The Coast of Picturesque Maine

Geographers tell us "that the coast of Maine, if measured in a direct line, would be only 225 miles long; yet, such is its irregularity and indentation, that the shore line comprises more than 2,486 miles of seacoast," which is a greater extent than that of any other ocean-bordering state either on the Atlantic, the Pacific, or the Gulf of Mexico.

It is difficult to imagine, much more so to describe, a sea shore region of such vast extent, where the coast line is so rugged and so beautiful, where the islands are almost infinite in their number, size and variety, and where the numerous bays are veritable archipelagos. From Portland to Eastport, there is no spot on the Maine coast that is uninteresting, none that is unimportant from the viewpoint of the summer tourist.

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It is known for its jagged, rocky coastline; low, rolling mountains; heavily forested interior; and picturesque waterways, as well as its seafood cuisine, especially lobster and clams. A number of English settlements were established along the coast of Maine in the 1620s, although the rugged climate, deprivations, and conflict with the local peoples caused many to fail over the years. Maine has several unique geographical features. Machias Seal Island and North Rock, off the state’s Downeast coast, are claimed by both Canada and the American town of Cutler, and are within one of four areas between the two countries whose sovereignty is still in dispute, but it is the only one of the disputed areas containing land. Coastal Maine is one of my favorite vacation destinations, and I’ve been lucky to visit there many times. Nicknamed “Vacationland,” the state hosts over 5 million visitors each year and offers a variety of tourist sights and activities to satisfy many interests. Artists and art lovers, in particular, will find some very interesting and impressive art galleries, museums, and organizations to visit. But it is beautiful and picturesque, and still a great place to visit. For art lovers, there are a quite a number of galleries to enjoy. Some of the many art galleries and shops include the Argosy Gallery, Artemis Gallery, Evergreen Pottery, and Island Artisans. Conclusion: I loved my trip up the coast of Maine to Bar Harbor. Would like to go back and check out some of these places. Thanks for sharing.