

# Christmas in Maine

COASTAL MAINE  
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Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens - Gardens Aglow

December 12 - 14, 2025 Fri-Sun

## FEATURES

- \* Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens "GARDENS AGLOW!" Festival
- \* Portland Stage 'A Christmas Carol'
- \* Portland Museum of Art: Winslow Homer
- \* Time at Kennebunkport Holiday Prelude

## INCLUDES

- \* 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations at the Westin Portland Harborview Hotel
- \* 2 Buffet Breakfasts & 2 Dinners
- \* Deluxe Motorcoach
- \* Friendship Tours Escort

### Day 1: Off to a Festive Start!

Pack your bags and your holiday spirit - we're heading north to **Portland, Maine** for our enchanting annual holiday escape! Our home for the next two nights is the luxurious **Westin Portland Harborview**, perfectly situated for festive fun.

On the way, we'll make a sweet stop at **Len Libby Candies**, where you'll find delicious treats and the **world's only life-sized chocolate moose** - yes, really!



This evening, savor the season with our **Welcome Holiday Dinner**, followed by a heartwarming performance of the timeless classic **'A Christmas Carol'** at the Portland Stage Theater. Let the magic of the holidays begin!

*Included: Dinner*

### Day 2: Art, Lights & Holiday Delights

Wake up to a day full of culture and wonder. We begin with a **docent-led tour of the Portland Museum of Art**, home to a stunning collection of American, European, and contemporary works - including a special exhibit by **Winslow Homer**, one of Maine's most iconic artists.

Enjoy free time afterward to explore more of the museum, enjoy lunch at your leisure, or do a little shopping in the charming museum gift shop.

As the sun sets, we're off to the **Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** for the dazzling **'Gardens Aglow'** - New England's largest holiday light display! Over **650,000 lights** transform the gardens into a glowing winter wonderland. It's pure magic!



We'll enjoy dinner on the way back to Portland

*Included: Breakfast, Dinner*

### Day 3: Kennebunkport Holiday Prelude – A Town Like No Other!

We wrap up our holiday adventure with a trip to **Kennebunkport**, named **#2 Christmas Town in America** by HGTV! The town's **Holiday Prelude** celebration is straight out of a snow globe - think festive craft fairs, twinkling decorations, charming boutiques, and cozy cafés.

We'll arrive in time for the **famous Pooch Parade** and a very special appearance by **Santa arriving on a firetruck!**

After some free time to explore, shop, and enjoy lunch on your own, we'll board our motorcoach for the journey home - with hearts full of cheer and perhaps a few extra shopping bags.

And of course, we'll celebrate one more time with our **Motorcoach Holiday Party** on the way back!

*Included: Breakfast*



**\$1054 pp double / \$1214 pp single**

Based on 30 passenger minimum

*CT Hort Members will receive a \$55.pp discount*

**Includes: Deluxe motorcoach, 2 nights hotel accommodations, tax & baggage, 2 Buffet breakfast, 2 dinners, sightseeing per itinerary, all gratuities, Friendship Tours Tour Director**

**Departure Points:**

**New Britain, 57 Village Square Dr (across from Target & Costco)**

**Middletown Commuter Lot, 171 Eastern Dr, Middletown (Rte 9 @ Silver St - exit 22)**

*Parking in lots is at your own risk. Friendship Tours is not responsible for cars left in any lot.*

**DEPOSIT:** \$200 pp with reservation to secure your space. Space is subject to availability at the time of reservation.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** September 2, 2025

**FOR RESERVATIONS:** [www.friendshiptours.net](http://www.friendshiptours.net) or Call Barbara at Friendship Tours: 860-243-1630

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