



cruising with marinalife

Maine



Explore the Coast - endless possibilities for beautiful scenery and new adventures

Touring the Maine Coast is a journey. With more coastline than California (3,478 miles), you can visit the Maine Coast repeatedly and discover new spots each trip. There is no one specific "shore route", so you have the opportunity to discover many hidden treasures with small islands making ideal spots to drop anchor and enjoy the scenery. This cruise starts in the south of Maine and takes you north up the coastline. Enjoy and let us know what gems you discover!



Harbor, Kennebunkport



Lobster Boats, Portland's Waterfront

Kennebunkport

The Kennebunks offer arts, architecture, antiques, shopping, boating and much more. Both Kennebunk and Kennebunkport have historic districts steeped in local lore and offer tours of the homes of sea captains and shipbuilders. Shoppers in search of unique gifts and treasures will find them in the shops and galleries of Dock Square and downtown Kennebunk. Don't miss Cape Porpoise and the view of Goat Island Lighthouse

Where to Dock: *Chick's Marina*

Chicks Marina is the premier marina on the Kennebunk River, located just 1/2 mile from the ocean. Booth Chick, a renowned local boat builder and fisherman founded the marina over 30 years ago. The marina can take vessels to 150', they have a protected Harbor, all new 30/50/100 amp service, Cable TV, new heads/showers, laundry facilities, fulltime dockhands, filtered fuel gas and diesel (bulk discount on diesel), service department, concierge, marine supply store, barbecue grills and sundeck, car rental, and taxi, golf, tennis, and bike rentals, a motel nearby, and wireless Internet.

Marinalife Discount: 5% Off Fuel - 100 gallons minimum.

Portland

Portland is a classic old east coast seacoast town. It is a beautiful little city filled with one-of-kind boutiques and shops, galleries, and incredible restaurants serving everything from

traditional New England clam chowder to nouveau cuisine. During your visit don't miss Maine's oldest lighthouse - the Portland Headlight, commissioned by George Washington and first lit in 1791. Portland Headlight is located in Fort Williams Park and offers an on-site museum.

Portland's Old Port is one of the most successful revitalized warehouse districts in the country. Taking a walk at the water's edge along Commercial Street provides a window into the working waterfront. Just steps from the water, one can stroll the cobblestone streets and experience the quaint charm of this district. The boutique shopping, unique stores, restaurants serving Maine's famous lobster dishes and a vibrant nightlife are all superb.

Where to Dock: *DiMillos Old Port Marina*

Cruising Downeast Maine starts at DiMillo's the only major transient docking in Portland. DiMillo's is home to a world-famous floating restaurant, full yacht provisioning services and experienced marine service personnel. The Marina is the only major transient dockage in Portland and can accommodate vessels up to 250' with easy, deep-water access from ocean. Conveniently located in the heart of Portland's Old Port, the marina is also offers beer, wine, and sundries, courtesy van, shower and laundry facilities, and Cable TV. 100A, 50A, and 30A shore power. (tel: 207.773.7632)

You are then on your way through the Casco Bay and the Sheepscot Bay— there are many small islands to explore here so drop an anchor and take in the amazing surroundings.

Boothbay

Boothbay Harbor which was founded as a fishing and ship-building village, remains in operation today. In the summer, tourists mingle with local lobstermen, but this seaside town still maintains its rustic charm. There are quaint village streets to explore and outdoor band concerts and craft fairs to attend. The nooks and crannies of the Boothbay shoreline are ideal for exploration and the village is also a popular departure point for trips to Monhegan Island as well as whale watching cruises and puffin tours.

The Boothbay Region is an area rich in attractions and activities. Boothbay Harbor sponsors many exciting events during the season including Windjammer Days, Fisherman's Festival, and Boatbuilders Day. Sport fishermen depart from the harbor in search of tuna, striped bass, bluefish, and cod. Thanks to the Boothbay Region Land Trust, more than 922 acres of preserved land encompassing miles of hiking trails, several historic and prehistoric sites are available to the public. Visitors can also enjoy galleries, antique shops and specialty stores and the acclaimed Boothbay Region Botanical Gardens.

Where to Dock: *Brown's Wharf Marina, Motel & Restaurant*
Brown's Wharf has 45 slips and can accommodate yachts to

165 ft. The grounds are well landscaped. The marina amenities feature a fine seafood restaurant, new showers, cable TV and a resort motel with a water view from every room. Brown's Wharf is linked to the center of Boothbay by a footbridge.
(tel: 207.633.5440)

As you make your way to Camden, take the time to anchor in Winter Harbor on Vinalhaven, a beautiful spot worthy of an extra day.

