Dear NC State University Alumni and Friends,

From the iconic lighthouses perched along sparkling bays to Portland’s cobblestone streets boasting award-winning restaurants, Maine offers unique landscapes and experiences for everyone.

Begin your journey with an overnight in the Boston area followed by a comprehensive city tour highlighted by historic Fenway Park. The walking tour of America’s oldest ballpark will bring alive past glories and history. Following some free time at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, enjoy an afternoon ride along Maine’s beautiful coastline. Check in to your award-winning hotel for a five-night stay overlooking the Kennebunk River and a short walk to the resort town of Kennebunkport & Colony Beach.

Day 3 brings us north to Portland and a Casco Bay Cruise to see lighthouses, forts, lobster boats and seals. Visit the Victoria Mansion, also known as the Morse Libby House, the nation’s premier show-piece of Victorian architecture. Enjoy some leisure time in Old Port Historic District before heading to Cape Elisabeth for a visit of the Portland Head Lighthouse & Museum, one of America’s oldest and most photographed lighthouses.

The following day you explore Maine’s picturesque southern coast with its quaint seaside villages and historic mansions. In Kennebunkport, see the Wedding Cake House, an over-exuberant version of gingerbread Victorian architecture; visit the Seashore Trolley Museum; and take in the view from Walker’s Point, the longtime summer retreat of George H.W. Bush and family. Later board a working lobster boat to participate in an authentic, hands-on lobster haul. The day is topped off with an authentic lobster clambake.

Enjoy a leisure day to explore on your own or take an optional excursion to Boothbay Harbor. Next head inland to explore the rugged beauty of New Hampshire’s White Mountains. Arrive in the quintessential New England village of North Conway and board the Conway Scenic Railroad for a nostalgic ride through the scenic Mt. Washington Valley countryside. Later a motorcoach ride along the Kancamagus Highway offers one of America’s most scenic drives with sweeping views of the White Mountains National Forest. Stop at a local Maple Sugar House, and end your holiday with a memorable Farewell Dinner back in Maine. Consider joining us on this unforgettable experience. Reserve your space today!

Thanks,

Kathy Hart
Wolftrek’s Travel Director

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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS/NOTES
Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.

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DAY 1: ARRIVE BOSTON
Upon arrival meet your Tour Director and transfer to your hotel. Dinner is on your own. Overnight: Boston Area

DAY 2: HISTORIC BOSTON – FENWAY PARK – KENNEBUNKPORT
This morning enjoy a Boston City Tour featuring Boston Commons, the Old State House, the Old North Church from where Paul Revere got the signal to start his legendary ride, the Old South Meeting House, Beacon Hill and Old Ironsides. Next enjoy a guided tour of Historic Faneuil Hall Park, the soul of our “national pastime” for many. Fenway is America’s oldest ballpark and home of the Boston Red Sox since 1912. Past glories are shown on the wall in a ballpark that may include some of its most famous (bad) souvenirs such as the Triangle, Pesky’s Pole and the legendary Green Monster of left field. Visit the Fenway Hall Marketplace, located in downtown Boston near the waterfront and originally gifted to the city in 1742 with free time to shop and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon take in the natural beauty of the New England coastline as you travel north towards Maine with a photo stop in the picturesque coastal town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Later travel to Coastal Maine with its sandy beaches, beautiful landscapes, quaint villages and lighthouses. Check in for a five-night resort stay. This evening enjoy a Beer & Wine Reception followed by a Welcome Dinner with your fellow Alumni travelers. (B,D) Overnight: Kennebunkport

DAY 3: PORTLAND MAINE
This morning travel north to Portland, Maine’s largest city that sits on a peninsula jutting out into beautiful Casco Bay. Skirt stop at The Claddle Gables in Scarborough, to sample treats and meet Lenny, the world’s only life-size chocolate moose! Enjoy a scenic Casco Bay Cruise to see lighthouses, forts, lobster boats and seals. Visit the Victoria Mansion, also known as the Morse Loby House, the nation’s premier piece of Victorian architecture. Enjoy some leisure time in Old Port Historic District before heading to Elizabeth C. for a visit of the Portland Head Lighthouse & Museum, one of America’s oldest and most photographed lighthouses. (B) Overnight: Kennebunkport

DAY 4: KENNEBUNKPORT – YORK
Today explore the Southern Maine Coast dotted with charming seaside towns, picturesque villages and magnificent old captains’ mansions. In Kennebunkport, see the Wedding Cake House, an over-ornamented version of gingerbread Victorian architecture and the most photographed house in Maine. Visit the Seashore Trolley Museum, the oldest and largest electric railway museum in the world. No visit to Kennebunkport would be complete without taking in the view from Walker’s Point, the long-time summer retreat of George H.W. Bush and family. In the seaside village of Ogunquit, take a leisurely stroll along Marginal Way, a one-and-a-quarter-mile walking path that winds along the town’s rocky shore and offers dramatic scenic views of the jagged Maine coastline leading to Perkins Cove. Later board a Lobster Boat where local lobstermen take you out into the harbor aboard his working boat for an authentic, hands-on experience in the lobstering trade with a lobster lad. In nearby York take in breathtaking views of the Cape Neddick Lighthouse, commonly known as Nubble Light. Top off the day with a traditional down east Lobster Clambake and a chance to try some delicious Maine lobster! (B,O) Overnight: Kennebunkport

DAY 5: FULL DAY AS YOU WISH
Enjoy the day at leisure to relax and explore the area at your own pace. An optional full day tour to Boothbay Harbor will be available. (B) Overnight: Kennebunkport

DAY 6: NORTH CONWAY NEW HAMPSHIRE – WHITE MOUNTAINS
This morning travel to the White Mountains of New Hampshire, one of the most ruggedly beautiful mountain ranges in the US and home to conifer trees, granite cliffs and Mount Washington, the tallest peak in the Northeastern US. Arrive in the quintessential New England village of North Conway and board the Conway Scenic Railroad for a nostalgic ride through the scenic Mt. Washington Valley countryside. Later motorcoach along the Kancamagus Highway, one of America’s most scenic drives, connecting North Conway with UNH - the drive begins and ends along wide, tumbling rivers and offers sweeping mountain views of the White Mountains National Forest. Stop at a local Maple Sugar House to learn how sap harvested from local orchards is transformed into one of the world’s sweetest delicacies. Free time to browse and shop before returning back to the Maine coast. Tonight meet your fellow Alumni travelers for a Beer & Wine Reception followed by a Farewell Dinner. (B,O) Overnight: Kennebunkport

DAY 7: BOSTON – DEPART HOME
Today we return to Boston for your flight home filled with memories of your Landscapes & Lighthouses of Coastal Maine tour and adventure. (B)