AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

MAINE GETAWAY

We are off to charming Maine!

Travel with **Friendship Tours** and FGCCT on a three night, coastal Maine trip packed with sites, gardens, and delightful dining!

We focus on Boothbay, Wiscasset, and Portland Maine where we meet our Maine garden club friends! Come along and enjoy the fun!

The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

NEW ENGLAND BOTANIC GARDEN AT TOWER HILL

COASTAL MAINE BOTANIC GARDEN

WISCASSET AND BOOTHBAY GARDENS

PORTLAND GARDENS

2 NIGHTS SMUGGLERS COVE
1 NIGHT COURTYARD MARRIOTT PORTLAND WATERFRONT

FGCCT

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Tour Limited to 30 Passengers
August 31-September 3, 2026
Pick up in New Haven and Farmington
$1799 Per Person Double Occupancy
$2229 Single Occupancy
Non-Member Guest Add $50
Pricing based on 30 passengers

Includes
Deluxe Motorcoach
Escorted by Brett Isaacson and Kathy Lindroth
Sightseeing per itinerary
3 Nights Hotels: 2 Nights Smugglers Cove in East Boothbay and
1 Night Courtyard by Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront
Breakfast Daily
2 Lunches (one box lunch)
2 Dinners
Deluxe Snacks and Water Refills
All gratuities
Donation to FGCCT--$100 (non-refundable)

Want to sign up?
Fill out the registration form and mail to
Kathy Lindroth, 4 Chelsea Pl., Farmington, CT 06032
Enclose check for deposit or call Friendship Tours 860.243.1630 with credit card

$400 per person deposit
Final payment due June 1, 2026

If a passenger cancels from deposit to June 1, 2026 fee of $150.00 pp; June 2, 2026 to June 23, 2026 fee of $700.00 pp; no refunds if canceled after June 23, 2026 unless a substitute is provided. $100 donation to FGCCT is nonrefundable.

This is an active tour. Participants need to be able to walk to gardens on possibly uneven terrain, get on and off the bus, walk unassisted and keep up with the group. If you have ANY questions about your ability to participate in this tour, please call Kathy.

Bring your refillable water bottle! Stop plastic waste! We will refill your water bottle.

Maine Getaway!

Monday, August 31, 2026 (L, D) Smuggler's Cove, East Boothbay

After our morning departures from New Haven and Farmington we will be on our way to our first stop at the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill where we will have a guided tour and enjoy our box lunch with time on your own. The garden is a nearly 200 acre four-season garden featuring the finest plants for cultivation in New England and scenic walking trails overlooking the Wachusett Reservoir.

We will arrive at our hotel---Smuggler's Cove Inn, where we stay for two nights. This family run inn is on Linekin Bay where the pool (bring your swimsuits) and other watersports are there for your enjoyment. We will enjoy wine and nibbles alfresco followed by dinner at the hotel to kick off our tour.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 (B) Smuggler's Cove, East Boothbay

After our included buffet breakfast, we will depart for one of the highlights of the tour---the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden! This garden is a natural wonder on 300 acres of shorefront in mid-coast Maine. The garden docents will present a 1 hour guided walking tour. See if you can spot one of the new, giant trolls in the forest. We will have a tour in the garden and then free time on your own. There is a lovely café at the Garden to have lunch on your own before we depart.

This afternoon the Boothbay Garden Club arranged for us to see two private gardens! Details will follow.

Downtown Boothbay has delightful shops, so we know you will want to have time to wander about seeing the wonderful stores, crafts, and the exciting harbor front. On this evening you will be able to choose from the selection of restaurants in Boothbay for dinner on your own. Restaurant suggestions will be given on that day.

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 (B, L, D) Courtyard Marriott Waterfront

We have full day today! After the included buffet breakfast, we will head to beautiful Wiscasset! A bit out of town, we will first visit the Pownalborough Courthouse garden that is maintained by the Wiscasset Garden Club. We will see a riverfront lawn and beautifully maintained gardens with magical nature trails.

