

Boothbay Harbor, Maine, USA

A quintessential Maine fishing village turned summer destination — cedar-shingled shops, lobster shacks, and the smell of salt air from the moment you step ashore. Boothbay Harbor is compact, walkable, and tailor-made for a cruise day.

Docked (small ships) / Tender (larger vessels)

Typical call: 7-12 hrs

USD

English

Seafood paradise

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small cruise ships dock at Town Dock (Public Landing); larger/expedition vessels anchor and tender to the inner harbor

Best For: Puffin & whale-watch cruises, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, fresh lobster rolls

Walk to center: 1–3 min from Town Dock to downtown shops and restaurants

Don't Miss: A boat tour with Cap'n Fish's or Balmy Days Cruises — the Eastern Egg Rock puffin trip is a highlight

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Flat rate (varies) · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Puffin Cruise to Eastern Egg Rock** — Cap'n Fish's Cruises runs the signature Audubon-narrated excursion: a round trip to Eastern Egg Rock, where Atlantic puffins nest from late spring...
- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** — New England's largest botanical garden (about 295 acres) with ornamental gardens, woodland trails, a children's garden, and rotating sculpture...
- Whale Watching Cruise** — Cap'n Fish's Cruises and others run 3–4 hour whale-watch trips into the Gulf of Maine.
- Cabbage Island Clambake** — A boat takes you to Cabbage Island for a traditional Downeast clambake — steamed clams, lobster, corn, and chowder cooked in rockweed.
- Boothbay Railway Village** — A living history museum with vintage narrow-gauge steam trains, 60+ antique autos, and 28 historic buildings relocated from around Maine.

BEST WALKS

- Harbor Loop & Footbridge** 1.5 miles · Easy · 45-60 min — Start at Public Landing, walk east along Commercial Street past Pier 8 (Balmy Days), cross the iconic Footbridge to the east side of the harbor, loop back along Atlantic...
- McKown Hill Viewpoint** 1 mile round-trip · Easy · 30 min — A short uphill walk from downtown to the top of McKown Hill rewards you with a panoramic view of the harbor and outer islands — the classic postcard shot of Boothbay...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		50°	36°	12d
Jun		70°	56°	10d
Aug		76°	64°	9d
Sep		70°	57°	9d
Oct		59°	48°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:55AM–7:22PM · Jun 4:55AM–8:22PM · Aug 5:43AM–7:41PM · Sep 6:18AM–6:48PM · Oct 6:53AM–5:54PM

