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Dear Valued Travel Family & Friends,

On behalf of everyone at First Choice Tours, we can't thank you enough for the wonderful memories shared on our adventures together!

We value the trust you have put in our service, and are always committed to providing you and your group with the very best in travel! This brochure is designed for group motorcoach tours, air packages, and cruises. We are a local company, in Massachusetts, that takes pride in the service we provide to our groups from all over the United States, and the world.

We can take care of all your 1-Day and Multi-Day journeys. We'll meet all of your needs, and your budget! Please call for a price for your group. Pricing depends on the number of passengers in your group, and where your group is located. The prices in this brochure will give you an example. We look forward to seeing you again.

Your friends in travel, Maria & Staff



Maria



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# Both of these tours available Spring-Fall

## ~The Bronx Zoo~

## Join us for a fun and exciting wildlife adventure!



# Pricing starts at... \$109 p/p



Fun for all ages, the Bronx Zoo located in New York is among the largest metropolitan zoos in the world! It represents approximately 650 species from around the world in naturalistic habitats! If you have seen The Zoo, on Animal Planet, you know why so many visit the zoo every year!





## ~The New York Botanical Garden ~

This is the perfect trip for all types of groups! Discover an inspiring lineup of events and exhibits at this beautiful 250-acre verdant landscape that supports over one million living plants in extensive collections, and one of the world's greatest collections of flora. Your group will enjoy a one hour narrated tram tour that offers an overview of the Gardens and its history. You can also explore the wonderful gardens at your leisure! You may also want to explore their special exhibit during your stay. We will let you know what that exhibit is. Exhibits change depending on the time of year you visit. Enjoy lunch at the Hudson Garden and Grill, or the Pine Tree Café! You won't want to miss visiting the fabulous Garden Shop that offers plants, pots, botanical inspired jewelry, books, home accessories and much more!





### A few special exhibits to consider:

The Orchid Show & Holiday Train Show!

If you have some in your group that would like to visit the Botanical Gardens, and some that want to visit the Bronx Zoo, we can design the tour that way as well!

# ~ The Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island ~



Located in New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty was a gift of international friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States and is one of the most universal symbols of political freedom and democracy. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated on October 28, 1886 and was designated a National Monument on October 15, 1924. The Statue was extensively restored in time for her spectacular centennial on July 4, 1986.



Today's visitors to Ellis Island, although unencumbered by bundled possessions and the harrowing memory of a transatlantic journey, retrace the steps of twelve million immigrants who approached America's "front doors to freedom" in the early twentieth century. Ellis Island receives today's arriving ferry passengers as it did hundreds of thousands of new arrivals between 1897 and 1938.

(Available from Battery Park or Jersey City)

Pricing starts at \$109 φ/φ

# ~ Beauport Princess Cruises ~

# Pick the date that works for your group! (Available Spring-Fall)







Join your group for a wonderful trip to Gloucester and Rockport this summer! Upon arrival, step aboard the elegant Beauport Princess and settle back for a cruise from one of New England's most photogenic harbors, Gloucester, MA. As you cruise historic Gloucester Harbor, which is the oldest fishing community in the United States. On this luxury cruise, enjoy a lobster buffet luncheon, or a wonderful buffet lunch without the Lobster. Cruise past downtown with its historic homes, churches, and city hall. You will see Ten Pound Island Lighthouse, Blynman Canal Drawbridge, Gloucester Fisherman's Statue, Hammond Castle and Norman's Woe, a rock reef immortalized in the "Wreck of the

Hesperus" poem. Once back on land you will head off to Rockport, one of the country's oldest artisan Colonies, for some free time to walk around and enjoy the shops. You can also just sit back and enjoy looking over the harbor! Don't forget your camera!

### ~ Tour Includes ~

Luxury Coach, Driver Gratuity, Lobster & Buffet Lunch, Cruise aboard the Beauport Princess and Free Time in Gloucester or Rockport is optional!

# ~ The Beauty of Maine ~

# Pricing starts at \$129 p/p

2 Wonderful Tours to choose from...

Perhaps your group loves Maine, and you would like to offer both!

