

DAY 1

First things first, once you arrive go straight to **Duckfat** and put your name on the list! Yes, there will be a wait and it will be worth it! To pass the time, get a mimosa at the **East Ender** bar next door and just up the stairs. Save room for poutine, paninis and milkshakes at the restaurant. Walk off lunch with a stroll around the the quaint **Old Town** with cobblestone streets, old buildings and boutique stores.

Nothing is more Maine than lobster. Step it up a notch and get acquainted with the culinary icon and industry! Book a spot on the **Lucky Catch** boat, where you can catch lobster, learn the ways of the local fishermen and get a scenic cruise all in one.

After a day at sea, head back to the hotel to clean up. Then dinner is at **Isa**, a neighborhood bistro with a house-made, farm-sourced menu that changes every season. The informal but cozy spot offers communal seating for making new friends.

Gather the group and walk just across the street to **Bubba's Sulky Lounge**. Choose a meeting point because it's easy to get lost in this unusual bar layout. But more than likely your friends will be on the multi-colored lit dance floor cutting a rug to 80s and 90s hits.

DAY 2

Get breakfast at the **Standard Baking Company**, award winning across the country and a favorite among the locals for bread and pastries. Then you might be in need of some R&R after a night at Bubba's! Portland is home to two uniquely relaxing experiences including the **Salt Vault** and **Soakology**. They book up on the weekends so plan accordingly!

Now it's time to dive into the **Brewery scene!** **Oxbow Blending & Bottling**, **Rising Tide** and **Urban Farm** are all cool spots and walkable from the main city center. Or you could let the professionals guide you. The **Maine Brew Bus** has several options but the Local Pour Tour or the Southern Crawl line up well.

For dinner, you've waited long enough for some oysters, crab and a brown-butter lobster roll! **Eventide Oyster Co** is the spot. If you've got a crew, the family-style New England Lobster Bake is an easy option to make everyone

happy. After dinner, walk 5 minutes south on Middle Street to **Portland Hunt & Alpine Club** for a cool vibe and unique cocktail creations.

DAY 3

Rent bikes from **The Portland Encyclepedia** for an early ride along a mostly coastal trail to **Bug Light Park** and Lighthouse. Stop and enjoy some peace and quiet on the Harbor once you arrive.

Holy Donut on 7 Exchange St is the destination on the way back. Order a half dozen of the cult-favorite potato donuts and ride two blocks southeast to the waterfront, where you can sit on the pier and (maybe?) share with your group!