Completed in 1781, it is the oldest lighthouse in the state.

Overnight: Portland, ME (B)

DAY 3: NEW HAMPSHIRE

This morning, we'll take a train journey on the **Mt. Washington Cog Railway**. The railway was completed in 1868 and was the first mountain-climbing cog railway ever built. It remains one of the steepest cog railways with a maximum grade of over 37%. Enjoy a scenic rail trip to the top of Mt.

Washington and take time to experience the sweeping views of **New Hampshire's White Mountains**. Afterwards, we'll return to Portland to enjoy an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Portland, ME (B)

DAY 4: KENNEBUNKPORT & OGUNQUIT

This morning, we'll visit the charming town of **Kennebunkport**. Located along Maine's Southern coast, its known for its sandy beaches and mansions built by the sea captains of yesteryear. Enjoy time to explore the town and visit its many shops. We'll also visit the **Seashore Trolley Museum**, which features trollies and streetcars from cities across America. While at the museum, we'll enjoy a 3 mile ride through the Maine woods in a carefully restored early 20th century streetcar. Next, we'll visit the town of **Ogunquit**, another of Maine's charming coastal towns and enjoy some spectacular views of Maine's Atlantic coast. Afterwards, we will return to Portland and enjoy dinner as a group.

Overnight: Portland, ME (B,D)

DAY 5: PORTLAND - BAR HARBOR

This morning, we'll leave Portland behind and travel to Bar Harbor. Along the way, we'll make a stop in **Maine's capital city, Augusta**. There, we will visit the **Maine State History Museum** that tells the story of "the pine tree state" through artifacts and exhibits. The museum features a three-story water powered woodworking mill. We'll also visit the **Maine State House**. From there, we will continue on to **Bar Harbor** and check in to our hotel for a three-night stay and enjoy an included dinner.

Overnight: Bar Harbor, ME (B,D)

DAY 6: ACADIA NATIONAL PARK

Today, we will experience a full day exploring **Acadia National Park**. The first National Park East of the Mississippi, Acadia is known for diverse landscapes that include woodlands, rocky beaches and granite peaks. The tallest of these peaks, **Cadillac Mountain**, is the highest point on the East Coast of the United States at 1,530 feet. The park is home to many species of wildlife including black bears, moose and white-tailed deer. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the park including a visit to the summit of Cadillac Mountain as well as an opportunity for a short nature walk.

Overnight: Bar Harbor, ME (B)

DAY 7: BAR HARBOR

This morning, we'll set out on a **Lobster Boat Cruise** aboard a traditional Downeast-style lobster boat. Cruising out of Bar Harbor, we'll learn about the life and work of the Maine lobstermen and watch a demonstration of how lobster traps are hauled. In addition, we'll get to see the beautiful summer cottages along Mount Desert Island and a chance to see the local seal populations along the rocky coastline. Back on land, we'll have some time at leisure to enjoy Bar Harbor before getting back together for a **Farewell Lobster Bake Dinner**. This quintessential New England meal is sure to be a highlight.

Overnight: Bar Harbor, ME (B,D)

DAY 8: RETURN HOME

Today, we head back to Portland, Maine to catch our flight back home with incredible memories of our Highlights of Maine Tour.

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Checks Payable to: MERIDIAN GUIDED TRAVEL

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT

- Deposit of \$450 per person is due with Reservation Form to secure reservations.
- Final Payment Due Date is 90 days prior to departure

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES

- Tour rates are subject to increase until you are paid in full.
- Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.

TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN: RATE VARIES PER TOUR*

Meridian Guided Travel suggests that all participants consider purchasing travel protection. Meridian Guided Travel offers a Travel Protection Plan, which includes trip cancellation, trip interruption, and trip delay coverages among other items. Additional coverage information, and the full plan document can be found at meridianguidedtravel.com/tpp. **This Travel Protection Plan is administered by Travel Insured International Inc.** *Price is based on tour cost and can vary based on air gateway or room occupancy. The price is for the full cost of the plan, which includes insurance benefits as well as non-insurance assistance services.

Travel Protection Plan Person Rates:

***DOUBLE: \$291 per person (\$3001-\$3500)**

***SINGLE: \$414 per person (\$4001-\$4500)**

**The Raleigh PRCR Adult Program add on of \$150 is not covered under this plan*

REFUNDS & CANCELLATION FEES:

All tour deposits and payments are fully refundable prior to 120 days before departure. Cancellations must be received in writing (certified mail or email) to Meridian Guided Travel. If Traveler Protection Plan is not purchased, the following fees apply for cancellations:
Days before Departure/ Refund Amount
Up to 120 days/Full Refund
119-90 days/Deposit Amount is retained
89-45 days/70% of total trip price is refunded
44-15 days/50% of total trip price is refunded
Less than 15 days/No Refund

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**RESERVATION FORM: HIGHLIGHTS OF MAINE • SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2020 • BOOKING #20104**

Deposit \$ _____ (\$450 per person) • Traveler Protection Plan \$ _____ (\$ _____ per person) • Total Payment: \$ _____

To avoid change fees, please submit legal name(s) (first/middle/last) exactly as they appear on your travel approved Government issued ID.

Legal Name _____ DOB / / Gender
MM/DD/YY M/F

Legal Name _____ DOB / / Gender
Roommate MM/DD/YY M/F

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel (_____) _____ Mobile (_____) _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact/Tel # _____ Special Notes: _____

Amount to be charged \$ _____ Credit Card #: _____ Exp. /
VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMERICAN EXPRESS MM/YY

CCV# _____ Card holder Billing Address: _____

Signature Required (for credit card use): _____ Today's Date: _____