Coastal Maine

Summer | June 15–18 | 2010 | 4 days

Join Homewood Museum director-curator Catherine Rogers Arthur on a special, four-day exploration of Maine’s historic seacoast.

**Itinerary (subject to change due to local scheduling)**

**Tuesday, June 15 | Lunch & Dinner**

Fly nonstop from Baltimore to Portland, where our first stop will be lunch at the Snow Squall Restaurant, followed by a tour of the Victoria Mansion (1860), widely regarded as one of the most elaborate Victorian brownstone homes ever built in America. With superb architecture and lavish original interiors designed by Gustave Herter, founder of the well-known New York design firm Herter Brothers, this Italianate-style mansion survives as a unique example of the princely palaces created for America’s wealthiest citizens in the pre-Civil War era. We continue to the brick Wadsworth-Longfellow House (1785), both the oldest standing structure on the Portland peninsula and the childhood home of the famous poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. It’s furnished in an early-19th-century style, with Longfellow family furniture on display. Victoria Museum curator Arlene Palmer Schwind will host a special welcome reception for us at her home before our dinner at Portland “hot-spot” Five Fifty-Five, where we’ll enjoy food prepared by Food & Wine “Best New Chef” award-winner Steve Corry. Tonight we stay at the Hampton Inn.

**Wednesday, June 16 | Breakfast, Lunch & Hors d’oeuvres**

Travel to Brunswick to the Bowdoin College Museum of Art and explore a number of exceptional paintings from Europe and America, early furniture, artifacts from classical antiquity, and a variety of special exhibitions. In Wiscasset we’ll lunch at Sarah’s Café on the Sheepscot River and enjoy a guided tour of the Nickels-Sortwell House (1807), whose architecture and history recalls the period when shipbuilding and the maritime trade brought prosperity and sophisticated tastes to this riverside community. In Boothbay Harbor a guided tour of the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens will reveal stunning ornamental gardens, waterfalls, and incomparable stonework and sculpture. Continuing north to the picturesque Camden-Rockport region we’ll stop at the Prism Glass Gallery and Café to see examples of mouth-blown glass and local artwork while enjoying an early-evening drink and hors d’oeuvres. Tonight we stay at the Camden Riverhouse Hotel and Inn, and dinner is at your leisure.
Thursday, June 17 | Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

In Rockland we’ll tour the Farnsworth Art Museum, one of the finest regional art museums in the country with a distinguished collection of paintings and sculptures by renowned American artists with connections to Maine—Louise Nevelson, Rockwell Kent, Winslow Homer, Childe Hassam, and Maurice Prendergast to name but a few. The museum’s Center for the Wyeth Family, located in a 130-year old church, houses several thousand works by the “first family” of Maine painting: N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, and Jamie Wyeth. In the afternoon, discover the rocky coast of Maine on a leisurely sail out of Rockport Harbor on the Schooner Heron, with lunch served on board. We will explore the history of magical Indian Island Lighthouse, and with fair wind and tide we will spot the seals basking on the ledges at Robinson’s Rock. Simply relax as Heron takes the Penobscot Bay in her stride. The day concludes back in Portland, where we’ll take a ferry to the private House Island in Casco Bay for a tour of the pre-Civil War Fort Scammell (1808) and our farewell dinner: a traditional lobster bake! Tonight we return to the Hampton Inn.

Friday, June 18 | Breakfast & Lunch

Begin the day at the Portland Museum of Art, Maine’s oldest and largest public art institution. With more than 17,000 objects housed in three architecturally significant buildings, the museum’s collection includes decorative and fine arts dating from the 18th century to the present. See the special exhibition Winslow Homer and the Poetics of Place, showcasing the museum’s collection of Homer watercolors and oils on canvas, on view together for the first time since 1988. Lunch is at the historic Black Point Inn (1878), surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on three sides. Take the Oceanside Cliff Walk or just enjoy the food and the view. This is the perfect place to complete our tour of Maine, with unpretentious hospitality, unhurried pace, and beautiful historic oceanfront views. Fly non-stop from Portland to Baltimore.

Eligibility

Open to members of Homewood Museum and Evergreen Museum & Library only. If you are not currently a JHU Museums member, please fill out the Membership portion of the trip application. Membership dues for 2010-2011 are $50 for one person at the Friend level or $75 for two people at the Family level.

Cost

$1100 per person based on double occupancy. Single accommodations are available for $1275. These rates are based on a minimum of 20 people and include: air fare, deluxe motorcoach for 4 days, 2 nights at Hampton Inn, 1 night at Camden Riverhouse Hotel, most meals (3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners), and all admissions and arrangements as outlined above. A recommended reading list will be sent prior to departure in preparation for the trip.

Note: Accident, baggage or cancellation insurance, bar costs, and items of a personal nature are not included.

Deposit

A deposit of $500 per person made payable to the JHU Museums is required at the time of booking to reserve space on the tour. The deposit is refundable up to May 15, less an administrative fee of $150. Full payment is due no later than May 15.
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Registration Form
A deposit of $500 per person ($350 refundable up to May 15) is required at the time of booking to hold your space. Final payment of $600 is due by May 15. Please complete and mail with payment to: Coastal Maine Member Trip, Evergreen Museum & Library, 4545 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210. For more information, please call Phyllis Feldmann at 410.516.0341.

Name: __________________________________________
Name: __________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City/State/Zip: __________________________________________
Phone: _______________________ E-mail: _______________________

Enclosed is my check for $ _______ as a deposit to hold _____ space(s).
Please make check payable to JHU Museums.

☐ I/We are members of Homewood and/or Evergreen
☐ I/We are not members of Homewood and/or Evergreen. If checked, please fill out the form below and add the additional membership dues to your check total.

Membership Form
☐ $50 Friend of Homewood Museum or Friend of Evergreen Museum & Library
  • Unlimited free museum admission
  • 10% discount in the Museum Shops
  • Invitations and special rates for exhibition openings, programs, and Member Travel
  • Subscription to JHU Museums newsletters
  • Reciprocal membership privileges at 250+ museums nationwide through Time Travelers

☐ $75 Family of Homewood Museum or Family of Evergreen Museum & Library
  • All of the above benefits for two adults and children under 17 at one address

For further information regarding Membership in the JHU Museums, please contact Rosalie Parker in the Membership Department at 410.516.6710 or museummembership@jhu.edu.