

Portland, Maine, USA

Maine's liveliest port city puts cobblestoned streets, craft breweries, and legendary lobster rolls within a 10-minute walk of the ship. Portland Head Light is a short drive away — one of the most photographed lighthouses in America.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

US Dollar (USD)

English

Top food port

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ocean Gateway Terminal (Pier 2) or Maine State Pier — both in the Old Port district, no tender required

Best For: Lighthouse sightseeing, fresh seafood, culinary walking tours, Casco Bay island cruises

Walk to center: 5–10 min on foot to Old Port shops, restaurants, and waterfront

Don't Miss: Portland Head Light in Fort Williams Park — Maine's oldest lighthouse, 20 min by taxi or tour bus

Getting around: Taxi Rideshare Uber, Lyft Hop-on hop-off Gray Line Pink Trolley

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Portland Head Light & Fort Williams Park** — Maine's oldest lighthouse (1791) sits in Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth — a 20-minute drive from the pier.
- Casco Bay Island Cruise** — Hop aboard a Casco Bay Lines ferry or a scenic cruise to explore the bay's islands, spot harbor seals, and pass lighthouses including Ram Island...
- Old Port Culinary Walking Tour** — Portland is consistently ranked among the best food cities in the US.
- Trolley City & Lighthouse Tour** — Narrated trolley tours cover Portland's history, Victorian architecture, the Arts District, the Old Port, and make stops at Portland Head Light.
- Freeport & L.L. Bean Day Trip** — The town of Freeport, 20 miles north, is home to L.L.

BEST WALKS

- Old Port Loop** 1.5 miles · Easy · 45–60 min — The classic cruise-day walk.
- Eastern Promenade Trail** 2 miles one-way · Easy · 45-60 min — A paved trail along the bluffs above Casco Bay, starting near the Maine State Pier and stretching to East End Beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		59°	42°	16d
Jun		75°	53°	8d
Aug		84°	60°	3d
Sep		75°	55°	8d
Oct		63°	48°	13d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:58AM–7:24PM · Jun 4:59AM–8:24PM · Aug 5:46AM–7:43PM · Sep 6:20AM–6:50PM · Oct 6:55AM–5:56PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (America/New_York). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

US Dollar (USD)

