EXCURSION OPTIONS Port of Eastport, Maine

Tours Operated by the Eastport Port Authority
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Eastport Scenic & Historic Island Tour (Customized to meet your specific passengers' interests):

- Visit historic Victorian, Queen Ann, Gothic Revival, Federal and Empire style homes.
- See Old Sow (largest whirlpool in western hemisphere) & our 27 foot tides.
- Discover Eastport's rich history from the British Occupation to the Great Fire. Visit historic Fort Sullivan's powder house and the Barrack's Museum.
- Learn about harnessing the tides.... from FDR's Quoddy Tidal Power project to present day
- Ocean Renewable Power Company's plan to generate electricity with underwater turbines.
- Relive the history of the shipping and sardine industries in Eastport.
- Visit Shackford Head State Park named for a local Revolutionary War soldier where 5 Civil War ships were burned for salvage. Take a short walk to the trail overlook to see an amazing vista, salmon pens and the shipping port.
- Learn about Eastport's evolving fishing industry from sardines to ground fish to farm raised salmon.
- Visit a working lobster pound and learn about the life cycle of the lobster and hear tales from the lobsterman wife. Then, enjoy a bayside lobster feed while watching for seals and marine life in the bay.
- Visit & tour Raye's Mustard Mill, America's last working stone ground mustard mill and sample the many new varieties of gourmet mustards.
- Learn about the Wabanaki "People of The Dawn" living on nearby Sipayik / Pleasant Point Indian Reservation whose history goes back 4000 years.
- Visit a modern high volume lobster pound and learn the science of modern lobster technology.
- Experience the "working waterfront" as lobstermen and fishermen return with their daily catch.
- Attend a specially arranged Wine & Cheese or Dessert reception exclusively for your guests at one of our galleries or museums.
- Explore the many visual and performing arts offerings that Eastport has all within a short walk of your ship. Meet the artists and see them at work.
- Enjoy your free time strolling our waterfront walkway along our harbor and our historic downtown district visiting our shops, galleries, museums, institutes, and historic library.
- Sail on a schooner looking for whales, seals, eagles and sea birds. Hear stories of the history of the bay and its settlers.
- Enjoy a working Lobster Boat tour, watch while the captain pulls lobster traps and marine life surrounds you in the air and water while you experience our great tides and whirlpool.
- Passamaquoddy Tribe. Learn about the "People of the dawn". Enjoy Native American drumming and dancing.
- Lighthouses...take a 45 minute trip to Quoddy Head State Park, the easternmost point in continental US. Hike the trails, see a peat bog or just enjoy the scenery.
- Explore the outdoors on a historic and nature hike at Shackford Head State Park.
- ➤ Go on a guided kayak tour seeing wildlife, salmon farms and the historic waterfront.
- Take a 20 minute bus ride to St. Croix International Historic Site...Have a ranger lead tour and presentation about the 1604 settling of St. Croix Island by Champlain and Pierre Dugua.









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Historic & Scenic Trolley Tour of Eastport Maine:

Enjoy a riding tour in our open Trolley of Eastport, Maine which was settled in 1772. Local guides will share their knowledge of the history of the area and its unique characteristics including the British occupation of the City during the War of 1812. Your tour will begin in the heart of historic downtown Eastport, where your guides will share stories of the "Great Fire" of 1886 and describe the waterfront of the past. Visit and take a factory tour of Raye's Mustard Mill, the last working stone ground mustard mill in the country. Learn the history of our quaint island city and see Shackford Head State Park where many Civil War ships were dismantled and burned. View our dramatic tidal changes and see "Old Sow," this hemisphere's largest whirlpool. Learn about past and present plans to harness our tides to produce electricity. Hear stories of the fishing industry and our working waterfront including the sardine industry, lobstering, aquaculture/salmon farming, scalloping, boat building, and shipping. Hear stories of the Roosevelt's presence in Eastport and their beloved island, Campobello. Learn about the Wabanaki "People of The Dawn" living on nearby Sipayik / Pleasant Point Indian Reservation whose history goes back 4000 years. See the mythical home of Disney's Pete's Dragon as you drive along our scenic shorelines from Eastport. During your tour you will be treated to commanding views of the Passamaquoddy and Cobscook Bays and the Canadian Islands. (Minimal walking required)

