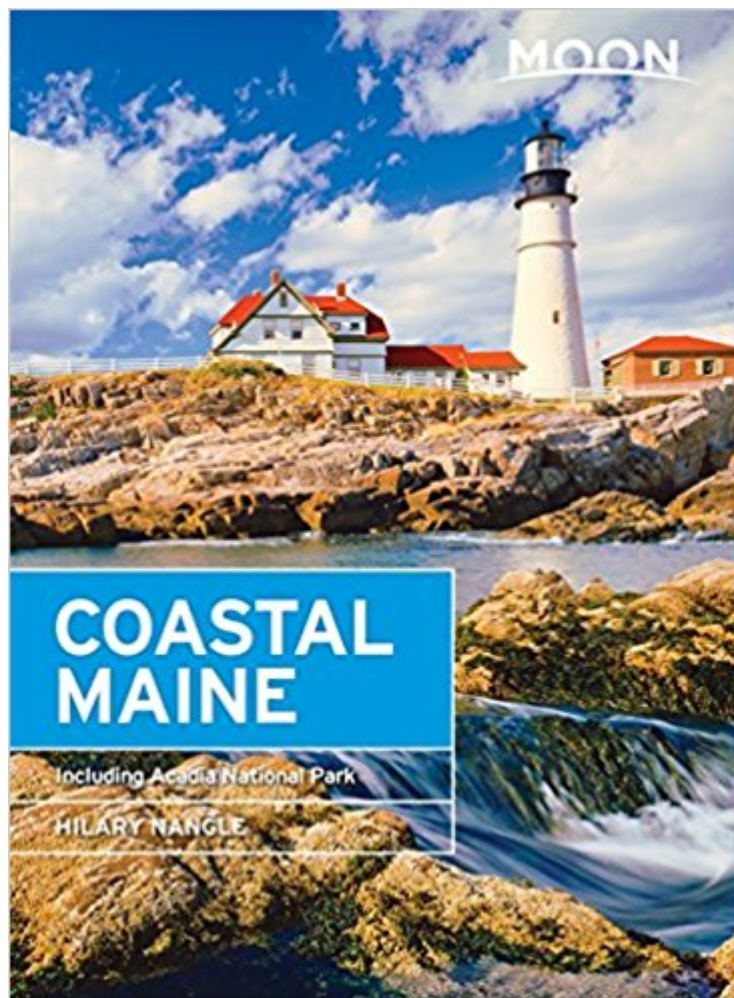




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Synopsis

Award-winning writer and Maine native Hilary Nangle offers her unique perspective on this famed stretch of New England coastline, from the gourmet restaurants of Portland to the idyllic island community of Monhegan. Nangle suggests itineraries for great trips, such as Icons of the Maine Coast and Lighthouses, Lobster, and L.L. Bean. With detailed information on finding deals at outlet stores and eating in the open-air lobster wharves of Penobscot Bay, Moon Coastal Maine gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

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Despite brief out-of-state interludes for college, grad school, and a stint as a ski bum, Hilary Nangle has never been able to resist the lure of her home state. She grew up on Maine's coast, spending much of each winter skiing in the western mountains. Her sense of wanderlust was ignited when she became a whitewater-rafting guide on the Kennebec River, which gave her a chance to explore the central and northern regions of the state. When she tired of her parents asking when she was going to get a real job, she drew on her writing skills and began seeking editorial work. She started out editing professional ski tour publications, and then became a managing editor for a food trade publication and later a features editor for a daily newspaper. She currently works as a freelance writer and editor. Hilary never tires of exploring Maine, always seeking out the offbeat and quirky, and rarely resisting the invitation of a back road. To her husband's dismay, she inherited her grandmother's shopping gene and can't pass a used bookstore, artisans gallery, or antiques shop without browsing. She's equally curious about food and has never

met a lobster she didn't like. Hilary still divides her year between the coast and the mountains, residing with her husband, photographer Tom Nangle, and their oversized dog. Both share her passions for long walks and Maine-made ice cream. To follow Hilary's travels, visit mainetravelmaven.com.