USD

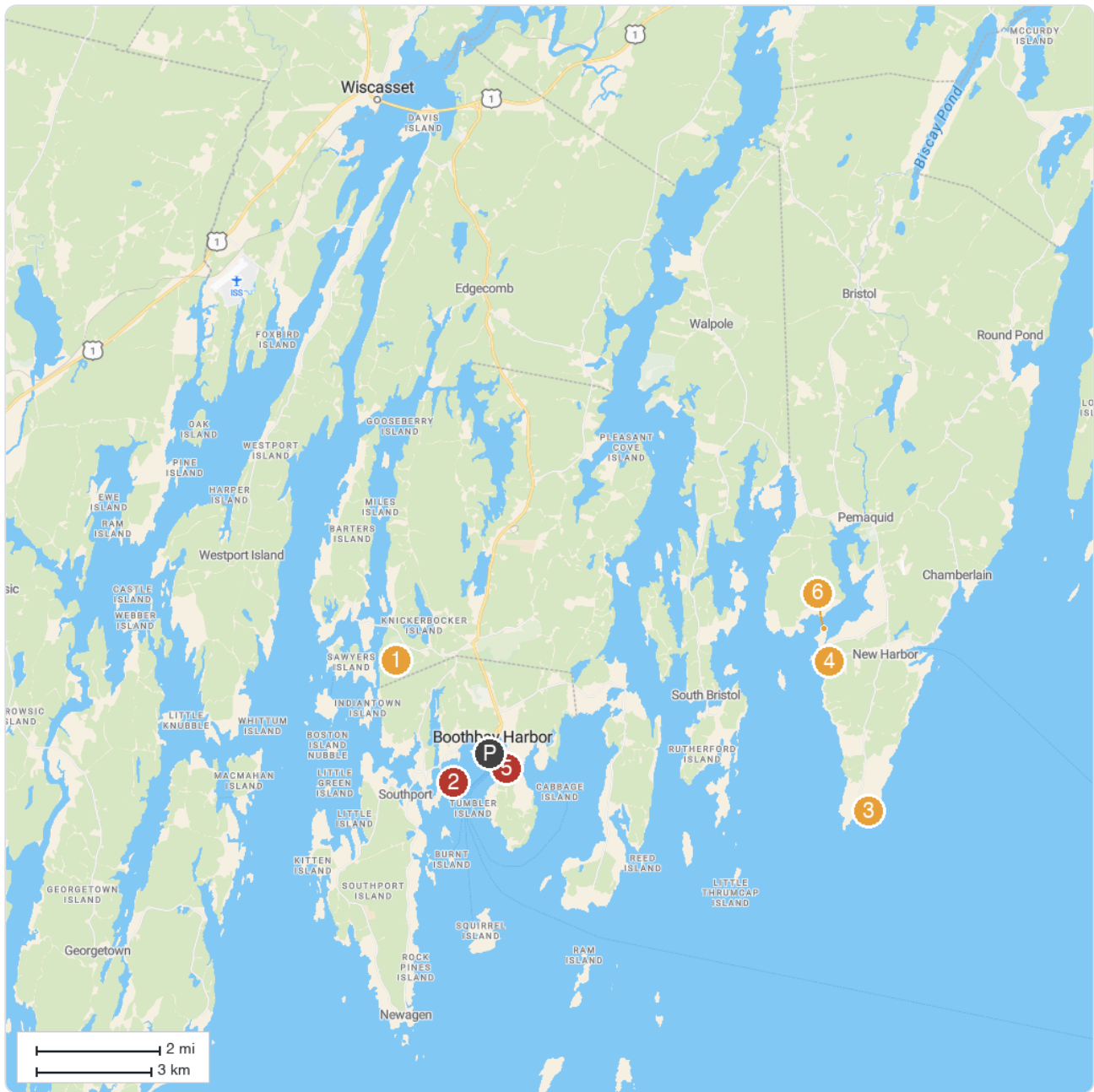
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Eat lobster here. Boothbay Harbor is the real deal — waterfront shacks serving fresh-caught lobster rolls and steamers. Robinson's Wharf and Lobsterman's Wharf are local favorites.
- Book puffin cruises in advance. Cap'n Fish's Eastern Egg Rock trips fill up, especially during peak summer. If your ship calls in season, pre-book before you arrive.
- Free trolley to the Gardens. The seasonal trolley runs from downtown to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens — grab it on Commercial Street. No need to taxi or rent a car.
- USD only, cards accepted everywhere. No need to carry cash for most shops and restaurants, though small seafood shacks may prefer cash.
- Layer up. Maine coastal weather is famously changeable — even warm summer days can turn cool and foggy by afternoon. A light waterproof layer is worth packing.
- Downtown is genuinely walkable. Nearly everything — restaurants, galleries, boat tour piers, the aquarium — is within a 10-minute flat walk of the Town Dock.

Boothbay Harbor, 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.



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| 1 Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens | Explore beautiful themed gardens and natural landscapes. | 2 Maine State Aquarium | Discover local marine life in a small, educational aquarium. |
| 3 Fisherman Museum | A museum showcasing local fishing history and heritage. | 4 Pemaquid Beach Park | Enjoy a sandy beach, swimming, and picnic areas. |
| 5 Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church | A local Catholic church for worship and reflection. | 6 Colonial Pemaquid State Historic Site | Explore archaeological ruins of a 17th-century colonial settlement. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |