

Portland Maine
Casco Bay Military History Tour of 1812
Celebrating the 200th Anniversary
June 10 – 12, 2012

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 nights accommodations at Clarion Hotel Portland
- 2 full breakfasts
- 1 box lunch
- 2 dinners, including 1 harborfront dinner and 1 dinner with Portland historical speaker.
- Admission to Joshua Chamberlain Home, Brunswick
- Guided tour of Portland historic military sites with local historian
- Guided tour of Maine Military Museum, South Portland
- Admission to Museum at Portland Head Lighthouse
- Narrated harbor cruise with Casco Bay historian
- Guided tour of Fort Scammel on private island in Casco Bay
- Taxes and gratuities (except customary tip for tour director and driver)
- Luggage service

PACKAGE PRICES: \$ 629 single \$ 475 pp double \$ 455 pp triple \$ 435 pp quad

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A Special Tour for History Buffs!

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Day 1, Sunday 6/10/12

Travel to Portland today, arriving approximately 2:00 pm at your lodging for two nights, the **Clarion Hotel**. The hotel is located 1 mile from the Portland waterfront, with an indoor pool, restaurant and lounge on site.

Meet your local guide at the hotel at 2:45 for a **narrated driving tour of Greater Portland military history sites**. Your on-board historian will share local history and make photo stops at several fortress locations including Fort Preble and the memorial parks in Portland and South Portland, overlooking Casco Bay.

Return to the hotel and freshen up for **dinner at a waterfront restaurant** on Portland Harbor. The restaurant is located in the heart of the restored Old Port neighborhood, lined with cobblestone streets and gas lamps. (D)

Day 2, Monday 6/11/12

After a full buffet breakfast, you'll travel to South Portland for a guided tour of the new **Maine Military Museum**. The director will show you the highlights of the military artifacts and uniforms here, including an impressive collection of Vietnam POW items smuggled from prison, such as a small Christian Cross, a bamboo rosary, the Chinese lock & chain used to hold a prisoner in his cage, secret writing on toilet paper and cigarette wrappers, and art work done after their homecoming.

Your next stop is in Cape Elizabeth at **Fort Williams Park** – home to the picturesque Portland Head Lighthouse, Maine's oldest lighthouse, commissioned by George Washington. Admission to the **Museum at Portland Head** is included, featuring the story of the lighthouse keepers who manned this important beacon guarding the entrance to Portland harbor. You'll get a chance to take dramatic photographs and explore the **Goddard Mansion** and fort ruins on your own.

Make your way to the Portland waterfront and board a tour boat for transfer to a private island. A **picnic / box lunch** is provided upon arrival on House Island, followed by a **private walking tour of Fort Scammel**, the only harbor fort to be fired upon in Casco Bay. Re-board the boat for a **narrated harbor cruise** through the beautiful **Calendar Islands of Casco Bay** past sites from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, Civil War and WWII.

Return to the Clarion Hotel and freshen up for a **group buffet dinner** at the hotel. You'll be joined by other passengers at this special dinner featuring a presentation **by local author and Civil War historian, Allan M. Levinsky**. You'll get a local historian's snapshot of Portland Harbor's importance during times of war and peace, along with a look at special artifacts, personal stories, military information and historic items! (B, Box lunch & dinner)

Day 3, Tuesday 6/12/12

After a full breakfast, you'll travel 45 minutes north to the college town of Brunswick, Maine (home to Bowdoin College). You'll tour the **home of Civil War general, Joshua Chamberlain**, who gained fame for his defense of Little Round Top during the Civil War. Walk through the home where he entertained guests including Helen Keller, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Gens. Ulysses S. Grant, George McLellan, Philip Sheridan and William Tecumseh Sherman. Chamberlain was a Civil War hero, president of Bowdoin College and governor of Maine from 1867-1871. Depart Brunswick at 11:00 am, making your way home with your historic Maine memories. (B)





Walking tour of Fort Scammel on private island



Fort Preble /Spring Pt Light



Fort Williams – Goddard Mansion Interior



Joshua Chamberlain House



Museum at Portland Head Lighthouse