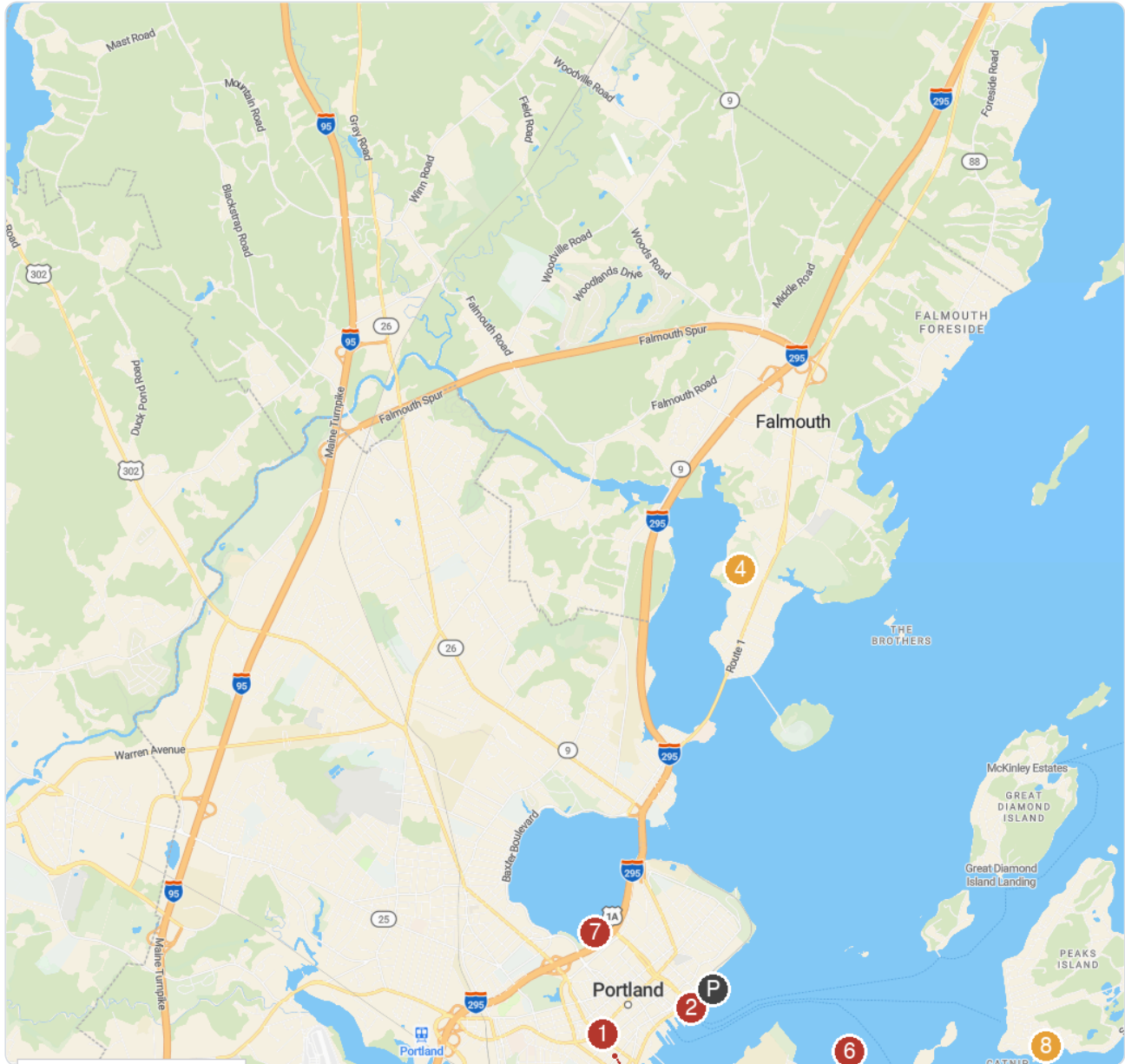
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Eat a lobster roll. Portland is ground zero. Grab one at Eventide Oyster Co. on Middle Street (brown butter version, highly recommended) or Red's Eats if you make it to Wiscasset. The waterfront has plenty of options steps from the pier.
- Portland is a craft beer city. Allagash Brewing, Bissell Brothers, and Oxbow are all within reach. Many Old Port restaurants and bars carry excellent local taps.
- Book Portland Head Light separately if not doing a ship excursion. Uber/Lyft to Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth takes ~20 min and runs about \$20 each way. The park is free; the lighthouse museum charges a small fee.
- Dress in layers. Even in summer, Casco Bay generates sea breezes that can make it feel 10°F cooler than inland. A light jacket is your best friend.
- No need to rent a car for the Old Port — it's all walkable. For lighthouse or Freeport trips, ship excursions or rideshare work fine.
- Cards accepted everywhere in Portland. No need to seek out ATMs — the Old Port is tourist-friendly and cashless-ready.

Portland, 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 Portland Museum of Art | See diverse art collections at this downtown museum. | 2 Casco Bay Lines | Take a scenic ferry to islands in Casco Bay. |
| 3 Crescent Beach State Park | Enjoy a sandy beach, swimming, and picnicking at this state park. | 4 Maine Audubon | Explore nature trails and learn about Maine's wildlife. |
| 5 Victoria Mansion | Tour an elaborately preserved 19th-century Victorian house museum. | 6 Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse | Walk a breakwater to visit this historic lighthouse. |
| 7 Back Cove Park | Walk or bike a scenic trail around a tidal cove. | 8 Fifth Maine Museum | Discover Civil War history at this museum on Peaks Island. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |