



Spruce Point Inn: Boothbay Harbor Retreat Where Oceanside Memories Are Made

Boothbay Harbor, Maine -- Mid-Coast Maine, the iconic stretch of shoreline from Freeport to Belfast, is one of the best-loved coasts in America. Linking timeless seaports and the most au-courant art colonies, the Mid-Coast has given generations of visitors fond memories of, as Maine Tourism's slogan says, "the way life should be."

Boothbay Harbor, long inhabited by indigenous Penobscots and Passamaquoddy and settled by Scot-Irish c. 1730, is a classic combination of the elements that make great memories: the dramatic Atlantic that meets the calm waters of Linekin Bay right at Spruce Point's doorstep. There, opposite Brunt Island lighthouse, a classic harbor is home to both an active fishing fleet and the storied windjammers that bring Maine's age of sail alive. Less than an hour from Portland, Boothbay is a place from a time where things still slow down long enough to let people get their bearings.

Along the brick sidewalks of town – a pleasant walk, short shuttle ride or 10 minute trip on the Inn's private launch from the Inn – guests find a selection of distinctive boutiques and bookstores, ice cream shops, lobster pounds and art galleries. Window-shopping alone is worth an afternoon, perhaps paced by lunch in one of the stylish cafes.

Nearby, the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, named one of New England's best by *Yankee Magazine* is a 128-acre landscape of endless-changing color, light and movement. Butterflies fill the Children's Garden while carefully nurtured local plants thrive in the care of a dedicated team of botanists, always ready to share their passion – and their tips for cultivation or flower-photography with visitors.

Another day excursion could lead to the Boothbay Railway Village and Auto Museum where children of all ages delight in a ride on an authentic steam train (Maine's only) or sitting at the wheel of a restored Model T. The steam train travels a 10-minute loop around the village, with passengers riding meticulously detailed, open-window coaches.

The genuine beauty of mid-coast Maine at Spruce Point Inn Resort & Spa is best experienced when guests take the Inn's own kayaks or bicycles for a personal tour of the hidden bays and beaches, quiet lanes and wildflowers. The Boothbay Region Land Trust affords miles of coastal hiking trails (including special trails for dogs and their companions.) Spruce Point itself is a community of private homeowners who share their summer getaway with the guests of the Inn. Some of the best memories with family and friends come from exploring the property's 57 acres of shady spruce woodland, paths first marked by Native Americans and sun-dappled shoreline.

About Spruce Point Inn (www.sprucepointinn.com)

In operation for more than 100 years, Spruce Point Inn is a distinctive and historic vacation destination for travelers from all over the United States. Its relaxing facilities have long been a part of the summer community and a backdrop for delightful "oceanside memories made in Maine." Located in the seafaring village of Boothbay Harbor, Maine (an hour north of Portland) and situated on 57 acres of stunning oceanfront and sheltering pine forest, the Inn is a retreat of 56 modern rooms in eight lodges, 5 classic cottages, 9 Main Inn rooms and suites, and 4 townhouses. The convenient location, peaceful setting and spectacular coastal views have made the Inn a premier resort for families, reunions, weddings and business events. For reservations, call 800-553-0289 or visit www.sprucepointinn.com