

Bangor, Maine, USA

Bangor sits where the Penobscot River widens into a working waterfront — a compact New England city famous as Stephen King's home base, with a walkable downtown, quirky landmarks, and Acadia National Park just an hour east.

Docked (Bangor Landing pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English

Small-ship river port

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct dock at Bangor Landing on the Penobscot River — no tender required

Best For: Stephen King fans, history buffs, nature walks, Acadia day-trippers

Walk to center: 5-10 min stroll from the pier to downtown shops and restaurants

Don't Miss: The 31-ft Paul Bunyan statue and a walk past Stephen King's West Broadway home

Getting around: Taxi \$5–\$15 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Stephen King's Bangor Tour** — Bangor is King's real-life home and the inspiration for the fictional town of Derry.
- Fort Knox & Penobscot Narrows Observatory** — One of Maine's best-preserved Civil War-era granite forts sits 25 miles south on the Penobscot River.
- Acadia National Park Day-Trip** — Bar Harbor and Acadia are an hour east and the classic Maine cruise day-trip.
- Cole Land Transportation Museum** — More than 200 antique vehicles — trucks, cars, military equipment, and snowplows — fill this well-curated Bangor museum.
- Orono Bog Boardwalk** — A 1-mile accessible loop boardwalk through a living peat bog just outside the city — pitcher plants, sundews, and rare sphagnum mosses in a...

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront to Paul Bunyan Statue** 1.5 miles | ~30 min | Easy | Flat — Walk north along the Penobscot River waterfront path from Bangor Landing, then cut up Main Street into downtown.
- Downtown Historic District Stroll** 1 mile loop | ~25 min | Easy | Flat — Circle through Bangor's handsome 19th-century downtown: the Bangor Opera House (Art Deco façade), the Zillman Art Museum at the University of Maine, and the brick...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		51°	34°	13d
Jun		72°	54°	12d
Aug		78°	62°	11d
Sep		71°	55°	8d
Oct		59°	45°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:50AM–7:20PM · Jun 4:48AM–8:22PM · Aug 5:37AM–7:40PM · Sep 6:14AM–6:45PM · Oct 6:51AM–5:49PM

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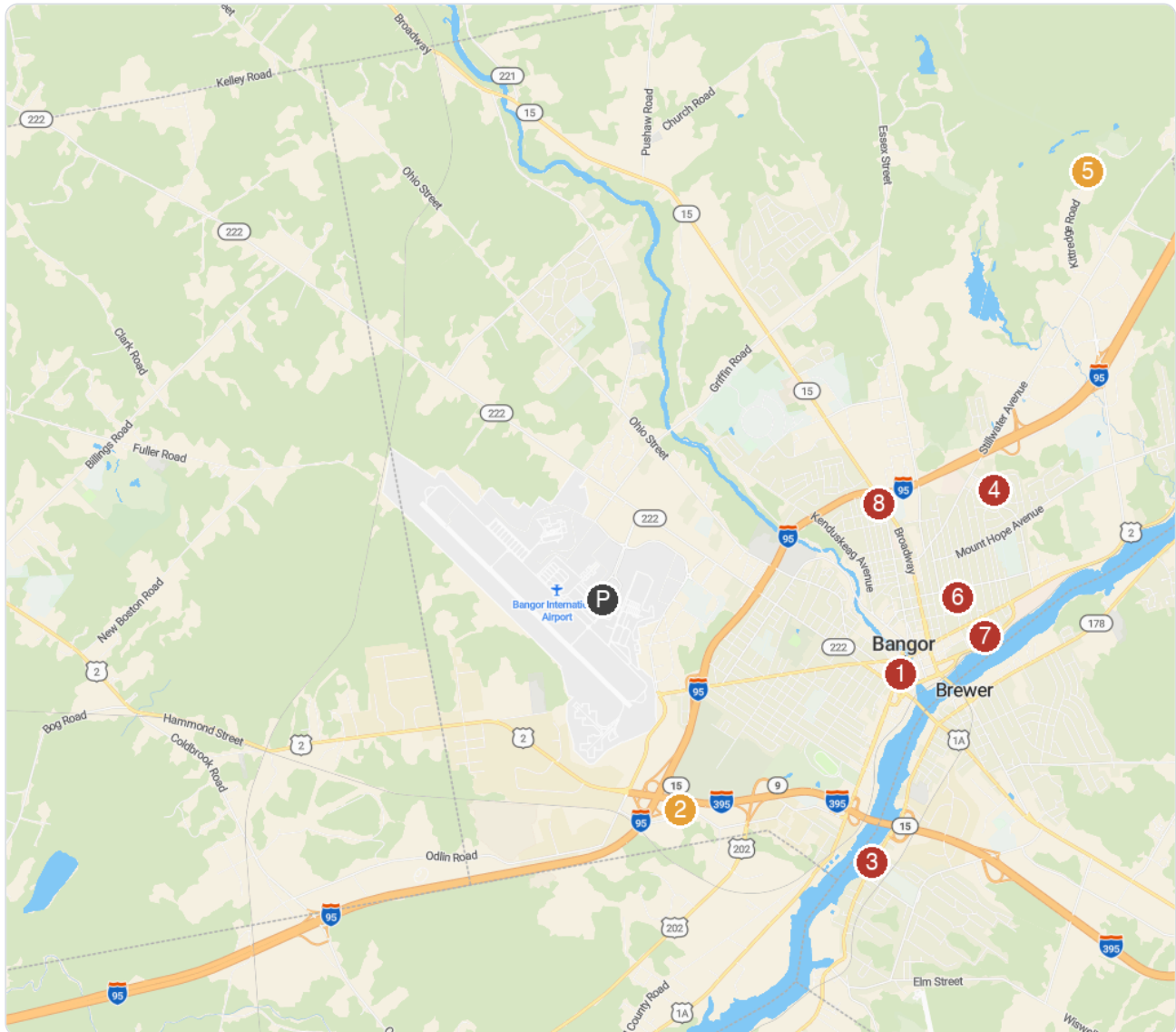
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Small ships only. Bangor Landing is a river pier for American Cruise Lines-style vessels (150-200 passengers). Large ocean cruise ships do not call here.
- Rent a car for Acadia. The national park is the biggest draw, but there's no direct public transit from Bangor. Book a car in advance or join a ship-organized excursion.
- Cash is rarely needed. Downtown Bangor businesses accept cards everywhere. ATMs are plentiful near the waterfront.
- Pack a layer. Bangor weather is unpredictable even in summer — mornings can be cool and fog is common. The Cole Transportation Museum makes a great backup on a wet day.
- Stephen King's house is private. 47 West Broadway is his real home — respect the property. Photos from the sidewalk of the ornate bat-and-spider iron gate are fine; don't approach the door.

Bangor, Maine, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 **Maine Discovery Museum** Interactive children's museum with hands-on exhibits for all ages.

3 **Fisherman's Park** Scenic riverside park with walking paths and views of the Penobscot River.

5 **Northeast Penjawayoc Preserve** Nature preserve offering walking trails through forests and wetlands.

7 **Williams Park** Small, quiet neighborhood park with benches and green space.

P **Cruise port / terminal**

2 **Cole Land Transportation Museum** Museum showcasing Maine's land transportation history, including trains and cars.

4 **Stillwater Park Playground** Community park featuring a large playground, picnic areas, and open space.

6 **Chapin Park** Historic neighborhood park with mature trees, benches, and open green space.

8 **International Cryptozoology Museum** Museum dedicated to mythical creatures like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster.