



# The Academy's Cliff House Post-Meeting Tour June 16-20, 2023

## Coastal Maine



Dear Academy Fellows,

Join us for another special post-meeting tour to explore more of Maine's pristine coastline, it's gardens and villages! Friday morning we depart by coach from The Cliff House for Portland to cruise in the Gulf of Maine and learn about lobster fishing aboard the Lucky Catch. Yes, really fresh lobster is served for lunch. Our next stop is nearby Freeport with time for shopping at LL Bean and other famous discount stores. Late this afternoon, we arrive in Brunswick and it's Federal Hotel. Welcome dinner at the Federal's 555 North Restaurant. Picturesque Brunswick, home of Bowdoin College, is an easy walk from The Federal and is where education, shopping, arts and culture combine with New England coastal charm.

Sunday, we continue along the rocky coastline to Bar Harbor arriving in time for lunch at our hotel the Bar Harbor Inn and Spa. Our rooms are in the recently renovated Oceanfront Lodge. During the Gilded Age, high society were drawn to Bar Harbor and created an exclusive summer resort. Industrialist John D. Rockefeller Jr. and other wealthy summer residents had a lasting impact on the area. We will spend two-days & nights here while exploring Bar Harbor and watching for puffins! The shops, restaurants and harbor are just minutes from the Inn.

Please join us! Call (706-681-3329) or email ([travelata@aol.com](mailto:travelata@aol.com)) with any questions. As always, this is an inclusive deluxe tour program, and we have limited hotel availability. Please, mail or fax (706-225-2551) your Reservation Form at your first convenience.

Sincerely,

**Geoff Robertson**

**June 16, Friday**      **Cliff House to Brunswick, Maine**

**LD**

**Air Note:** Everyone is responsible for their own flight arrangements. You will be flying home from Bangor (BGR), June 20.

- Leaving the Cliff House this morning, our coach takes us to Portland (1-hour).
- Upon arriving get your sea legs on and join the crew of the Lucky Catch to learn about lobstering from the pros. We will spend 1½ hours in the Gulf of Maine learning about this unique business. For those who want fresh lobster for lunch, we leave the ship with our catch, walk around the dock to the Portland Lobster Company Restaurant where our crustaceans will be boiled and served.
- Following lunch, we'll stop in nearby Freeport, famous as a center for outlet stores - LL Bean, Patagonia, North Face, Ralph Lauren, Levi's and many other famous brands. A Ben & Jerry's ice cream store is also there.
- Late afternoon arrival and check-in he Federal Hotel Brunswick, ME

**7:00pm** We will gather at the Hotel's 555 North for dinner..

**For tour questions contact:**

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This [Google Maps Link](#) shows our journey



### June 17, Saturday Brunswick

**B**

- This morning we head through scenic coastal areas to [Boothbay Harbor](#) to visit [the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens](#). The mission of Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is to “protect, preserve, and enhance the botanical heritage and natural landscapes of coastal Maine for people of all ages through horticulture, education and research.” Today’s Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens comprises 270 acres of tidal shore land.
- Thereafter, we have open time for lunch and exploring in Boothbay Harbor. A yachting resort town tucked around a picturesque harbor, Boothbay retains the look of an old-fashioned seaport. Boats and water-front nature abound; tourism flourishes all around the inlet. There are good shopping opportunities and scenic vistas to enjoy.
- Mid-afternoon return to The Federal.  
Dinner is open in Brunswick tonight.

### June 18 Sunday Brunswick to Bar Harbor

**BL**

- Our morning route northward to [Bar Harbor](#) is mainly along US-1 and Maine’s rugged coastline. Bar Harbor sits on Mount Desert Island. The town’s sprawling mansions, delightful cottages, eclectic shops, and international cuisine (including the justly famous lobster) and nearby lighthouses add to its appeal.
- Arrival, check-in and lunch at the [Bar Harbor Inn](#) , situated on Frenchman Bay and within easy walking distance to stores & restaurants. This afternoon, we’ll enjoy a guided walking tour of the town.  
Dinner is on our own tonight.  
The Inn’s Reading Room has been serving New England favorites for a century.

### June 19, Monday Bar Harbor

**BD**

- After a short walk to the dock, we embark on a 2&1/2 hour cruise into Frenchman’s Bay and the Gulf of Maine to see the most sought-after iconic symbols of Maine, Puffins and Lighthouses. If our luck holds, we will see ospreys, harbor porpoise, eagles and other wildlife.
  - Alternatively, you can join a tour of [Acadia National Park](#) famous for it’s coves, pristine forests, beaches, plunging cliffs, rocky islands and the stunning views.
  - Upon returning to the Inn, the afternoon is open to further explore and enjoy Bar Harbor.
- 6:30pm** Gather at the Inn’s Porcupine room for dinner overlooking the harbor. .



### June 20, Tuesday Bar Harbor to Home

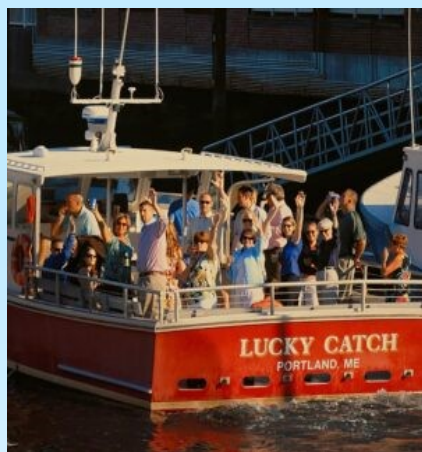
**B**

- Transfers will be provided to the Bangor Airport.

