

Arriving in Freeport...



...a Motorcoach Arrival Itinerary

There are actually four Freeport exits off Interstate 295. May we suggest you take Exit 17 if you are coming up from the south. This will let you experience Freeport from the beginning! At the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Route One. (You will see "Eartha" the world's largest globe, at the DeLorme Map Company on your right. The State of Maine Information Center is on your left.)

Continue north on Route One and in a minute or two you will see the Muddy Rudder Restaurant, the Best Western Freeport Inn & Café, and you will be in Freeport. This is the start of your enjoyable Freeport experience. Along Route One you will find many of Freeport's fine lodging establishments, unique places to eat (naked BBQ, anyone?), Freeport's landmark Big Indian sculpture (How tall is he, anyway?), one of the best collections of classic convertibles in the region (and you can own one!) and the actual Cold River Vodka Distillery (you can even take a tour - sorry, no samples. Advance arrangements preferred for larger groups.)

You'll find great shopping at many unique stores along Route One as well.

Your trip north along Route One is approximately three adventure-packed miles. You will then meet up with the I-295 Exit 20 and Desert Road connection. (Just a couple of miles down Desert Road is where, of course, you would find the fabled Desert of Maine.) Follow along Route One north (to your right). You are now in what we refer to as the Lower Main Street area. Here you will find many great discoveries along your way toward Freeport's downtown village.

Do take your time along Lower Main Street. In addition to more tasty and unique eats (including Gritty McDuff's Original Brew Pub, for example. Brewery tours available with advance arrangements.), you'll find wares for your gourmet kitchen, excellent educational toys and teacher resources, extraordinary home furnishings, and also get something special for your four-legged travel companions. You can even tour a chocolate factory that would make Willy Wonka proud, at A.Wilbur's, on the way into the village. (Advance arrangements needed for large groups)

In another minute or two you will be on Main Street in Freeport's historic downtown, home of world famous L.L.Bean, and world-class shopping. Some of the best names in retail have their most distinctive stores in Freeport, Maine. Boutiques and specialty stores abound as well. (Don't forget to check all the side streets. Freeport is a welcoming and enjoyable walk-around village.)

If you are arriving from the north, you will most likely have come into Freeport at Exit 22, off I-295. The exit brings you onto Mallett Drive, named for E. B. Mallett, a prominent figure in the historical development of Freeport. Mallett Drive brings you directly to Main Street (again, US Route One) In front of you is the renowned Harraseeket Inn. To the left are many of Freeport's historic Bed and Breakfasts, and to the right is the downtown shopping district.

This arrival route adds only 2 or 3 minutes to the travel time, but adds a lot to the passengers' visual interest and visitor experience during their Freeport trip.

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