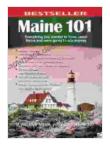
# Everything You Wanted to Know About Maine and Were Going to Ask Anyway

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Maine is the largest state in New England and the 39th largest in the United States. It is also the most sparsely populated state in the contiguous United States, with a population of just over 1.3 million people.

Maine is known for its rugged coastline, its forests, and its mountains. The state is also home to a number of popular tourist destinations, including Acadia National Park, Mount Katahdin, and the Portland Head Light.

#### History

Maine was first settled by Native Americans thousands of years ago. The first Europeans to arrive in Maine were the Vikings, who explored the coast in the 11th century. The first permanent European settlement in Maine was founded by the English in 1607 at Popham Colony.

Maine was a district of Massachusetts until 1820, when it became a state. The state played an important role in the American Revolution and the Civil War.

#### Geography

Maine is located in the northeastern United States, on the Atlantic coast. The state is bordered by New Hampshire to the west, Vermont and Quebec to the northwest, the Atlantic Ocean to the east and southeast, and the Canadian province of New Brunswick to the northeast.

Maine is the largest state in New England and the 39th largest in the United States. The state has a total area of 35,385 square miles (91,646 square kilometers),of which 33,215 square miles (86,023 square kilometers) is land and 2,170 square miles (5,619 square kilometers) is water.

Maine is a mountainous state, with the Appalachian Mountains running through the western part of the state. The highest point in Maine is Mount Katahdin, which is 5,267 feet (1,605 meters) tall.

Maine also has a long coastline, with over 3,500 miles (5,600 kilometers) of tidal shoreline. The state's coastline is dotted with islands, bays, and peninsulas.

#### Climate

Maine has a humid continental climate, with cold, snowy winters and warm, humid summers. The state's average temperature in January is 23°F (-5°C),and the average temperature in July is 68°F (20°C).

Maine receives an average of 45 inches (114 centimeters) of precipitation per year, which is evenly distributed throughout the year.

#### Economy

Maine's economy is based on tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing. The state's largest industries are tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing.

Tourism is a major industry in Maine, with over 10 million visitors spending over \$6 billion in the state each year. Maine's most popular tourist destinations include Acadia National Park, Mount Katahdin, and the Portland Head Light.

Agriculture is also a major industry in Maine, with the state being a leading producer of blueberries, potatoes, and maple syrup. Maine is also home to a number of dairy farms and poultry farms.

Manufacturing is also a major industry in Maine, with the state being a leading producer of paper, lumber, and textiles. Maine is also home to a number of shipyards and manufacturing plants.

#### Demographics

As of 2019, Maine had a population of 1,344,212 people. The state's population is predominantly white, with over 94% of the population being non-Hispanic white. Maine is also home to a number of Native American tribes, as well as a growing population of Asian and Hispanic people.

The largest city in Maine is Portland, with a population of over 66,000 people. Other major cities in Maine include Lewiston, Bangor, and South Portland.

#### Culture

Maine has a rich culture that is influenced by its history, geography, and people. The state is home to a number of museums, art galleries, and theaters. Maine is also home to a number of traditional festivals and events, such as the Maine Lobster Festival and the Yarmouth Clam Festival.

Maine is also home to a number of talented artists, musicians, and writers. The state has produced a number of notable artists, including Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, and Robert Indiana. Maine is also home to a number of popular musicians, including Rufus Wainwright, Dar Williams, and Patty Griffin.

#### Tourism

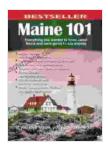
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Acadia National Park is a 47,000-acre park that is located on Mount Desert Island. The park is home to a variety of natural features, including mountains, forests, lakes, and beaches. Acadia National Park is a popular destination for hiking, camping, and kayaking. Mount Katahdin is the highest mountain in Maine, with a summit elevation of 5,267 feet (1,605 meters). Mount Katahdin is a popular destination for hiking, camping, and rock climbing.

The Portland Head Light is a historic lighthouse that is located in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. The lighthouse was built in 1791 and is one of the most iconic landmarks in Maine. The Portland Head Light is a popular destination for tourists, who can climb to the top of the lighthouse for stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Maine is a beautiful and diverse state with a rich history and culture. The state is home to a variety of natural attractions, including mountains, forests, lakes, and beaches. Maine is also home to a number of popular tourist destinations, including Acadia National Park, Mount Katahdin, and the Portland Head Light.

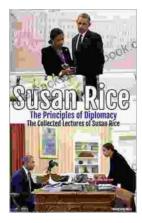
If you are looking for a place to vacation, Maine is a great option. The state has something to offer everyone, from outdoor enthusiasts to history buffs to art lovers.



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