



MAINE MOOSIN' TOUR

June 13-17, 2010

This wonderful tour combines the beauty of Maine's southern coast, the charm of Portland, and the grand scenery of Maine's Moose Country. Tour historic Portland, see famous lighthouses, shop at LL Bean, stay in a charming inn near Rangeley Lake, pan for gold, and look for moose in likely places. It's a magical adventure!

DAY 1: Travel north through New England to arrive this evening on the outskirts of Portland, Maine's city-by-the-sea. Enjoy dinner at Verillos Restaurant and spend the night at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel (207-774-5861). (dinner)

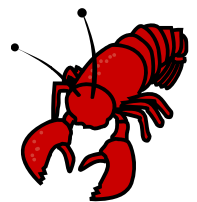
DAY 2: After a full breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of historic Portland. See the charming waterfront, drive past Longfellow's boyhood home and the mansions of sea captains. View old forts and the islands dotting Casco Bay, and stop for a picture of the classic Portland Head Lighthouse. Do a little shopping in Freeport, home of the flagship store LL Bean. At Maine Wildlife Park, meet moose and other state natives. Continuing north toward pristine lakes and mountains, reach Rangeley, "the Moosin' Capital of Maine," located on the shore of sparkling Rangeley Lake. Check into Rangeley Inn (207-864-3341), our delightful home on pretty Haley Pond, where we spend two memorable nights. Enjoy a welcome reception, dinner, and entertainment by a Maine storyteller, then relax on the wrap-around porch, listening for the call of the loons. (breakfast, dinner)

Portland Head Lighthouse



DAY 3: Enjoy breakfast at the inn before meeting a local prospector on the banks of the Swift River and trying your hand at gold panning. Relax over a picnic lunch, then enjoy a leisurely canoe ride with our guides on the calm lake to get glimpses of local wildlife. Back at the inn, delight in the chain saw mastery of the legendary "Mad Whittler" as he carves amazing figures in wood. After dinner, motor around the lake with our guide at dusk (the best time for spotting moose) to look for the antlered animals in likely places. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

DAY 4: After breakfast at the inn, head toward Maine's coast, stopping en route to tour cranberry bogs, apple orchards, and a cider mill. At the Washburn Living History Museum, see how the seven famous Washburn brothers lived in the 1800s, and enjoy a country-style luncheon. Reaching the sea, tour pretty Kennebunkport with its sandy beaches, rocky coast, Dock Square, Franciscan Monastery, and summer home of the elder President Bush. In beautiful Ogunquit, check into the Meadowmere Resort (207-646-9661) before heading to Cape Neddick to view the famous Nubble Light. For a farewell dinner, feast on a bountiful Maine Lobsterbake (or barbecued chicken), and enjoy sing-a-long entertainment. (breakfast, lunch, dinner)



DAY 5: After a continental breakfast, head home with marvelous memories of mighty moose and the beautiful coast of Maine. Expected arrival in Lancaster is 6:45 PM, York 7:30 PM, Red Lion 8:00 PM. (breakfast)



Rangeley Inn in Maine's Moose Country

