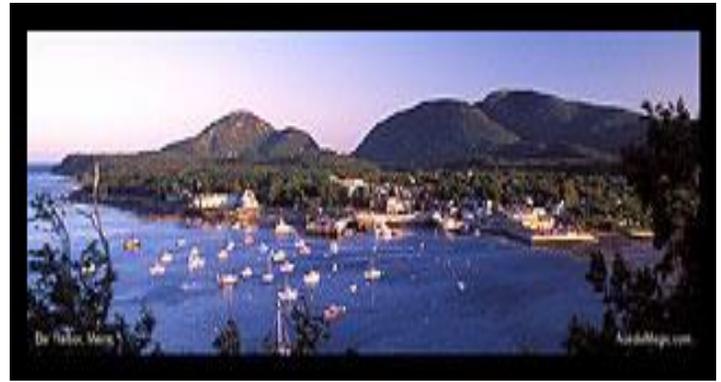




Summertime in Bar Harbor

Sunday, August 29-September 1, 2021

\$ 876 p/p Double Occupancy



~Day #1 Sunday, August 29, 2021~

Welcome to Vacationland! First stop, **Kennebunkport**. Free time for lunch on own in Dock Square, with boutiques and casual restaurants lining the waterfront. Then sit back and relax on our drive along the coast “downeast” to **Bar Harbor**. You’ll see quiet little protected harbors filled with working lobster boats along the way. Ospreys and bald eagles nest high in the spruces along the rugged shores, deer browse the open fields, moose forage the wetlands, and harbor seals make their annual pilgrimage to the quiet coves. Cross over the new Penobscot Narrows Bridge in Bucksport, then the causeway onto **Mt. Desert Island**. The Bar Harbor area has been celebrated for its breathtaking beauty ever since the island was discovered in 1604 by Samuel de Champlain, who named it “Isle de Monts Desert” (Mt. Desert Island) for its bare, desert-like mountaintops. Check in to the **Blue Nose Inn** for a **three night stay** overlooking beautiful Frenchman’s Bay and featuring an indoor and outdoor pool, and much more. Dinner included in Bar Harbor this evening. (Dinner)

~Day #2 Monday, August 30, 2021~

Breakfast is included at the hotel this morning in their breakfast room, or you may take a tray back to your balcony. This morning we head out with our local guide for a tour of Bar Harbor and **Acadia National Park**. Here, at the first national park founded east of the Mississippi, you’ll see 9 mountains over 1000 feet high, stone bridges, lakes, ponds, trails and carriage roads. We will travel the entire Park Loop Road with stops at Cadillac Mountain, Thunder Hole on Ocean Drive, and Sieur De Mont Springs Wild Gardens of Arcadia. Learn about the rich and famous visitors who built summer cottages in Bar Harbor. Next, enjoy some free time for lunch on own before our afternoon cruise. This afternoon we cruise along the calm waters of the harbor to see a variety of marine life on this nature cruise of Frenchman’s Bay! On this cruise we will head to a small island to look at harbor seals basking on the rocks and enjoy the majestic scenery of the Maine coast. Tonight dinner is own on. (Breakfast)

~Day #3 Tuesday, August 31, 2021~

After an included breakfast at the hotel you have two options. Option #1: Enjoy a free day to enjoy the inn or downtown Bar Harbor with many shops, boutiques and galleries, tow parks, and a shoreline walking trail. \$20 less per person if you take this option. Option #2: A local guide will take us on a “Downeast” day trip with a stop in Columbia Falls at the **Wreaths Across America Museum**. The museum profiles the wreath laying ceremonies that take place each December at Arlington National Cemetery. Next we will make a stop at one of the best restaurants in the **‘blueberry capital’ of Machias**, along the downeast Maine coast. Enjoy lunch on your own, and include coffee and homemade pie. Have you ever made Betty Crocker blueberry muffins? That little can of blue sweetness included in every box comes from here! Our guide will tell us more stories about the history, early settlers, and today’s unique local characters here in the northeast corner of Maine. Upon arrival back to Bar Harbor you can enjoy some free time downtown before tonight’s farewell **lobster dinner**. Taste some of the finest in traditional Downeast cooking and enjoy a spectacular panorama from an 8 sided glass-walled dining spot overlooking Frenchman’s Bay! (Breakfast and Dinner)

~Day #4 Wednesday, September 1, 2021~

Breakfast is included at the hotel before we head towards home with wonderful memories of Bar Harbor. But we’re not done yet! As we travel towards home have your camera ready for a stop atop **Mt. Battie**. Within the beautiful Camden Hills State Park, marvel at the sweeping views of **Penobscot Bay** and the surrounding islands. Enjoy some free time exploring **Camden Village**, where the mountains meet the sea. Enjoy lunch and browsing this windjammer lined harbor with charming boutiques and restaurants along the waterfront. After that we will make our way home through Rockland. (Breakfast)

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