**(B = breakfast L = lunch D = dinner included in the tour package)**

**Weather**— The average high in Portland is 74°F, low 54; Bar Harbor 71°F and 50. June averages 3.9” of rain; bring a rain jacket or umbrella just in case.

**Clothing**—comfortable casual throughout. Layering is the key to unexpected temperature changes. Smart casual would be appropriate for our two dinners. Sport coats for men are not needed.



## Tour Package Cost

\$2,998 per person double occupancy  
single occupancy and accompanying children available on request

## Package Inclusions

- Two-nights The Federal Inn - Deluxe Rooms
- Two-nights Bar Harbor Inn - Ocean-Front Rooms
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch Friday & Sunday
- Welcome dinner Friday and concluding dinner Monday at the Bar Harbor Inn
- Departure transfer from Bar Harbor Inn to Bangor Airport
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Visits to gardens and other sites as described in the itinerary
- Entrance to Coastal Maine Botanical Garden
- Guided walking tour of Bar Harbor
- Frenchman's Harbor lighthouse and puffin cruise
- Tour escort from American Travel throughout

**Features Not Included:** Airfare; personal items such as room service and phone calls, mini-bar charges; meals and drinks not specified. Coffee and tea are included with the meals. Otherwise, except for the welcome and farewell dinners that include wine and beer, alcohol, soft drinks and bottled water are an individual expense. Bottled water will be available on the coach.

## Notes:

1. Remember to make your return airline reservations home from Bangor (BGR) June 20. Allow 1&1/2 hours to transfer from the Bar Harbor Inn.
2. We're dining in coastal areas, please let us know along with your reservation **if you are allergic** to shellfish or have other food allergies.

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## **CONDITIONS**

**Reservations and Payment:** Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Coupon and \$250 per person deposit. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than April 14, 2023. All payments must be made by check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express cards.

**Cancellation:** Cancellations must be made in writing to ATA. To avoid discrepancies, ATA will not act on information given over the phone until written notice has been received.

**Land Package:** A \$150 per person cancellation fee will be charged regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between April 15 and departure will be a maximum of 100% of the land cost per person, depending upon the amount recoverable from the suppliers to whom payment had been sent. Cancellation penalties are required to offset non-refundable hotel and supplier payments made by ATA in advance of the tour. There will be no refund for unused services once the tour has begun.

**Insurance:** Trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance coverage is strongly recommended. When last minute illnesses occur to you or family members, the insurance helps offset non-refundable charges. ATA suggests Allianz Travel Insurance <https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/> or 800-284-8300.

• ATA's Allianz ACCAM ID is F O27608. Including this ID in your insurance purchase enables ATA to help should you need to cancel & file a claim.

**Prices:** The package price is subject to change due to supplier cost increases, and in number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (18). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on January 2, 2023.

**Health:** The Participant represents that neither he nor she nor anyone traveling with him or her has any physical or other condition or disability that could create a hazard to him-or-herself or other members of the tour. This program involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs at locations that are not handicap accessible. A letter of explanation of any physical or mental condition that may require medical attention or special equipment (wheelchair, for example) must be enclosed with the Reservation Form.

**Responsibility:** American Travel Association (ATA), the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and The Academy (A)/or their employees or agents, act only on behalf of the owners and contractors providing means of transportation or other services such as hotels and restaurants to purchasers of this tour and their travel companions (Participants), subject to any and all items and conditions under which any transportation or any other services whatsoever are provided by such owners and contractors. ATA, NECA and A, their affiliates and their employees and agents (collectively ATA, NECA and A shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for the acts or omissions of the aforesaid owners, contractors and employees thereof supplying transportation or other services hereunder, including but not limited to breach of contract, intentional or negligent delay or bodily or property loss, injury or damages. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they're provided. ATA, NECA and A shall not be liable or responsible to Participants for any loss, injury or death, or other damages caused by or resulting from acts of God, fire, breakdown or defects vehicles, machinery or equipment, acts of governments and other authorities, wars, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics or quarantines, monetary crisis, diseases, terrorism or novel conditions. Participants shall have the responsibility to be aware of and determine the validity of any travel advisories, which may exist. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on any invoice or reservation itinerary, ATA, NECA and A do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings or reservations. The Participants' retention of air tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above terms and conditions. In addition, Participants shall be responsible for conveying the terms and conditions hereunder to travel companions. If, due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend additional nights before or after the tour, participants will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, meals and related costs. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. ATA, NECA and A reserve the right to cancel any itinerary or any part thereof and to make such alterations in the itinerary they deem necessary or desirable.



## Academy 2023 Coastal Maine Tour



**Name/s as appearing on your Drivers Licenses**

**Him** \_\_\_\_\_

**Her** \_\_\_\_\_

(if children coming-names & ages) \_\_\_\_\_

**Company (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please correspond to the following \_\_ office \_\_ home address:**

**Street** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Suite or Apt. #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Him** \_\_\_\_\_ **Her** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail Him** \_\_\_\_\_ **Her** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred First names** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Rooms**     king    two-beds    if no kings, prefer 2 beds (preferences cannot be guaranteed)

\* Children will share our room  yes  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Food Allergies** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit** A deposit of \$250 per person is required. The remaining balance is due **April 14**

Enclosed is a check payable to American Travel Association for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Or,  If using a credit card, American Travel will send a secure payment link via MerchantE

**Billing address** of card Holder (if different from above)

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I have read and understand the conditions set forth in this brochure. Reservations will not be accepted without signature here

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**Return this form with payment information to:** American Travel Association, 111 Stone Bridge Lane, Bedford Hills, NY 10507, secure fax: (706-225-2551), e-mail [travelata@aol.com](mailto:travelata@aol.com)

