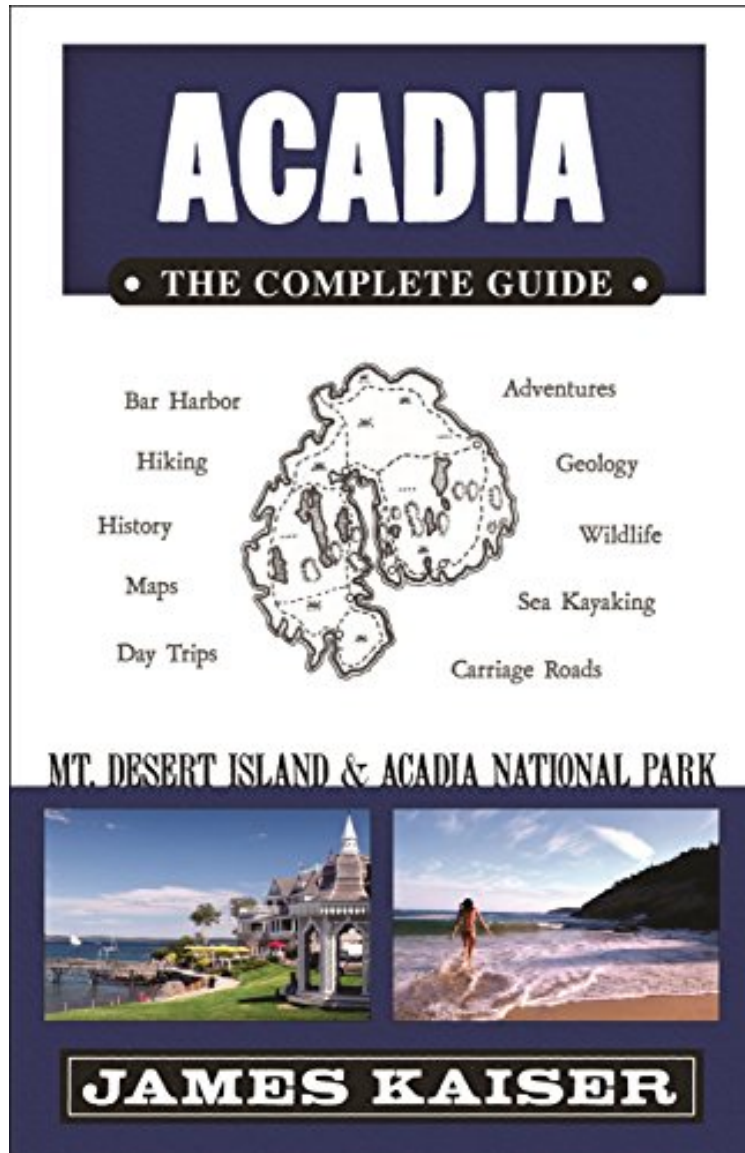


# Acadia: The Complete Guide: Mount Desert Island Acadia National Park

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best book with broad coverage of Mount Desert Island (MDI) ...By Darwin's BulldogI've visited MDI several times, mostly with family, and now primarily with landscape and nature photography in mind. Before any trip to MDI, it pays to get a broad overview of the island and the various locations ... places to eat, shop, hike, swim, how to get around, the national park, etc. So a good book pays for itself many times over. If you're going to spend a good deal of money on the trip itself, a few dollars for on a good guide book is money well spent. There are a couple of excellent books that cover photography, several that long lists of places to stay, eat, play, etc, and a few on the natural and human history of the island. Although perhaps not quite as deep, this book covers all of these very well, and stands out with fine photography and excellent choices for prime experiences. For photographers, I would recommend *The Photographer's Guide to Acadia National Park: Where to Find Perfect Shots and How to Take Them (The Photographer's Guide)* and *Photographing Acadia National Park: The Essential Guide to When, Where, and How*. For outdoor activities, *Discover Acadia National Park: AMC's Guide To The Best Hiking, Biking, And Paddling (AMC Discover Series)* is very good, and comes with a paper map. (As far as I can tell, there are no books that cover all trails, all carriage roads, stone bridges or all locations. You will need to get a good map of MDI. The map that comes with the AMC guide is paper, but is also available printed on Tyvek. It's primarily a trail map. This map Acadia National Park Waterproof Trail Map, Maine is much better for driving. I used both extensively and recommend getting both. But as a way to prepare for your trip to MDI, this book covers prime experiences in all areas and ranks as the best. Get more specific books as your interests dictate. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Looking for a guide to Acadia... This might be it! By HMS Warspite James Kaiser's "Acadia: The Complete Guide" is everything a guide book should be: fascinating and full of useful details, maps and beautiful photography, and portable. The author is from Downeast Maine, and the book reflects his local knowledge, including the continuing confusion over some uniquely Downeast pronunciations. "Acadia: The Complete Guide" is well organized. The introduction is a very broad look at Mount Desert Island, including lots of travel basics like transportation and accommodation. The author then takes the reader on a tour, first of Acadia National Park, then of the various towns on Mount Desert Island, and finally, of the surrounding smaller islands, all worth a visit. The narrative is clear and easy to read, and there is lots of good detail on hiking, kayaking and other outdoor recreation. The many photographs provide a good sense of the Park and its unique mix of mountains and seashore. Very highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The one to buy! By LChamp After reading I am even more excited about my upcoming vacation. Loved all the photos. Photos make it great for the kids to look through also, and when one especially catches their attention they are likely to read to find out more. The book has info on everything from geology, history, wildlife and odd facts to biking, hiking, restaurants, and boat trips. Knowing a little about the history makes visiting any place more interesting. It helped me to better plan to make the most of my family's week there, The maps will definitely be used while there. Some other reviewers complained about it lacking lodging info, but I think most people use the internet for that anyways.

Updated with essential travel information, this gorgeous guidebook reveals the hidden gems of Acadia National Park and Mount Desert Island. From outdoor adventures such as hiking, biking, sea kayaking, and sailing to the top local restaurants, this in-depth guide puts the best of Acadia at your fingertips. Fascinating chapters on history and wildlife bring the park to life, and over a dozen color maps make travel planning easy. Written by a Maine native and filled with stunning color photographs, *Acadia: The Complete Guide* beckons travelers to explore spectacular coastal mountains, dine on fresh lobster at a waterfront restaurant, or sail past historic lighthouses on beautiful offshore islands.

"Hands down, these are the best travel guidebooks I've ever read." --Wandering Educators About the Author James Kaiser is an award-winning travel writer and photographer. He is the author of *Grand Canyon: The Complete Guide*, *Joshua Tree: The Complete Guide*, and *Yosemite: The Complete Guide*.