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Charming Gardens Of Coastal Maine

(Portland, Boothbay Region, Casco Bay Area)
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Perched on the craggy peninsula reaching out into Casco Bay and nestled between Maine's forest-covered mountains, Portland is the first stop on our special garden tour in this most pristine part of our nation.

Portland is the largest city in the state and one of the safest in the country. The population of The Greater Portland area is home to almost one quarter of Maine's total population, but don't expect a hive of energy. Portland is simply a pleasant, sophisticated, and, in places, a very attractive town. Portland is modern, yet retains a feel of yesteryear, especially in the restored area of the "Old Port" section of the city where we will find a variety of museums, galleries, historical landmarks and our waterfront hotel, the beautiful Hilton Garden Inn.

Portland was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), and it is to the Longfellow Garden Club that we are indebted for assisting us in the selection of our unique private gardens of the Portland area. Linda Faatz will welcome us to her family's 65-year-old garden filled with shrubs, mature trees, and perennials. We will meet Clarence Rhodes and his 250 roses growing in his gorgeous variety garden. Jeff Tarling, Portland's Arborist, will show us the Longfellow Arboretum begun by the Longfellow Garden Club 30 years ago. We will visit Dan and Connie Haley's and Ron and Barbara Hager's multi-faceted gardens and Dan and Joan Amory's garden, which was featured in the October '07 issue of Country Gardens.

We will leave Portland temporarily to travel to Boothbay Harbor, just about an hour away. Boothbay Harbor is the quintessential fishing village, packed with shops, art galleries, restaurants, and antiques galore. There is plenty to see and do in Boothbay region, and we have arrived at a most ideal time.

Boothbay Harbor is on a peninsula between the Sheepscot and Damariscotta Rivers along the coast of Maine in a region called the mid-coast area. This part of eastern Maine is known for its rocky

shoreline and numerous inlets. We will see more of the coastline while we are out whale watching one afternoon while in Boothbay Harbor.

Boothbay is also home to the first and only botanical garden in the state of Maine; Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. This fascinating garden sits on 248 waterfront acres and is New England's largest botanical garden. We will be having lunch, a special lecture and tour of the gardens. This botanical garden was our inspiration for our trip to Maine, and we are indebted to the staff for assisting us in our private garden visits to Boothbay.

Our hotel is just minutes from bustling Boothbay Harbor, yet we will feel miles away on this secluded peninsula on Maine's rocky coast. Spruce Point Inn Resort & Spa has a Zen garden and an oceanfront walking trail. We have reserved all ocean view rooms for our guests.

While on Barter's Bay we will visit the spectacular gardens on Barter's Island of Dr. Elsie Freeman, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts Jr. We are also going to visit Southport and the gardens of Marylouise Cowan, Anne Vartabedian and Lynn Schafer.

On our way back to Portland we will stop in historic Freeport, home of L.L.Bean, for shopping and dinner at the popular Harraseeket Inn.

Back in Portland we have more private gardens to visit, made possible by the Longfellow Garden Club. We will visit Portland's historic area by trolley, and have some time for private sightseeing before our farewell dinner this evening.

Our days will be filled with garden visits, scrumptious seafood, whale-watching, exploring points of interest, and time to capture the quiet essence of this extraordinary part of our country.

We hope you will join us on this remarkable journey.



All Photos Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Portland

Trip Information

Land cost, per person: \$3,850.00

Single Supplement: \$950.00

Included in cost: 6 nights ocean-view hotel rooms, taxes, maid gratuity, hotel baggage handling, all meals as noted on final itinerary, all entrance fees, transfers to and from Portland Jetport, private motor coach to and from all events listed on itinerary, \$500 donation to AHS. Fully escorted tour.

Conditions of Reservations:

\$2,000.00 deposit payable to The American Horticultural Society to secure reservation.

Final payment due April 14, 2008. Final documents mailed 3 weeks prior to departure.

All cancellations must be in writing.

Cancellations made 90 days or more prior to tour commencement: a full refund will be given, minus \$150.00 processing fee.

Cancellations made 60-90 days prior to tour commencement: a full refund, minus the deposit, will be given.

Cancellations made after April 14, 2008 are subject to refund only if the reservation can be replaced.

Please contact Diana Biras at 636-305-0086 if you would like help in purchasing Trip Cancellation Insurance.

The AHS agrees to confirm arrangements described in the brochure/itinerary upon payment of your deposit of \$2,000.00 per person. Final payment is due April 14, 2008, final invoice will be sent out approx. 30 days prior to that date. The AHS reserves the right to cancel or modify the tour, or any part of it, due to circumstances deemed appropriate. The AHS shall not be required to refund any amount paid by any participant who must leave the tour prematurely for any reason.

ITINERARY

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Monday, June 16	D
Arrive Portland, Maine Cocktails & dinner at our hotel Hilton Garden Inn	
Tuesday, June 17	B, L
The Treworgy Family Garden, Portland's Longfellow Arboretum National Rose Trial Garden, Longfellow House Free time late afternoon & evening	
Wednesday, June 18	B, L
Travel to Boothbay Harbor & Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens Afternoon to explore Boothbay Harbor Late afternoon short drive to Spruce Point Inn & Resort	
Thursday, June 19	B, L, D
Dr. Elsie Freeman's Garden on Barters Island Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jr. Roberts' Garden Whale-watching sail, Lobster-Clambake this evening	
Friday, June 20	B, L, D
Marylouise Cowan's & Anne Vartabedian's Gardens in Southport Depart for historic Freeport to shop and dinner We travel on to our hotel in Portland Hilton Garden Inn	
Saturday, June 21	B, D
The Dan Haley English Garden & Home The Ron Hager Water Garden & Sculptures The Dan Amory Garden Tour of Historical Area by trolley Free time for shopping Farewell cocktails and dinner	
Sunday, June 22	B
Transfers to airport in time for flights home (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner)	

Itinerary subject to change

Reservations

I/We would like to reserve

_____ single room

_____ double room

for the American Horticultural Society's trip to Charming Gardens Of Coastal Maine, June 16-22, 2008.

A deposit in the amount of

\$_____ (\$2,000.00 per person)

payable to the *American Horticultural Society* is enclosed or please bill the deposit to my MasterCard, Visa, American Express or Discover Card:

Name on Card: _____
(please print)

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Amount to be charged: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Name(s): _____
(please list names as you wish to have them appear on the guest list)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business/Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

All rooms non-smoking unless otherwise requested.

Return reservation form and direct all inquiries to:

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