

Dear Retiree,

We are now planning for our fall trip to the coast of Maine. This trip will take place from Monday, October 5, 2009 until Friday, October 9, 2009. The first two nights we will spend in Boothbay Harbor at the historic Sprucewold Lodge which was built in the 1920's. The first night we will enjoy an all you can eat lobster bake or chicken or salmon. After dinner, we can stroll down to the bay or sit on the big front porch or just enjoy each other's company in the main room because there is no TV in our rooms. We will survive!!

On day two we will enjoy the Boothbay's famous breakfast buffet before leaving for a day of touring and shopping in Portland. Portland is Maine's largest city and when Maine became a state in 1920, Portland became its first capital and remained so until 1832. Visitors, I've been told, can never run out of things to do in this city. We will tour the harbor by boat with a step on guide and then have free time to shop. The old city in the warehouse district has been reconstructed to 19th century Victorian splendor with cobble stone streets and quaint shops.. After Portland, we will head for Freeport, which is a shoppers paradise with the opening of the LL Bean store and now has over 130 retail and discount shops. IN the evening, we will return to our lodge for an Italian dinner.

On day three, after breakfast, we will check out of Sprucewold and go up the coast with our host from the Sprucewold Lodge. Richard Sweetn our bus driver and tour guide is known for his unique stops and the one that he has chosne for Maine is th Maine State Prison Showroom. This program allows the inmates to work and earn money and encourages them to learn a trade so that they can use this when they are released. The wooden products that they produce are beautifully made and reasonably priced. After visiting the showroom, we will travel up the coast to Rockport, Camden, and spend the night at Bar Harbor. Bar Harbor was once the playground for wealthy Americans wo owned "cottages" and spent their summers here. Many of them left during the depression and a fire in 1917 ravaged the town. Wre will have dinner at the Bar Harbor Inn and free time to explore the town

On day four after breakfast at our hotel, we will tour Acadia National Park with a guide. Acadia was established in 1913 by President Woodward Wilson to protect the area's spectacular scenic views of Maine's rocky coast, its offshore islands and it's native plant and animal life. This national park is unusual because it was not bought with public funds but it was envisioned and donated by private citizens such as John D Rockefeller Jr. who donated more than 11,00 acres to the park. The park encompasses 35,00 acres of seacoast, rocks, islands, forest, lakes and mountains and is considered one of the top most visited parks in the United States.. Today, many people preserve the park by donating their time to work and care for the trails and carriages routes. IN the evening we will have another

chance to enjoy Maine lobster. After dinner, we will attend a local Great Maine Lumber Jack Show which is a blend of Maine history, athletic skill and corny humor. Two lumberjack teams compete at axe throwing, log rolling, speed climbing and more.

On day five, after breakfast at our hotel, we will have a scenic trip home with stops along the way.

Right now, we are just asking for a deposit of \$25.00 to see who is interested in this trip because reservations for hotels and meals must be made in advance. We will not collect for this trip until July. We will set our three payments schedule for those interested. Please let us know by March 30th if you are interested. The price for Maine is:

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| Members double occupancy | \$700.00 |
| Guests double occupancy | \$730.00 |
| Single room | \$1124 |

Thank you,

Rita

Trip to Maine October 5-October 9

Yes I am interested and am enclosing my \$25 deposit _____

I would like to bring a guest and am enclosing a \$25.00 deposit _____

My roommate is _____

I will need a roommate _____

I would like a single room _____