



Dear CBG Supporters and Friends,

Please join us for another in our series of special garden tours to one of our country's pristine horticultural areas. From *Sunday, June 19, to Friday June 24th, 2016*, we'll tour the coastal gardens and villages of the state of **Maine**. All our garden visits are not finalized; however, the following itinerary will give you details of the plans to date.

We begin in Bar Harbor where our rooms are in the Oceanfront Lodge at the Bar Harbor Inn and Spa. With the shops and restaurants only minutes away, it's Bar Harbor's best location. We'll all get together our first night for a welcome reception before dinner in the hotel's famous Reading Room. We'll spend two nights here exploring Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park, before heading south along Maine's spectacular rocky coastline. On that travel day, we'll stop for lunch in Boothbay Harbor followed by a visit to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.

Headquarters for the next three nights in Portland is the recently renovated Westin Portland Harborview Hotel, where our rooms again have bay and harbor views. The next two days will be spent visiting gardens and exploring this area. Thursday afternoon we'll head to the Gulf of Maine to learn about lobster fishing. Yes, you can have fresh lobster for dinner!

Thank you and call (706-663-2171) or email ([travelata@aol.com](mailto:travelata@aol.com)) with any questions or if you need additional information. As always this is an inclusive deluxe tour program; the only meals not included are one dinner and two lunches. Please mail or fax (706-225-2551) your Reservation Form at your first convenience and remember a portion goes to support the CBG!

Sincerely,  
**Geoff Robertson**



Sendero Lighthouse, York Maine

**Columbus Botanical Garden  
Exclusive Garden Tour  
Maine  
June 19 – 24, 2016**

**June 19, Sunday      *Columbus to Bar Harbor, Maine***

**Air** - Everyone is responsible for their own flight arrangements.

- For those flying from Atlanta, Delta #1386 departs 11:45AM ( to LaGuardia), and connects to DL #3776 that arrives at 4:30pm (in Bangor). These are the recommended flights. It's then a short drive to Bar Harbor.
- The suggested return flight is from Portland, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Delta #1182, departing at 12:21pm arriving, 3:17pm, (non-stop to Hartsfield).
- If you need help with your air, call Gail Shoop 706-663-4707.

**Upon arrival in Bangor** - We'll transfer together from the suggested flights to The Bar Harbor Inn situated on Frenchman Bay which is within easy walking distance to stores & restaurants.

- After time to unpack, we enjoy a cocktail followed by lobster (or your preference) dinner in the Reading Room that's been serving New England favorites for a century.

***Dinner is included today.***

• Bar Harbor sits on Mount Desert Island. The town's sprawling mansions, delightful cottages, eclectic shops, international cuisine (including the justly famous lobster) and nearby lighthouses add to its appeal. Acadia National Park is the other big attraction that exists thanks to industrialist John D. Rockefeller Jr. and other wealthy summer residents who bought and donated land to protect it from development.

**June 20, Monday      *Bar Harbor***

- This morning's visit is Acadia National Park famous for it's coves, pristine forests, beaches, plunging cliffs, rocky islands and the stunning view from Cadillac Mountain. During our horse-drawn carriage ride, the guide will brief us on the Park and it's history.
- The afternoon is then open to explore and enjoy Bar Harbor.

***Dinner*** – Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

***This day includes Breakfast and Dinner.***

***Note:*** Breakfast *is* included each morning at our hotels.

**June 21, Tuesday      *Bar Harbor to Portland***

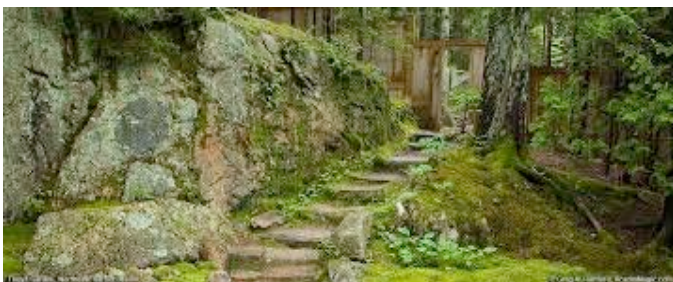
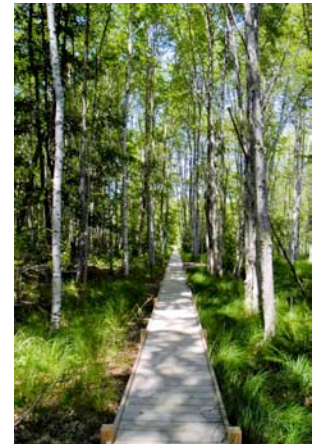
- This morning we board our coach for the scenic drive along Maine's rugged coastline, heading south to Portland.
- We'll stop in popular Boothbay Harbor for lunch and a visit to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. A yachting resort town tucked around a picturesque harbor, Boothbay Harbor retains the look of an old-fashioned seaport. Boats are very important to this town; water-front nature abounds and tourism flourishes all around the inlet. There are good shopping opportunities and scenic vistas we will enjoy.