Camden

The picturesque town of Camden offers the best of both worlds. Look to the east and you'll see the blue waters of the Penobscot Bay. To the west, the peaks of the Camden Hills reach up to meet the sky. An easy hike up Mount Battie proffers amazing views of the bay and mountains as well as the town of Camden below. Just north of downtown, stately mansions on wooded lots line both sides of the street. Many of these homes, once occupied by sea captains, are now bed and breakfasts. A must see is the public library, with its garden's and amphitheater designed by Fletcher Steele, one of America's noted Landscape Architects and the Camden Opera House - an exquisitely renovated Victorian opera house, an unexpected surprise in Camden.

As an alternative to Camden, Rockport Harbor offers moorings and excellent marine services available thru Rockport Marine.

Where to Dock: *Wayfarer Marine Corporation*

This full-service yachting facility offers its guests breathtaking

Overlooking Eggemoggin Reach





Lobster House in Bar Harbor



Marinalife members enjoying a cruise in Maine

views of Camden Harbor, the village, and Camden Hills above, and provides easy access to this picturesque town's extensive services and amenities. (tel: 207.236.4378)

As you continue north there are a plethora of other spots to explore. Discovers the distinctive ambience of small Maine towns while enjoying the spectacular scenery the Maine coast has to offer.

Isleboro

Where to Dock: *Deer Park Boatyard*

For those arriving by water, Cradle Cove can be a safe anchorage within Gilkey Harbor, as you explore the area. Besides offering fuel, moorings, boat maintenance and repairs; the marina also has showers, laundry, ice and a fully stocked marine store. (tel: 207.734.2246)

Belfast

Belfast has a plethora of shops including a great Coop for organic gourmet foods.

Where to Dock: *Belfast City Landing*

Typically Belfast Harbor is not on the usual cruising route from Camden to the Bar Harbor area. But cruisers that have detoured from their route and found this hidden gem, almost always do it again. The City of Belfast is a secret paradise – not only does the City offer a very friendly Maine community atmosphere, but for a boater, it is a slice of heaven.

On your way to Southwest Harbor you can find a great harbor to drop an anchor on Eggmoggin Reach (off of Penebscot Bay) in the town of Brooklin and near Naskeag Point. Any stop here requires a visit to the Wooden Boat School in Brooklin, and if you are visiting in early August do not miss the Eggmoggin Reach Regatta (held on August 2, 2008).

Southwest Harbor

Where to Dock: *Dysart's Great Harbor Marina*

This family-run full service marina in the heart of Acadia National Park boasts fantastic scenery and wildlife (whales and seals are often spotted). The village is only a 1/4-mile away and is home to fabulous dining options, provisioning services, and a free shuttle bus island wide. The marina has the cheapest diesel fuel prices in the area. Free WiFi access. (tel: 207.244.0117)

Marinalife Discount: *5% off transient dockage, not to exceed \$100.00*

Bar Harbor

Bar Harbor is the largest town on Mount Desert Island, which is also home to Acadia National Park. Acadia National Park is the country's second busiest National Park, only behind Yellowstone. The Mountains meet the Sea here and offer one of the most spectacular settings on the entire East Coast (if not the most spectacular!)

Many think of Bar Harbor as synonymous with the Park but guests can also stay in charming Northeast Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Bass Harbor, Otter Creek, Seal Harbor or Somesville.


Where to Dock: *Bar Harbor Regency Hotel and Marina*

Guests visiting Bar Harbor, by yacht or sailboat can enjoy all the amenities of the Bar Harbor Regency while docking at the marina in Frenchman's Bay. The gated marina will accommodate vessels from 30 to 150 feet. Marina facilities include the following: 30/50/ and 100 amp electric and potable water hookups, shower and self-service laundry, an outdoor pool and jacuzzi, tennis courts, putting green, fitness room, walking/jogging path and on-site dining including Stewman's Lobster Pound, the poolside Tiki Bar and The Edenfield Restaurant. The marina has a T-shaped floating dock 200 feet in length and 140 feet across the top. Space is very limited so reservations are highly recommended.

(tel: 207.288.9723)

Hidden Treasures

Get off the beaten path and explore the nooks and crannies of this remarkable coast called Maine. The Maine coast offers many spots for boaters who are like to anchor out rather dock at a marina. There are hidden treasures throughout the coastline including the Isles of Shoals outside of Portsmouth, NH; Smuttynose; Appledore, which is home to a nature reserve with amazing hiking trails; Sabasco Harbor; Ebencock Harbor; Love Cove, where the cost of service is a poem; Smith Cove, which is home to a darling town; and Isle Au Haut, where you can enjoy a terrific lobster lunch (go early to avoid the crowd) and many small fishing marinas along the way.

For more information on cruising the Maine Coast, Marinalife recommends *A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast* by Hank and Jan Taft and Curtis Rindlaub. Call 207.766.2337 to order. 

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