

# Maine

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## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Fore Street (p377)
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## Best Places to Sleep

- ➔ Press Hotel (p376)
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## Why Go?

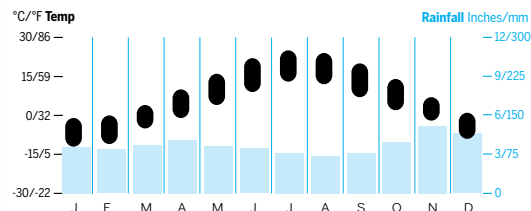
With more lobsters, lighthouses and charming resort villages than you can shake a selfie stick at, Maine is New England at its most iconic. The sea looms large here, with mile upon mile of jagged sea cliffs, peaceful harbors and pebbly beaches. Eat and drink your way through food- and beer-crazed Portland, one of America's coolest small cities. Explore the historic shipbuilding villages of the Midcoast. Hike through Acadia National Park, a spectacular island of mountains and fjord-like estuaries. Let the coastal wind whip through those cobwebs and inhale the salty air. Venture into the state's inland region, a vast wilderness of pine forest and snowy peaks.

Outdoor adventurers can race white-water rapids, cycle the winding shore roads or kayak beside playful harbor seals. For slower-paced fun, there are plenty of antique shops, cozy lobster shacks, charming inns and locally brewed beer on hand.

And, oh, did we mention the lobster?

## When to Go

### Portland



**Jun-Sep** Coastal towns fill up with travelers hungry for fresh lobster.

**Oct** Leaf-peepers descend upon villages with cameras at the ready.

**Nov-Mar** Skiers and snowmobiles ride the mountain trails.



## Maine Highlights

**1 Old Port District** (p373)  
Exploring the cafes, bars and galleries lining Portland's 19th-century cobblestone backstreets.

**2 Mt Katahdin** (p403)  
Bagging the end point of the 2190-mile-long Appalachian Trail in Baxter State Park.

**3 Farnsworth Art Museum** (p387)  
Exploring iconic American art in Rockland.

**4 LL Bean** (p381)  
Picking up a cozy new fleece and preppy-chic wellies at the flagship store in Freeport.

**5 Monhegan Island** (p386)  
Painting or photographing

the windswept rocks of this solitary island.

**6 Acadia National Park** (p399)  
Hiking up Cadillac Mountain, then taking a (chilly) dip in Echo Lake.

**7 Lobster Pounds** (p369)  
Tying on your bib and cracking a freshly steamed crustacean at one of Maine's lobster shacks.