

Victoria College Academy of Lifelong Learning presents...

Roaming Coastal Maine

August 9 – 15, 2026



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

7 Days • 9 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Portland Head Lighthouse, Portland Harbor Cruise, Oyster Farm, Acadia National Park, Lobster Boat Cruise, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1, 2 Hyatt Place Portland Old Port, Portland, Maine
 Days 3, 4 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel, Bar Harbor, Maine
 Days 5, 6 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, August 9, 2026 Portland, Maine 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. Due to varied arrival times, there are no scheduled activities today. Enjoy the day to dive into Portland's scene independently.

Day 2: Monday, August 10, 2026 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. Trade in the charming streets of the city for the rugged coastline, stopping at the picturesque Portland Head Light. After some free time for lunch, experience the view from the sea of the iconic lighthouses and sights of the harbor on a scenic cruise. Tonight, dine at a local restaurant with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 Portland - Camden - 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. Then, head to Camden for some time at leisure and lunch on your own. This quintessential Maine town is home to the annual National Toboggan Championships and boasts many storefronts and 19th-century homes. 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, August 12, 2026 Bar Harbor - Acadia National Park - Bar Harbor 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. Take in the sweeping views from the summit of Cadillac Mountain. 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, August 13, 2026 Bar Harbor - Freeport Today, your scenic journey takes you back down the Maine coast. Stop at a lobster shack for a casual New England lunch featuring a must-try local favorite, the Maine lobster roll. Next, **it's your choice** between two local museums. Explore Maine's role in American art at the Farnsworth Art Museum **-OR-** discover antique automobiles and more at the Owls Head Transportation Museum. Then, treat your pallet again during an **Impact Moment** at the Maine Tasting Center. Here, try a variety of Maine's iconic foods such as blueberries, seaweed, potatoes, and more, and learn about the hardworking locals behind these specialties. Later, arrive in Freeport, your home for the next two nights. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 6: Friday, August 14, 2026 Freeport - Boothbay - Freeport Today, enter the natural wonderland of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, nearly 300 acres of grassy fields and woodland trails overflowing with floral hues. Join a local expert for an informative walk-through or perhaps, if you're feeling more active, go on a self-guided hike to find the giant hidden trolls in the garden's wooded trails. These magical trolls stand up to 30 feet tall and were constructed using recycled wood. This afternoon, 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, August 15, 2026 Freeport - Tour Ends Your tour of coastal Maine comes to a close today. (B)



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$4,829; Single \$6,029; Triple \$4,779

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Houston Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$429 per person

* *All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

The longest walking tour featured will be under 1 mile.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

You should anticipate long travel days on the days we travel from Portland to Bar Harbor and from Bar Harbor to Freeport.

*The oyster farm experience may not be available if your visit falls over a weekend.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Air travelers will arrive into and depart from Portland, Maine airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

A Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. State-issued driver's licenses and IDs that are not REAL ID compliant are no longer accepted as valid forms of identification at airports. Any fees associated with changing a reservation resulting from a non-compliant identification will be the responsibility of the traveler. For more information on Real ID, please visit the Department of Homeland Security website: <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id>

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of January 02, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 11, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until January 09, 2026.

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Experience It! Acadia National Park

Stretching over an expanse of 47,000 acres, Acadia National Park is home to a vast range of natural beauty. Acadia fully encompasses the quintessential essence of Maine's best nature. Take in the rugged mountains peeking out above the treetops, covered in a blanket of evergreen forests. From streams and sounds to ponds and ocean coastline, admire the striking contrast of the gentle blue waters to the rocky shores. In autumn, colorful foliage appears to go on for miles, continuing out of sight over the hills and valleys. In the early 1900's, J. D. Rockefeller commissioned a network of roads throughout the park, initially designed for horse and carriage. These paths remain today but are frequented by bikes and adventurers rather than buggies.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1329743>

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$429 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
180 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____