Eastport Working Lobster Boat Tour:

DownEast Lobster & Seal Cruise on a genuine Maine lobster boat, "The Lady H," where we will stop and demonstrate Maine's number one commercial fishery..... Lobstering! Pull 15 -20 actual lobster traps in the waters of Passamaquoddy Bay with a licensed lobster fisherman. Watch the Captain haul traps and see, touch and handle lobsters, crabs, starfish, scallops, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, etc. after the traps are pulled into the boat. You may also see porpoise, whales, Bald Eagles, osprey, seals and lots of other marine life all which make the bay their home. Experience our 26+ foot tides, travel through the "Old Sow" Whirlpool, the hemisphere's largest whirlpool and listen to the tales of the sea from our experienced Captain. We recommend bringing along binoculars, a camera, warm clothing and any snack you might wish to have during your adventure. Departure is directly from the Breakwater and the duration will be approximately 2 hours.

Historic Downtown Eastport Walking Tour:

We arranged passengers in groups of approximately 25 and dispatched them on a walking tour with guides to 5 stations in our downtown where they will had approximately 10 minute talk by various knowledgeable guides and move on to the next station. We staggered the departure from the ship of groups by about 20 minutes. We covered most of the topics outlined in the driving tour and walked to the various stations which would take them through the historic downtown and the final station was via a short trolley ride to Raye's Mustard Mill and then a return trolley ride back the 6+ blocks to downtown/the pier. (Total Walk would be about 4 blocks, on flat (no hills or steps) sidewalks or walkways)

The tour stations included:

- 1) From a vista of our working waterfront: Discussions of the tides, "Old Sow," fishing, aquaculture, boat building and burning of wooden war ships here in Eastport in the past, etc.
- 2) Visit Ocean Renewable Power Company the company behind the harnessing of the tides for tidal energy and learn about previous and current attempts to commercialize this technology.
- 3) Center of Downtown at the Fisherman Statue: Presentation on the history of Eastport to include British Occupation, the Great Fire, and the history of the 29 Historic surrounding buildings, talk on historic businesses there and today's businesses, galleries and museums, etc.
- 4) On to Quoddy Bay Lobster for a talk from the family owners of this Lobster/Sea Food operation. See the process and live lobsters. Learn about their life cycle and other interesting facts about this abundant creature and about the people who fish for them. See them cooking and preparing them for sale.
- 5) Take the Moose Island Trolley to Raye's Mustard Mill & Store, America's only remaining 'Stone Ground' Mustard Mill. Take the factory tour and then do a Mustard tasting and visit their pantry shop. (Grocery Store, Liquor Store and Bank w/ATM directly across the street) Trolley back to downtown.

Tour ends at Bank Square 2 blocks from ship for passengers to shop, explore museums and gallery's on their own in the downtown, or to return to the ship. Walking tour was approx. 2+ hours. (We made all the arrangements for speakers, tour guides, and trolley transportation as well as the factory tours -no additional fees)

Art Gallery Receptions (Exclusive for Cruise Ship Passengers and Crew):

Downtown "Art Walk" like environment between the two reception locations both with Wines, Cheese & Refreshments:

- 1. The Eastport Art Gallery A Co-Op comprised of 28 Local Artists showing great diversity of styles in various media's. Many works will be on display as well as their current show "Creatures". Come and meet the artists who will all be at this "private reception" in person and discuss their passion for their work and Eastport!
- 2. At The Tides Institute and Museum of Art (TIMA) you will enjoy the historic architecture of this brick 1887 National Register of Historic Places and anchor property in downtown Eastport. Formerly housing the Eastport Savings Bank, the building is undergoing a meticulous restoration that includes both exterior and interior details. The Tides Institute's collections focus on the international Passamaquoddy region and the broader U.S./Canada northeast coast. In the main gallery the current exhibition features works not previously displayed and acquired within the last 10 years dating from 1634 through the early 21st century. The second floor gallery has a more permanent exhibition of paintings, prints, ship models, Passamaquoddy basketry, porcelain and sculpture.