## One in the Spring and One in Late Summer!

### **Tour # 1**

Join us for a wonderful trip to Maine! June-October is the perfect time to visit and enjoy some great sites and some great food too! We will start this fabulous trip with a Lobster Shore Lunch included at the "On the Marsh Bistro" located in Kennebunk, Maine. Next we have a narrated guided tour of the coastal villages of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. See Dock Square and follow Ocean Avenue along the Kennebunk River. Drive by Walker's Point where the Bush family estate is located. You'll have a chance to explore the Franciscan Monastery with its beautiful gardens and shrines. Our last stop will be in Portsmouth to enjoy a Harbor Cruise. What a perfect way to end a perfect day. This trip offers some wonderful photo opportunities of lighthouses, mansions, submarines and forts, so don't forget your camera!

### <u>Tour # 2</u>

Join us for a wonderful trip to Maine! Available early Spring and after Labor Day. Head out with your group for a fun-filled day in Ogunquit! Your group can enjoy some free time at Perkins Cove for shopping or enjoying a stroll along the Marginal Way. Lunch at Oarweeds, and a fun-filled 90-min cruise to Nubble Lighthouse on the Finestkind await! This 14-mile round-trip cruise follows Maine's southernmost coastline and rocky shore to view the picturesque lighthouse where you can take some breathtaking photos!

## ~ An Elegant Fall Foliage Trip! ~





All aboard!!! Experience a breathtaking fall foliage scenic train ride, known as the HOBO Railroad. We will begin our day with a trip to Meredith, NH and a visit to the Lake Winnipesaukee Railroad for a fabulous 4-hour train ride! The train will depart from Meredith and head to the White Mountains. You will pass Lake Waukewan and Lake Winona, where you will follow along over the Pemigewasset River from Ashland to Plymouth. The train will take us through the exceptionally beautiful New Hampshire landscape. A stop will be made at the Common Man Restaurant for a wonderful Hot Buffet Luncheon! This wonderful buffet will consist of homemade vegetable soup, rolls + butter, homemade meat lasagna, vegetable lasagna, roast turkey with sage stuffing + gravy, cranberry sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, soda, coffee, tea and for dessert cookies, brownies and assorted mini pastries. This will be an unforgettable day! Please note there is some walking consisting of getting on + off the train on several occasions.

ONE OF THE BEST SPECIAL TRIPS IN THE FALL!

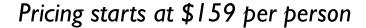
Book your group early!

**OTHER GREAT NH TRIPS AVAILABLE:** 

CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS AND THE HOBO RAILROAD TURKEY TRAIN!
HART'S TURKEY FARM AND LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE CRUISE!

## ~ The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat ~

Join us for a wonderful day out as we journey through the heart of the scenic Connecticut River Valley aboard the only steam train and riverboat ride in the U.S. The day begins with a 3-course luncheon in an 1920's era Pullman luxury train for a 12 mile train ride. After lunch, the train arrives at the Mississippi-style riverboat Becky Thatcher for a delightful cruise on the Connecticut River that will take you on a journey across deep water, coves, inlets and marshes! See lots of wildlife, the rocky Shoreline, and overall breathtaking scenery! Enjoy free time at Olde Mistick Village before departing for home.







# ~ Sail Away to Block Island with your group! ~

June-October 2022 - Pricing starts at \$139 p/p

Your fun-filled day begins on a luxury motor coach that will bring you and your group to Point Judith, RI, where we will board the ferry for Block Island! The fun begins as you board the vessel and enjoy the sea, sky and wind with a splendid venture across the beautiful ocean waters to Block Island!

We will arrive on Block Island in the village known as "Old Harbor" where we will meet the tour bus for a scenic, narrated "Island Tour". We will hear of the history of Block Island while taking in the breathtaking ocean views, picturesque stone walls, beach roses, fresh water ponds, lighthouses & two manmade harbors! After the "Island Tour" sit back and relax while enjoying lunch on the veranda of The National, one of Block Island's most historic hotels. Located right in the heart of downtown Old Harbor, Block Island, you are just a few steps away from the island's best beaches, souvenir shops, historic sites, and more!!!

<u>Please note</u>: Depending on the date, sometimes we have lunch 1st followed by the tour of the Island!