Heading to the town of Wiscasset we will visit the sunken garden and Nickols-Sortwell House. After our in-town garden visits we will head to a special lunch of chowder and cornbread at the Maine Tasting Center, owned by one of the Wiscasset Garden Club members! This is a non-profit organization that supports the small Maine food producers.
After our lunch, we depart for Portland where we will hop on our Portland Trolley Tour. We will stop at the famous lighthouse.

We will have a QUICK stop at the hotel to check in and put on lipstick (sorry guys), and off we go to our sunset cruise followed by a lovely dinner at DiMillos. It's a packed day, but lots of memories!

Thursday, September 3, 2026 (B)

After our included breakfast, and with attention to our baggage loading instructions, we will depart for the Beckett Castle Rose Garden located on Cape Elizabeth, just outside of Portland. We are going early to avoid the strongest breezes, and we will enjoy 70 varieties of heirloom roses, the amazing view and a 50 foot high stone tower at this picturesque castle. Beckett is not normally open for tours except for the Conservancy Open Days program, but we have been granted a tour.

After enjoying the roses, we will let you lose in Portland to enjoy the shops, waterfront and grab a bite of lunch! One last highlight will be the Portland Museum of Art with a docent tour. There are many changing and permanent exhibitions that we will enjoy before we depart for home.

On our way home, we will enjoy the deluxe snacks, perhaps a bit of wine and relax while we chat about the fun we had in Maine!

Return times will be about 8 pm in Farmington and 9 pm in New Haven

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Release of Liability and Indemnification

By signing this Agreement and accepting the Travel Services as set forth, the Guest hereby releases, waives, and discharges Federated Garden Clubs of CT., Inc. from all liability, claims, demands, actions, or rights of action arising out of related to the travel services provided, including but not limited to any bodily injury, damage to **property, or other loss**

FGCCT acts as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodation, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. FGCCT and the respective Directors accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by negligence, defect, or default of any company or person in performing these services. This release and waiver of liability shall explicitly include any liability, claims, demands, actions, and/or rights of action resulting from the negligence of FGCCT or its agents. The Guest further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless FGCCT from any loss, liability, damage, or cost, including attorney fees, arising out of or related to the Guest's participation in this Trip. **loss** By signing the registration form you accept these Terms. You will contract directly with the Tour Operator for the Tour, and, as set forth in these Terms, FGCCT is in no way responsible for performing any of the Tour Operator's obligations, and can assume no liability of any nature whatsoever for the Tour.

Assumption of Risk

The Guest acknowledges and understands that travel inherently involves certain risks, including but not limited to transportation accidents, illness or injury, property loss or damage, and/or natural disasters or emergencies. The Guest further acknowledges that international travel specifically carries certain risks including but not limited to limited cellular service, sub-par medical care, gaps in health insurance coverage, and potential crime. The Guest agrees that he/she/they explicitly assume and voluntarily accepts these risks.

Travel Insurance

FGCCT strongly recommends that each participant purchase trip insurance. For international trips, medical and evacuation insurance is required. Please check ***Insuremytrip.com*** or ***Squaremouth.com*** for competing policies. Travel Insurance Center, travelinsurancecenter.com, can be reached by phone at 866.979.6753 to speak with their knowledgeable agents. The industry has seen an increase in supplier financial default, and we want you to be aware of the protection that comprehensive travel insurance can provide in these situations. Using a credit card can afford you protection depending on the credit card. It is up to you, the traveler, to protect yourself depending on your individual needs.

Documentation

International tours require a passport with at least 6 months' validity. Some destinations require a separate visa. It is up to each **traveler to be aware of requirements and to secure your own visas.**

Vaccinations

It is up to each traveler to secure any needed vaccinations. For general international travel, the following vaccinations are suggested: Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid and the routine flu, pneumonia, tetanus, and other routine vaccinations. An up to date Covid 19 vaccination is recommended but not required. See Health Protocols.

This is a no-smoking tour.

