

MAINE; MOOSE & MOUNTAINS Ogunquit to Bethel

June 4-7, 2018

Monday, June 4

- 8:00am Depart Rome Freedom Plaza Parking Lot, 205 Erie Boulevard
- 8:30am Depart Utica Radisson Hotel
- 9:00am Depart Herkimer Walmart
 - A short morning break, and lunch-on-own stop will be made.

Hotel check-in: <u>Meadowmere Resort</u>, Ogunquit, ME (207) 646-9661 The Meadowmere has indoor pool, jacuzzi, pub and movie theater.

Tonight we'll feast on **Maine lobster** with chowder and more, as well as **Sing-along entertainment**! (<u>Dinner options</u>: Lobster, Barbecued Chicken, or Polenta w/Roasted Vegetable in marinara sauce)

Tuesday, June 5

Deluxe continental breakfast included at hotel.

This morning a **local guide** will join us for a **narrated tour of Portland**, Maine's largest city-by-the-sea. Enjoy views of Longfellow's boyhood home, sea captain houses and the elegant Victoria Mansion. We'll also stop at **Portland Head Light**, the most photographed lighthouse in America.

Visit **Freeport village**, home of L.L. Bean and other outlet shops. Lunch-onown before stopping at **Maine Wildlife Park**, a 200-acre park with over 30 different native species of wildlife, including George and Byron the Moose.

Travel through the lakes region to the mountain village of Bethel. Take a **guided tour** at **Maine Balsam Fir Products** and enjoy the natural and healthy fragrance of balsam and see the start-to-finish process behind these handmade Maine specialty products. We'll even make one to take home!

Next, check in to the <u>Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River</u>, a lovely mountainside resort on the outskirts of Bethel. (207) 824-3500 A **welcome reception** is served around the giant lobby fireplace. This hotel features a heated outdoor pool and whirlpool, beautiful walking trails and onsite lounge. **Dinner** included tonight at a classic New England Inn.

Wednesday, June 6

Breakfast buffet included at hotel.

This morning at the **Bethel Historical Society Museum** discover the history of this unique area, known for mountaineering, skiing, and gemstone mining.

We'll tour one of the beautiful old homes next door and hear a 30-minute historic presentation. Get ready to try your hand at a **mineral and gemstone sluicing program**. Learn about the gemstones, including Maine Tourmaline, commonly found in the area. Then, don an apron and grab a bucket for this **hands-on program**, where you keep any treasures you find!

Lunch is on your own in the village of Bethel with a chance to visit an antique shop or art gallery. Tonight, **dinner** is included at the **Jordan Hotel Sunday River** followed by a special **guided moose-watching tour** at dusk. A local guide will join us on the motorcoach for a tour to nearby **Grafton Notch State Park** and spots where moose are often spotted. Then we'll return to the inn for a crackling **campfire with s'mores**!

Thursday, June 7

Breakfast included at the hotel before checkout.

We depart Maine for the journey home. A stop is made for lunch on your own at the famous **Vermont Country Store** in Weston, VT.

- 5:30pm Approximate return to Herkimer
- 6:00pm Approximate return to Utica
- 6:30pm Approximate return to Rome

*All times are approximate. Itinerary times and attractions subject to change for the comfort and well-being of passengers, we are not responsible for delays.

COST PER PERSON:

TWIN OCCUPANCY \$674.00 QUAD OCCUPANCY \$634.00

TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$649.00 SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$799.00

TOUR INCLUDES:

Round trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach, tour escort, accommodations and attractions as noted in the itinerary. **Not included**: Optional but customary gratuity for driver and escort. Industry standards suggest \$2.00-\$3.00 per-person per-day for each, based on your level of satisfaction. *These should be handled on an individual basis.*

RESERVATION/PAYMENT/CANCELLATION: \$100.00 deposit within two weeks of reservation, balance by May 3, 2018. Checks payable to *Tours By Design, Inc.* (*Credit cards not accepted*). \$25.00 fee for returned checks. Refunds *may* not be available for cancellations made after May 3, 2018; we encourage the purchase of Travel insurance. Ask for a brochure or visit <u>www.toursbydesign.org</u> for a link to Allianz Global Assistance. *All cancellations are subject to a \$5.00 service fee once any payment has been made.*

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