# ~ A Beautiful Day Trip to Martha's Vineyard ~

## Pricing starts at \$129 per person!

This wonderful trip begins on a luxury motor coach that will bring you and your group to Falmouth, MA, where we will board the famous Island Queen Ferry! We will board the vessel and enjoy the sea, sky and wind as our "Queen" takes us on a splendid venture across the beautiful ocean waters to Martha's Vineyard!



Upon arrival to the beautiful harbor of Oak Bluffs, enjoy a fascinating narrated "Down Island Bus Tour" of the island! Learn about the history and lifestyles of the islanders!

Lunch is on your own in Edgartown or Oak Bluffs!



After the tour you will enjoy some free time for browsing. We then take the ferry back to Falmouth where you will have free time here as well for shopping or dinner.

This is a wonderful day trip that you do not want to miss!

Don't forget your camera!





First Choice Tours presents the most anticipated show of the holiday season...

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular \*Starring the world famous Rockettes\*

~Nov-Dec 2024~

Pricing Starts at \$169 per person

A Super Spectacular day trip or overnight to New York City for groups! Fireworks, falling snow, flying ribbons and of course the Rockettes! We have your tickets to the biggest event of the year......the annual Christmas Show returns to Radio City Music Hall. This year you will be dazzled by the Christmas Spectacular Experience! Radio City has brought back all the splendor of its past with new holiday magic in addition to the traditional favorites like "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and "The Living Nativity." First Choice Tours will be there to make sure that this holiday season has a certain magic in the air. We'll treat you to the grandest spectacle of the season.....The Christmas Show on the Great Stage at Radio City, the "Showplace of the Nation". Your group can include a wonderful lunch prior to the show!

We would be delighted to design the perfect holiday trip for you and your group!

One Day or Multi Day Holiday tours to NYC available!

## ~ Lake Sunapee and more! ~

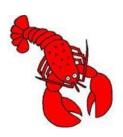
- \* Lake Sunapee Luncheon Cruise \*

  \* The Telephone Museum \*

  \* Vermont Country Store \*
- Your group will enjoy this perfect day trip to Lake Sunapee! This tour includes a fun, scenic excursion on the MV Kearsarge Restaurant Ship. Hop aboard, relax, and enjoy the wonderful New Hampshire scenery all while enjoying a delightful luncheon buffet. Perhaps after lunch you want to settle into your deck chair or ease back at your table and listen as the Captain narrates the history, lore and points of interest of this beautiful pristine mountain lake. The MV Kearsarge Restaurant Ship has been sailing the waters of Lake Sunapee for over 30 years and is a replica of the original MV Kearsarge Steamship. Next, we head over to the Telephone Museum. You will say "WOW" as soon as you walk through the door of this wonderful museum that features over 1000 artifacts! This is a must-see attraction! Enjoy a guided tour of tangible history with their knowledgeable staff! They will provide engaging commentary highlighting important moments in telephone history! Don't forget your camera!







# ~ The Newport Playhouse~

# 2024 Lobsterfest or Surf & Turf Pricing starts at \$119 p/p



#### ~Since 1983~

This luncheon or dinner theatre experience is unique...you and your group will enjoy a great buffet, a wonderful play and a fun-filled cabaret. Their extensive, hearty buffet does not skimp on quality or selection. Everything is prepared on the premises. You will not be disappointed and will want to return again and again! This intimate theatre is just a short stroll from the dining room. There you will have reserved seating to enjoy some of the finest entertainment available. Professional actors will delight you with a wonderful play worthy of Broadway. Then it is back to your original table...or you may enjoy the view from the bar...as the dining room has been transformed into a delightful Cabaret where our Company Members continue to entertain you with songs and laughter. This is a great day out with your group! Just as you would expect it to be!

### \*THE LOBSTERFEST MENU\*

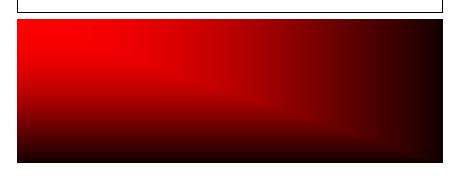
1 1/4 lb. Boiled Lobster, Shrimp Cocktail, Mussels in Wine, Sweet Corn on the Cob, Roasted Chicken, BBQ Chicken, Red Bliss Potatoes, Glazed Sweet Potatoes, Creole Shrimp and Rice, Vegetable Medley, their own New England Clam Chowder, 3-Bean Salad, Beet Salad, Cucumber Salad, Lettuce Bowl, Watermelon, Jell-O Pudding, Strawberry Shortcake, Bread & Butter!

## \*THE SURF & TURF MENU\*

Baked Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat Stuffing, Angus Prime Rib Station, Sliced Ham in Pineapple Glaze, Fresh Shrimp Cocktail, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Green Beans, Homemade Meatballs, Homemade Pasta, Homemade Chowder, Fresh Season Garden Salad, Desserts, and more!

Dates and shows available soon!

# 2024 Shows Available soon!



Doors open at 11:00am for Matinee Shows. Enjoy a great buffet, a funny play and a fun-filled Cabaret!!



# ~ Interlakes Summer Theatre ~ Pricing starts at \$139 p/p



Newsies—7/3-28
Chicago—July 17-28
Legally Blonde—7/31-8/11
Million Dollar Quartet—8/14-18

Include a nice lunch for the perfect day away!

~ North Shore Theatre~

Pricing starts at \$169 p/p

(Full line-up to be available in February)

~ Ogunquit Playhouse ~ Pricing starts at \$169 p/p (Full line-up to be available in February)

# ~ Theatre By The Sea~

A Choruse Line, Tootsie, Sound of Music, 42nd Street

Pricing starts at \$169 p/p

Include a nice lunch at Cap n' Jack's!!

# ~ Niagara Falls, Canada ~

# 3 Days/2 Nights or 4 Days/3 Nights

Pricing starts at \$429 p/p Double Occupancy

We have the perfect group trip! This wonderful adventure will leave you and your group with lasting memories! Niagara Falls has an array of dazzling places to explore and we make visiting Niagara Falls easy for you! On this trip, experience Niagara Falls from the Canadian Side, with the best and most amazing views! This wonderful journey features deluxe motor coach transportation, two or three nights accommodations, full breakfast each morning at the hotel, dinner each evening, guided tour to include the American Falls, Horseshoe Falls, Whirlpool, Power Dams, Floral Clock, and a tasting and tour of a local winery. Travel to the quaint town known as Niagara-on-the-Lake where you will enjoy free time to explore the shops, and enjoy the wonderful restaurants! On the last day, delight in a cruise up close and personal to the falls aboard the Hornblower Niagara cruise! Don't forget your camera!

### <u>Day 1</u>

Travel to Niagara Falls, Canada Check-in (Hotel TBD) Dinner included at a local favorite

### Day 2

Breakfast included at the hotel
Guided Tour of Niagara Falls
Niagara-On-The-Lake
Winery Tour
Dinner at Table Rock

Skylon Tower Buffet (both restaurants offer amazing views of the falls)

### Day 3

Breakfast included at the hotel
Hornblower Cruise
Free time for lunch
Depart for home with wonderful
memories

Pass Card or Passport required





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#### Day 3

Breakfast included at the hotel Free Day to explore on own Perhaps visit the Casinos Visit Toronto

### Day 4

Breakfast included at the hotel
Hornblower Cruise
Free time for lunch
Depart for home with wonderful

## ~ Atlantic City, New Jersey ~

Available Sunday-Thursday



Feeling Lucky? Journey with your group to Atlantic City!

Travel on a luxury coach for a fun-filled trip. Enjoy the sandy beach, stroll the beautiful boardwalk, shop at the Outlets, visit the many casinos on the boardwalk, take the jitney out to the Marina, and so much more!! The day will be filled with anticipation you journey to Atlantic City's Hotels and Casinos located on the beautiful boardwalk! Offer an optional trip to your group: visiting the town of Smithville for shopping, eating, and a stop at the famous Elephant...Lucy! A historic site!

**Package Includes:** Round trip transportation on a Luxury Coach, Driver Gratuity, 2 or 3 Nights' Lodgings, Luggage Handling, Meet and Greet upon Arrival, and a wonderful bonus ...

