# Coastal New England Autumn Maine and Vermont

Presented by Wendt Touring 7 Days ~ October 5-11, 2024

Fall foliage should provide a spectrum of brilliant colors and spectacular vistas on this popular tour focusing on the rugged Atlantic Coast of Maine and northern New England during primetime. Enjoy two nights in Acadia National Park/Bar Harbor area and two nights in Portland/Ogunquit right on the ocean! Experience Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts too. The unique charm, history and beauty of this great area of America await us on this fascinating and fun filled trip. Join us!

#### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

Ogunquit, Maine ~ Portland City Tour ~ Scenic Highway 1 ~ Maine ~ Atlantic Ocean Acadia National Park ~ Lobster Supper ~ Vermont ~ Mount Desert Island ~ L.L. Bean Cadillac Mountain ~ Thunder Hole ~ Kennebunkport ~ Musical Wonder House Historic Bennington ~ New Hampshire ~ Bar Harbor ~ Freeport

#### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Six nights lodging
- Nine meals three dinners & six breakfasts
- All sightseeing, admissions, baggage handling and most gratuities
- Professional Tour Manager

#### TOUR FARE:

\$1,999 per person double occupancy\$2,949 per person single occupancy

Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring

## ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Cleveland ~ Bennington, Vermont:

Travel aboard a deluxe highway motorcoach across the Hudson River and into beautiful Vermont. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically. Later this afternoon we arrive in historic Bennington for the night. This evening we gather for a Welcome-to-the-Tour dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Day 2: Vermont ~ New Hampshire ~ Ogunquit, Maine:

Breakfast included. Visit the Bennington Monument (The Revolutionary War) and Robert Frost gravesite. Travel through southern Vermont and New Hampshire and into Maine for a delightful two-night stay in the seaside town of Ogunquit located on the Atlantic Ocean. Called "beautiful place by the sea" by early inhabitants of the region, Ogunquit offers a lovely three-mile beach to the north and picturesque rocky shore to the south. The quaint town center has craft shops, theaters and parks lining its streets. Enjoy dinner and a two-night stay.

#### Day 3: Ogunquit ~ Kennebunkport ~ Portland:

Breakfast included. This morning we visit the affluent community of Kennebunkport. A popular summer resort, Kennebunkport has long been a favorite among artists and writers. During a driving tour we will see the famous "Wedding Cake House" and former President Bush's summer home. Later today we arrive in Portland for a lunch break followed by a guided city tour. Highlights include the attractively restored 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings, tree-lined streets and lovely parks of the downtown area.

Enjoy a stop at the Portland Lighthouse. Return to nearby Ogunquit for a leisurely evening.

#### Day 4: Highway 1 ~ Musical Wonder House ~ Bar Harbor, Maine:

Breakfast included. Today we travel along the rugged Atlantic coast to Bar Harbor. Enjoy a stop in the lovely town of Wiscasset and visit the Musical Wonder House which features a remarkable collection of musical boxes, pianos, phonographs, paintings and furniture. Continue along this picturesque route which winds through the quaint seaside communities of Bath, Belfast and Camden, dotted with lighthouses and lobster boats. Later, we arrive in the resort town of Bar Harbor for a memorable two-night stay.

The beauty of sea, mountain, lake and forest made this region the playground for America's wealthy during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Dinner is included with the option of Maine Lobster.

#### Day 5: Acadia National Park ~ Bar Harbor at leisure:

Breakfast included. No visit to Maine would be complete without a guided tour of its crown jewel,

Acadia National Park. Acadia features an array of stunning landscapes ranging from sandy beaches (a rare sight along Maine's rocky northern coast) to Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the eastern coastline of North America. A stop will be made at Thunder Hole, a cleft in the Otter Cliffs that produces a rumbling boom from the pounding surf. Keep a lookout for whales, puffins and other marine animals.

Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure in lovely Bar Harbor. This unique town features numerous specialty shops, charming boutiques and wonderful restaurants. Overnight again in Bar Harbor.

### Day 6: Bar Harbor ~ Freeport ~ New Hampshire ~ Massachusetts ~ New York:

Breakfast included. Today we follow the rugged New England coast of Maine and travel to the famous L.L. Bean outlet. Here we enjoy free time for fabulous shopping and lunch on your own. Later, experience a scenic ride across Massachusetts and the Berkshire Mountains ablaze with all its fall foliage colors. Arrive in Schenectady, New York for the final overnight.

#### **Day 7: Schenectady ~ Cleveland:**

Breakfast included. Today we leave New England and begin our journey home with fond memories. Rest and meal stops will be made periodically. Late afternoon return.