



## Boothbay Harbor – A Delightful Maine Getaway

The town of Boothbay Harbor (pop. 2,200) is a popular yachting and tourist destination about half way along Maine's rocky coast. Mariners have long considered Boothbay Harbor to be the finest deep water port north of Boston, with many calling it "The Boating Capital of New England". Boothbay Harbor is bound by the Sheepscot and Damariscotta rivers. Tucked in and around the harbor are low-lying islands, promontories off the mainland, and pockets of water like Linekin Bay, Townsend Gut, and Mill Cove. The harbor's V-shape creates idyllic flat waters for sailing, with the sea breeze coming in at midday.

In the 1600s, English fishermen and farmers settled Maine's Boothbay region. The Indian Wars forced the English out, and Scotch-Irish families resettled the area in 1729. By the 1800s, shipbuilding and fishing were the area's leading industries. Regular steamer service established in the 1860s brought vacationers and summer colonists to the region. Today, the working population's main sources of income are shipyards, fishing, tourism, and providing services to summer residents and retirees.

We'll visit Maine's coast for three days in August when warm weather and pleasant ocean breezes are at their most delightful. A stop in Freeport, ME during our drive up Maine's coast will allow you to shop and dine at this charming town where outlet shopping rules. Boothbay Harbor is a seafood-centric town and more than a score of restaurants are within walking distance of the town wharf; they offer all things lobster, as well as a bounty of fin-fish and shellfish prepared to order—all straight from the sea to you. We'll take an included culinary walking tour to sample the tasty regional cuisine.

Also included on our tour is a three hour cruise up the Kennebec River to the Bath Iron Works (a shipyard). Along the way our guide



will point out lighthouses and forts, relate the history of the towns we pass, and perhaps spot some wildlife as well. Love the water? Plan to take a harbor tour or a two hour cruise aboard the schooner *Lazy Jack* during your free time.

If you want to call one of the local taxis you could visit the nearby Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, the Maine State Aquarium, or the Boothbay Railway Village. Of course, browsing the town's stores and exploring the Boothbay Harbor waterfront may well fill all your free time. In town you might like to follow the Boothbay Harbor Region Sculpture Trail, established in 2017. The trail exhibits completed sculptures by local artists outside businesses and institutions in downtown Boothbay Harbor.

The Boothbay Harbor Ocean Golf Resort where we'll stay is just across a pedestrian bridge from the restaurants, shops and wharves of downtown. Although it's a pleasant stroll from our hotel, you may take the hotel shuttle to the establishments on the opposite side of the cove if you prefer. The resort has been recently redecorated but rooms only have one king bed.

Want to guarantee some sun and surf in August 2020? Reserve your spot now on this three night getaway to lovely Maine.



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## Daily Itinerary

**Aug 19** Fly Detroit/Portland, ME

**Aug 20** Boothbay Harbor Kennebec River cruise

**Aug 21** Boothbay Harbor Culinary walking tour

**Aug 22** Fly Portland/Detroit

## Included Features

- Escorted from Detroit by your NexTour Leader \*
- Airport parking and shuttle to terminal \*
- 3 nights hotel lodging
- 1 lunch (Culinary walking tour)
- Kennebec River cruise
- Round-trip main cabin air and destination transfers will be included at the additional price noted below unless you advise us otherwise at time of reservation.

\*Exclusive NexTour features

## Pricing (per person)

	Double	Single
<b>Deluxe room (king bed only)</b>	<b>\$1,240</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>
<b>Superior room (king bed only)</b>	<b>\$1,350</b>	<b>\$1,880</b>

We will add \$465 for round-trip main cabin air from Detroit to the above cost unless you tell us you wish to make your own air arrangements at time of reservation. Main cabin air tickets may not be upgradable using money or miles.

**Deposit:** \$790 (air cost will be added to final invoice).

**Cancellation:** \$690 through 5/13/20  
\$790 through 7/1/20  
No refund after 7/1/20

**Final payment due:** 7/1/20

**Airline:** Delta

Terms and Conditions 1-4, 7-12 and Note A on page 7 apply to this tour.

## Accommodation

**Boothbay Harbor Ocean Golf Resort** This harbor front resort has a shuttle to its nearby golf course and into town, and is about 200 yards from the walking bridge into town. The hotel is two stories without an elevator. Deluxe rooms are on the first floor and offer no view. Superior rooms are on the 2nd floor and have a water view. Rooms have king beds only. Amenities include a restaurant and bar. A spa, fitness center and salt-water outdoor pool are at the golf course.

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