## Pricing starts at \$329 p/p Double Occupancy

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# ~ Trapp Family Lodge ~

AN EXCITING & RELAXING TRIP!

2 Days/I Night

Available Sunday-Thursday starting at \$499 p/p double occupancy (3 Days/2 Night Packages available)



Head out with your group for a wonderful journey to the beautiful town of Stowe, VT!

Enjoy overnight accommodations at the Von Trapp Family Lodge, dinner and breakfast at the Von Trapp, a guided history tour of the Trapp Family Lodge, and so much more! We will also stop at the Cold Hollow Cider Mill, Woodstock for lunch, and the Quechee Gorge!

### Day 1

Travel to Stowe, VT.
Stop at Cold Hollow Cider Mill.
AR in Stowe and enjoy some free time for lunch.
Check-in at the Trapp Family Lodge.
Enjoy time to browse the grounds, swim in the indoor or outdoor pool and more!
A lovely private dinner tonight.

## **Day 2**

Breakfast included this morning.
Guided History Tour including the cemetery.
Depart for Woodstock.
Lunch included at the Woodstock Inn.
Depart late afternoon with wonderful memories!







"Traveling leaves you with memories that give you the opportunity to become a storyteller"

## ~ Nantucket & The Nantucket Inn ~

Travel with us as we enjoy our luxury motor coach to Hyannis where we will hop on a ferry that will take us to Nantucket! Nantucket, a tiny, isolated island off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, is a summer destination with dune-backed beaches. It's marked by unpainted cedar-shingled buildings, many surrounded by manicured privets. The cobblestoned streets of the Town of Nantucket are lined with restaurants, high-end boutiques and steeple churches. The town's Whaling Museum recounts the island's role as a 19th-century whaling hub.

# 2 Days/I Night or 3 Days/2 Nights Pricing starts at \$489 p/p double occupancy

### Overnight accommodations at the Nantucket Inn.

This clapboard inn with a courtyard and gardens is 2.8 miles from the island's historic district. There are 3 acres of landscaped grounds with seating areas, plus indoor and outdoor pools and hot tubs. Additional amenities include a fitness center, tennis courts, and a billiard room. Shuttle service to town is free. Your group will have an Island Tour and an All Access Pass. Enjoy free time to enjoy Nantucket by taking the shuttle to town from the hotel, dinner can be included or on own this evening. The possibilities are endless!



### <u>Day 1</u>

Travel to Hyannis.
Ferry over to Nantucket.
Upon arrival, the Nantucket Inn will gather your luggage and bring it to the Inn.
Enjoy a guided tour of the Island.
Tonight dinner on own or we can include a dinner.
Free evening to enjoy the Inn and the Island.
(shuttle service available from the Inn)

### Day 2

Breakfast included this morning.
Free Day to Explore the Island.
Shuttle begins at 9:00 am.
Enjoy lunch on own, shopping, exploring and utilizing the All Access Pass that is included.
Pass includes the Nantucket Historical Associations Whaling Museum, and other available sites!

## ~ The Ottawa Tulip Festival ~

May 20224 and May 2025
4 Days/3 Nights
Starting at \$789 p/p Double Occupancy
Passport or Pass Card Required



### <u>Day 1</u>

Late afternoon/early evening arrive in Ottawa...Canada's National Capital.

Can't speak French, no problem because they speak French and English! Lunch enroute included in Old Montreal and free time!

Your hotel is situated in the heart of Downtown Ottawa.

### **Day 2**

Breakfast is included this morning at the hotel prior to meeting your local costumed guide for an entire day of touring. See the History Museum, Notre-Dame Basilica, R.C.M.P. Stables, Parliament Hill, Ornamental Gardens, the Rideau Canal, and lots of Tulips.

Lunch will be on your own. Tonight enjoy a wonderful dinner included at a local favorite.

### Day 3

Breakfast included at the hotel prior to a wonderful cruise on Rideau Canal prior to a day at leisure! There is so much to do, and we have a few suggestions for you! Included is also an optional trip back to Commissioner's Park where you can enjoy more of the Ottawa Tulip Festival. On your free time you can enjoy a visit to one of the many museums, stroll the downtown streets, and see what kind of locally crafted goodies you'll stumble upon. Shop the local shops at the ByWard Market, The Rideau Centre Mall, and so much more!

