

Bucksport, Maine, USA

A small Maine river town punching above its weight — voted USA Today's #1 Best Coastal Small Town (2021), Bucksport pairs a granite Civil War fort with a cable-stayed bridge observatory and a friendly walkable Main Street.

Docked (town pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

US Dollar

English

History & scenery

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Bucksport Town Dock (400-ft upgraded concrete float, ADA gangway)

Walk to center: ~5 min along the waterfront walkway to Main Street

Best For: Fort Knox & Penobscot Narrows Observatory, waterfront strolls, small-town Maine

Don't Miss: Climbing the Penobscot Narrows Observatory — 420 ft up, the only bridge observatory in the US

Getting around: Taxi /hr+ · Rideshare Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fort Knox State Historic Site** — Explore one of the best-preserved Civil War-era granite forts in America.
 - Penobscot Narrows Observatory** — Ride to the top of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge — 420 feet up — for 360-degree panoramic views of Penobscot Bay, the river, and the surrounding...
 - Fort Knox Nature Cruise** — Two-hour boat excursion through Bucksport harbor and the Penobscot River waterways.
- Acadia National Park Day Trip** — American Cruise Lines sometimes offers day-trip excursions to Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island, about an hour away.
 - Bucksport Main Street Walk** — Stroll the brick waterfront walkway to downtown, browse the Lighthouse Arts Center gallery (100+ Maine artists), catch a film at the historic Alamo...

BEST WALKS

- Bucksport Waterfront Walkway** 1 mile | Easy | Paved & flat | 20-30 min — A paved brick path along the Penobscot River from the town dock to downtown.
- Main Street to Alamo Theatre Loop** 0.5 miles | Easy | 15-20 min — From the waterfront, walk up to Main Street to explore the Lighthouse Arts Center, Alamo Theatre, and local dining.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		50°	34°	13d
Jun		70°	54°	11d
Aug		77°	62°	11d
Sep		70°	55°	9d
Oct		58°	45°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:50AM–7:20PM · Jun 4:49AM–8:21PM · Aug 5:38AM–7:39PM · Sep 6:14AM–6:45PM · Oct 6:51AM–5:49PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Combine Fort Knox and the Observatory: One ticket covers both. The Observatory has timed entry — buy tickets early in the day to avoid a long wait, especially if your ship is in port on a summer weekend.
- American Cruise Lines shuttles: If you're sailing with ACL, check for complimentary or included shore excursions — Fort Knox bus runs are typically organized aboard.
- Lobster is the move: Carrier's Mainely Lobster on Main Street is the local favorite. Don't pass up a fresh Maine lobster roll when you're this close to the source.
- Dress in layers: Penobscot Bay weather is unpredictable year-round. Even in summer, mornings can be cool and foggy. A light jacket and rain layer are always smart.
- Cell coverage is decent on Main Street, but patchy inland and on hiking trails. Download offline maps before you explore farther afield.
- Cash-friendly town: Most downtown businesses accept cards, but a small amount of US cash is handy at the waterfront dock area and smaller vendors.

Bucksport, 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 | Fort Knox and Penobscot Narrows Observatory | Historic granite fort with a bridge tower observatory. | 2 | Fort Point State Park | State park featuring a historic lighthouse, pier, and trails. |
| 3 | Scenic Turnout | Roadside spot offering panoramic views of the Penobscot River. | 4 | Sandy Point Beach | Public sandy beach on the Penobscot River for swimming. |
| P | Cruise port / terminal | | | | |