The unique personality of each town along the coast comes through vividly. I was able to map out an itinerary built around the things that interest me most – rewarding museums, fun shopping, picturesque architecture and dramatic coastal scenery... Those interested in beaches, golf courses and lighthouses will also get the guidance they need in these pages. The listings and descriptions of lodgings are excellent and offer something for everyone – families on a budget or couples in search of romantic ambience and gourmet dinners. Great restaurants are noted, as well as obscure lobster shacks. There are hotels, bed & breakfasts, historic inns and some campgrounds included. This is not primarily a picture book, although there are some color photos, but I wanted information, not pictures, so I had problem with this. The mostly black and white photos throughout are enough to convey the charm of coastal Maine. The maps are simple but helpful for planning. You'll still need a real map to drive from town to town. I bought a handful of other guidebooks, but this is the one I found most helpful.

What an awesome book on Maine. Everywhere and everything to do in each town is very well written. 487 pages of ideas to do. Beautiful colored pictures to get the feel of what the author is explaining. Maps also to provide on how to get there. My whole family loves this book. Having family from Maine they too were amazed about how this book has so much information. This author really took the time out to also give you .coms and how much each event is and when things are open and which are closed at certain seasons. It really made planning a whole lot easier. I highly recommend his book to anyone that wants to have an easy travel to the gorgeous state of Maine. A book that can last for a very long time. My money was very well spent for buying this beautiful book of Maine.

This book is perfect with lots of information for things to do and see in Coastal Maine, including Acadia area too...! Our son & family moved to a new home in Downeast Maine and we will be heading up to visit them soon and your book "Coastal Maine" is a perfect companion for our trip so we can plan out things we want to see and do when we visit Maine for the first time a month from now...! This book is packed full of information and historic facts, information on State Parks, off the beaten path things to be sure to see, it will most definitely be very helpful to us....! In fact..., I just

ordered a second book "Coastal Maine" to give to my son & family when we visit, it will surely be useful for them also since they are newbies to Maine....! Thank you for this great book, it will surely be put to good use very soon...!!!!

Moon's classic black-and-white series wins again for those us who are independent, detail-oriented travelers who like to plan our own journey. I have previously used the black/white Mexico City, South Korea, Yellowstone, and Panama guides. Just like those, this guide is the step-by-step journey planner, even if you are just doing part of the Maine coast. The guide starts in the Portland area and has separate sections for each region that ends in the Canadian border area. This was helpful because it made it easy for me to plan drives out from Bar Harbor down to the mid-Maine coastal towns, taking into account exactly what the points of interest are along the way and giving fairly honest feedback on each. This was helpful to pinpoint areas people don't typically notice, like Blue Hill or Castine. So essentially, the whole thing reads like one giant, beautiful road trip. The only critique I had was for the restaurant selections - I guess most of use Tripadvisor, Yelp or word of mouth these days anyhow, but most non-Mainers heading up there are probably looking for local seafood. The guide ended up suggesting places like pizzerias and sushi restaurants, when what we really wanted to find were the best lobster shacks! This guide is great if you plan to do a bit of driving around for your Maine trip - if you are just hopping into Acadia, a map will suffice and you probably don't need this guide.

This book was by our side during a 3-week vacation in Maine and it came home with us with many dog-eared pages and highlighted entries. The suggestions for tourist sites were accurate and well written. Thanks to this guidebook, we found the most awesome place to stay in Lubec (West Quoddy Station House) through this guidebook and that became a top highlight of our trip.

"Moon" books were recommended to us as great books on travel. We are going to Maine and we have never been. We bought the book and love reading about this great state. This book has it all and is the perfect place to start a trip. We feel like we have had a great briefing. It would take much longer than we have to see everything and that is the best reason to get this book, do a little planning and dreaming. We are definitely going to Acadia National Park. Pack the book and have fun in Maine!

Great tips for sightseeing and dining in the smaller midcoast Maine towns peninsulas we wanted to

visit. Flipping back and forth between the text and the maps gets a bit confusing ... but it always did in the good old days of hard copy.

I really thought that with the numerous travel apps available, having a guidebook was unnecessary. Luckily my (justified) fear that Eastern Maine would have poor cell service convinced me to pick up this book as a backup. What a gem! Numerous times we found hikes, restaurants, even entire towns we never would have found in our own. Recommend both coastal Maine & this book!

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