The downtown shopping scene is without a doubt worth exploring! Dinner is on own, and there are many restaurants to explore!

Optional trip to the Casino tonight!

## **Day 4**

Farewell breakfast included prior to check-out. We depart for home with wonderful memories of Ottawa and their beautiful Tulips.

We will stop for lunch on own in the 1000 Islands!











## A Historical Tour of our Nation's Capital!

# ~ Washington, DC ~

## 4 Days/3 Nights - starting at \$689 p/p double occupancy

### Day I

Board your luxury coach for a journey south to our Nation's Capital. Tonight enjoy a "Welcome Dinner Reception" at the hotel.

### Day 2

Breakfast included this morning at the hotel and then we are off to visit this energetic city that bears testimony to the development of our wonderful country! On the tour of the Memorials with your professional DC guide, you will be able to appreciate the grandeur and beauty of these very impressive memorials! Included are the WWII Memorial, the Iwo Jima, the Lincoln, the Vietnam, FDR, the Jefferson, and more if time allows! Your full day of touring will also include a wonderful stop at Union Station for lunch on own This evening enjoy a wonderful dinner, and an illuminated evening tour!

### Day 3

After a wonderful breakfast, depart for the National Mall for a full day on your own. We will provide maps and various information for a fun day visiting the Smithsonians, The National Archives, and more!

## Day 4

A farewell breakfast is included this morning before departing for Arlington National Cemetery, which is the most hallowed burial ground of our fallen heroes. This tour will include the Tourmobile and a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the Changing of the Guard!

Many options to choose from: The National Zoo, George Washington's Mount Vernon, Monticello and Michie Tavern, Dinner Dance Cruise, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, U.S. Naval Academy, and much more!



Discover 400 years of history, wonderful activities, attractions, sightseeing with a professional tour guide and so much more at a year-round destination that is so close to home!

## ~ Québec City ~

## 4 Days/3 Nights - starting at \$689 p/p Double Occupancy...

### Day I

Board your luxury coach and get ready for a journey to a beautiful place - Quebec City! The Québec City area is buzzing. Your group will have the opportunity to tap into the energy and discover attractions that you won't find anywhere else! Québec City is a four century—old walled city that will leave your group with lasting memories! Upon arrival check-in, or enjoy a wonderful dinner at a local favorite!

### **Day 2**

Full breakfast is included at the hotel. Today enjoy a full day of touring with a professional local guide! Visit Place d'Armes, Latin Quarter, the Citadel, Quartier Petit Champlain, Place Royale and more! Enjoy free time for lunch at Petit Champlain before continuing the tour to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, set along the St. Lawrence River, and Montmorency Falls! Return to the hotel to freshen up for tonight's dinner! Get ready for a truly unique experience...dinner at Érablière le Chemin du Roy, the Sugar Shack!

### Day 3

Full breakfast is included at the hotel. Today is a day full of fun and adventure on own! In Old Quebec City while strolling the ancient cobblestone streets, you will be captivated by fortresses and castles! Enjoy a cruise along the St. Lawrence River, shop and browse the unique artisan shops, delight in a meal at one of the charming restaurants, and so much more! You will feel like you're in Europe with the stunning architecture, friendly people, and the cobblestone streets. Don't forget to visit the beautiful Chateau Frontenac, and perhaps take a ride down the Funicular to Petit Champlain! Quebec City is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is the only walled city north of Mexico.

### **Day 4**

Full breakfast is included at the hotel. Depart for home with wonderful memories of your Quebec City journey!

A stop for late lunch/early dinner in Vermont.

Other Option: Montreal & Quebec City for 4 Days/3 Nights

## Many options to choose from:

Dinner Dance Cruise on the St. Lawrence River, Ghost Tour, Traditional Huron Indian Village site where you will discover the history and culture of The Hurons, Les Galeries de la Capitale, an indoor amusement park and shopping center, The Museum of Civilization Observatoire de la Capital (Quebec City's highest observation point) and so much more!



