

## Drop anchor at Maine Maritime Museum

Founded in 1962, Maine Maritime Museum offers both an indoor/outdoor museum with several options to cruise the Kennebec River and discover its amazing lighthouses.

Open all year, this Bath campus is also known as "The City of Ships," dedicated to showcasing Maine's maritime heritage and culture.

The museum features exhibits and hands-on activities. Its "Into the Lantern" is a one-of-a-kind immersive exhibit that gives the sensation of standing at the top of a lighthouse.

See the country's only surviving shipyard where large wooden sailing vessels were once built. The original buildings provide a glimpse into the daily lives of the Percy & Small shipbuilders. The highlight of the yard is the full-size sculpture of the schooner *Wyoming*, the largest wooden sailing vessel built in North America.

At the waterfront, step aboard the newly restored 1906 schooner *Mary E* to tour the vessel and learn more about its history. Visit the Victorian-era home of the Donnells, one of Bath's many shipbuilding families, open seasonally for tours.

Groups can enjoy a cruise aboard the *Merrymaking*, which has an open upper and closed lower deck. Choose from cruises that last one to four hours and get a closer look at some of Maine's most iconic lighthouses.

"Maine Maritime Museum's 20-acre waterfront campus provides a number of unique opportunities for groups to explore Maine's maritime heritage, both Maine Maritime Museum

on and off the water," said Katie Spiridakis, marketing and communications manager.

"The museum offers a variety of customized group tour options: from walking tours of our historic shipyard to lighthouse cruises. Golf cart service is available to accommodate guests with mobility issues, and our exhibits are both inside and outdoors, making the museum a fantastic place to visit no matter the weather."

Group rates are available for 15 or more with advance arrangements. Additional fees apply for cruises. Motorcoach parking is free.

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