• 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 Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens comprises 270 acres of tidal shore land

- Late-afternoon arrival in Portland and check-in to the recently renovated Westin Portland Harborview Hotel.

***Dinner is*** open to your leisure in Portland tonight.

***This day includes Breakfast and Lunch***





**June 22, Wednesday**                      **Portland and York**

• Cynthia Hosmer of Braveboat Harbor Farm in York has graciously invited us to enjoy her garden that compliments a Georgian-style house followed by lunch. There are formal and informal borders, a vegetable garden, orchids and collections of various flowering trees and shrubs. New projects include expanding the collection of magnolias and rhododendrons, introducing hydrangeas and re-planting the front walled garden.

**Following lunch** – Our garden visits continue in the York area.

• Late-afternoon return to the Westin.

• Tonight we'll meet for tapas and cocktails on the Westin's roof-top lounge before dinner. The Westin enjoys a prime location that's near the waterfront and charming downtown areas.

**This day includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**



**June 23 Thursday**                      **Portland**

• Following breakfast we'll visit the Tate House, a Georgian-style house that stands as a reminder of the economic importance of Maine's lumber industry leading up to the Revolution. It has a unique architecture with elegant period rooms and furnishings. While touring the herb garden, we'll learn about its importance for gardening in the 18<sup>th</sup> century for food, medicine and pleasure.

• Get your sea legs on this afternoon and join the crew of the *Lucky Catch* to learn about lobstering from the pros. We'll spend 1 ½ hours in the Gulf of Maine learning about this unique business. For those who want fresh lobster for dinner, we'll leave the ship with our catch and walk across the street to the Portland Lobster Company Restaurant where your crustacean will be served!

**This day includes Breakfast and Dinner.**

**June 24 Friday**                      **Portland to Home**

• Following breakfast and time for last minute shopping; we'll head to the airport.

### **Tour Package Cost**

\$2,394 per person double occupancy

\$3,088 per person single occupancy

### **Package Inclusions**

- Two-nights Bar Harbor Inn
- Three-nights Westin Portland Harborview
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Daily breakfast
- Transfers from Bangor to Bar Harbor and from the Westin to Portland's airport
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Visits to gardens and other sites as described in the itinerary
- Guided tour of Coastal Maine Botanical, Braveboat Harbor Farm and other gardens in York
- Guided tour of the Tate Museum
- Lucky Catch lobster fishing excursion
- All entrance fees
- Lunch Tuesday and Wednesday
- Welcome reception and dinner Sunday at the Bar Harbor Inn
- Dinner Monday, Wednesday and Thursday per itinerary
- Tour escort from American Travel throughout
- Fodor's Maine Travel Guide

**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 wine, alcohol, soft drinks and bottled water are an individual expense unless specified.

**Contribution** - The tour cost includes a tax-deductible contribution of \$200 to the Columbus Botanical Garden for which they thank you!

### **Web Sites**

<http://www.barharborinn.com>

[http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3798&language=en\\_US](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=3798&language=en_US)

<https://tclf.org/landscapes/brave-boat-harbor-farm>

<http://www.mainegardens.org>

<http://www.tatehouse.org>

<http://www.luckycatch.com>

### **For Information Contact**

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## CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Reservations will be confirmed by American Travel Association (ATA) upon receipt of the Reservation Coupon and \$300 per person deposit. Receipt of final payment is due in the office of ATA no later than May 1, 2016. All payments must be made by check payable to American Travel Association or by MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express card.

**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 \$250 per person cancellation fee will be charged regardless of the reason. Penalty on cancellations received between May 1 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 are available for purchase through a form to be sent by ATA. We strongly recommend insurance coverage. When last minute illnesses occur, the insurance helps offset non-refundable charges. You should check with your local insurance agent to see what is covered under your homeowner's policy.

**Prices:** This price is subject to change due to cost increases, and in number of participants upon which the tour cost is based (22). ATA reserves the right to increase the price for such reasons. All prices are based on rates and tariffs in effect on March 1, 2016.

**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.

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## Maine 2016 Reservation Form

Name(s) as they appear on your driver's license: \_\_\_\_\_

Please correspond to the following  Home  Office address:  
(no need to repeat address if you have traveled with us before and no change)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Rooms**       I/We prefer a one-bedded room.     If no king beds are available, queen is OK  
                           My roommate (registering separately) is

\_\_\_\_\_  
(preferences will be requested, but cannot be guaranteed)

**Emergency Contact** Name/s-Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit** A tour deposit of \$300 per person is required.

- Enclosed is a check payable to American Travel Association or,  
 Please charge the deposit to:  Visa     MasterCard     Discover     American Express

Account number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ 3 or 4 Digit Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of cardholder (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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