# ~ Bar Harbor & Campobello Island ~

### 4 Days/3 Nights starting at \$769 p/p double occupancy

### Day I

Welcome to Vacationland! Journey to Maine and make your way north to Rockland, the Lobster Capital of the World. Lunch on your own in Rockland where you'll see the Rockland harbor lighthouse from the new waterfront park with a boardwalk. Visit the Maine Lighthouse Museum in Rockland, which houses a unique collection of historic artifacts of the US Coast Guard and local lighthouse culture. Then sit back and relax for your drive along the coast "downeast" to Bar Harbor. You'll see quiet 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 quiet coves. The pretty pink and purple lupine flowers will be in bloom in late June along the way. Check in to your hotel in Bar Harbor for a three night stay. Plated dinner included at a local favorite.

### Day 2

Start with a wonderful included breakfast before heading out for the day! Bar Harbor 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. This morning, enjoy a one hour horse-drawn carriage ride along the park roads built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. You'll travel through some of Acadia's off-the-beaten-track scenic areas. Meet your local guide for a tour of Acadia National Park. Here is 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. You 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 Acadia, plus learn about the rich and famous visitors who built summer cottages in Bar Harbor. Free time for lunch on your own in Bar Harbor (your guide will point out restaurants before ending the tour) and time to explore the shops, boutiques and galleries. There are also two parks and a shoreline walking trail here. This afternoon, tour the Bar Harbor Oceanarium, hear a talk about lobster fishing. Return to the hotel and don your souvenir Maine Lobster Hat for a traditional Maine lobsterbake dinner with all the fixin's. Alternate menus are steak and haddock.

## Day 3

Enjoy a wonderful breakfast before heading out with your guide. Your local guide will meet you at the hotel for your day trip "downeast" to Lubec and Campobello Island. This morning you will make a rest stop at Wreaths Across America Museum, which profiles the wreath laying ceremonies that take place each December at Arlington National Cemetery. Travel along the coast to Lubec, the first US town to see the sun rise as the easternmost point in the country. Cross the International Bridge (passport /passcards required) to Roosevelt's beloved Campobello Island, located in the Canadian province of New Brunswick. Inside Roosevelt Campobello International Park, you'll see a 15-minute film telling the story of Roosevelt's "beloved island" and exhibits with historic family and island photos. Then go back in history by touring the 34-room "cottage" occupied 1905-1921 by the Franklin D. Roosevelt family. Winding paths meander by charming flower gardens and lead to scenic vistas overlooking the beautiful bays. A box lunch is included at the park. On your way back to Bar Harbor, stop for coffee and blueberry pie in Machias, the wild blueberry capital of Maine. Have you ever made the Betty Crocker blueberry muffins? That little can of blue sweetness included in every box comes from here! Your local guide will tell you many more stories about the history, early settlers, and today's unique locals. Dinner is included this evening upon your return from "downeast".

## **Day 4**

After a farewell breakfast you'll travel back through mid-coast Maine toward home. Have your camera ready for a photo stop atop Mt. Battie within the beautiful Camden Hills State Park, where you'll see sweeping views of Penobscot Bay and the surrounding

islands. Stop for lunch on your own in Camden - where the mountains meet the sea, and the home of Edna St. Vincent Millay. The scenery and charm of this town abounds, and is equally as beautiful as the post cards you might like to send from here! Travel home in the afternoon with wonderful memories!

## ~The Philadelphia Flower Show ~

2024 THEME: "TBD" March 2024
2 Days/I Night or 3 Days/2 Nights
Starting at \$439 p/p double occupancy

Join us for a wonderful trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show!

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### Day 3

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## Day 4

Farewell breakfast this morning before heading over to Kitchen Kettle Village. Stroll through a village of 42 shops and restaurants built around a nationally celebrated Jam & Relish Kitchen. Sample pepper jam, watch fudge being rolled, go for a horse drawn carriage ride and listen to Banjo Jimmy, and more! It's like a treasure hunt with everything from handcarved signs, to handmade quilts, to leather goods and so much more! There is a great cafeteria for lunch. The final stop will be an unforgettable presentation reviving the old art of chalk talk! This fun, motivational, and inspiring event will be one you will never forget!

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