Travel Health Recommendations & Protocol

The FGCCT is making the following recommendations and protocols to our members and their guests who embark on a FGCCT sponsored tour. These recommendations and protocols are subject to change based on governmental regulations, the unique tour destination, rates of infection for viral respiratory disease (including Covid) and other factors. Our goal is to do our utmost to protect our members and to work toward the expected experience for everyone on tour.

Before traveling, we strongly recommend that you:

- Check your travel insurance policy for illness and accident protection. To minimize any costs involved with becoming ill, we highly recommend a comprehensive medical and evacuation insurance policy. Such a policy is mandatory for FGCCT international tours. If you need more information on suggested coverage, be sure to contact the FGCCT Tour Coordinator. Please bring your travel insurance documents with you on the tour.
- Mask with a KN 95 mask in airports and during air, bus, and train travel enroute to your tour to avoid exposure to respiratory viruses, including but not limited to, Covid 19.
- Familiarize yourself with the updated CDC recommendations for respiratory viruses.
- Familiarize yourself with travel vaccine recommendations and requirements for countries you will be

visiting.

- All guests traveling with FGCCT will be required to sign the registration form which will indicate your acceptance of the FGCCT Travel Protocols.
- **Listed below are the FGCCT health and wellness protocols:**

- Obtain all CDC recommended vaccinations and boosters for FGCCT group travel.
- Please be aware of the following protocols for everyone's health and well-being. By signing the registration form for this tour, all guests understand and agree to the following:
- Any guest who displays symptoms of *any* upper respiratory illness such as persistent cough, sneezing, sore throat, will be asked to wear an N95 mask, from the supply that **you bring.** Any passenger showing the above symptoms will be placed in the rear of the coach and separated from other guests both indoors and outside. You will be asked to socially distance whenever possible, such as during meals, to minimize the risk to others.
- Any guest who is running a fever will be asked to take a rest day at our hotel (if we are returning to the same hotel that evening) to allow for isolation. Should the fever last more than 24 hours or should we be in transit that day, the guest will be asked to remain at that hotel until they have recovered from their fever and then make their way, at their own expense, to rejoin the group. We will assist as much as possible in making necessary arrangements. As mentioned above, medical and evacuation insurance is mandatory for overseas tours By following the suggested recommendations and protocols, we are far more likely to remain healthy.
- Sharing a room? Discuss in advance how expenses will be covered if one person gets sick and causes the healthy guest to book another room.

Travel Tips for a Successful Tour

While it is exciting to consider the adventure upon which you are embarking, please take the time to read and follow these tips for a more rewarding tour with FGCCT.

- Enjoy the opportunity to tour new places, visit with new friends, and experience the food, culture, and customs of our destination,
- When guides are speaking, please listen attentively.
- Ask in advance if photos are allowed.
- Always wear your name tag!
- Being late is a big no-no!
- Meet your travel companions by sitting with new people every day.
- Rotate positions on the tour bus.
- Loud phone conversations on the bus and on the tour will not work. Please take your phone conversation private.
- Let trip leaders know of any special requests right away. Concerned about anything? Let us know!

By signing the registration form, you accept these Terms and Conditions, Health Protocol and have read the Tips.

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FGCCT Presents Our Maine Getaway

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$1799 PP Double

$2299PP Single

$50 Non-Member Surcharge

Based on 30 Passengers

Write Legibly Please,

Full Name_____

Address_____Town_____Zip_____

Cell Phone_____ Email_____

Name of Garden Club or Non Member_____

Emergency Contact with Cell Phone _____

◯Check enclosed $400 per person

◯I wish to pay by credit card

◯ Single Room

◯ Double Room (Name of Roommate) _____

Allergies including ANY food allergies, mobility assistance devices, physical limitations including motion sickness. If mobility devices are needed for more than one walking stick are needed, please call Kathy. We do our best to accommodate allergies but cannot accommodate preferences.

Registration: Send registration form to Kathy Lindroth, 4 Chelsea Place, Farmington 06032. Registration may include your $400 check or indicate credit card payment Your reservation is only confirmed upon my receipt of your registration form by mail. **Do not call Friendship Tours to register.** You will receive confirmation and instructions for credit card payment.

I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this tour:

Date_____

Signature_____