COASTAL MAINE – OLD ORCHARD BEACH
Old Orchard Beach (OOB) has been welcoming people to its seven-mile stretch of sandy beach for more than 170 years. Located on the Atlantic Coast, this small town is a common tourist destination for local Americans and Canadian visitors. Old Orchard’s Pier—which extends nearly 500 feet out over the Atlantic Ocean—is the center of the recreational offerings here. On the pier, you can shop, eat, play games of skill, enjoy the nightlife, go dancing, watch fireworks, listen to concerts, fish, or go on a whale watching or bird watching tour.

WEATHER
Kennebunkport Climate Graph - Maine Climate Chart

CITIES & AIRPORTS
Portland – 30 minutes
Boston – 2 hours

COMMUNITY GROUPS & RESOURCES
There is an organized community group that has welcome orientations and gatherings throughout the summer. They are focused on having bike safety/cultural events and safe housing. CIEE has an OOB Facebook page.

THINGS TO DO & CULTURAL EVENTS
- Go to the 7-mile stretch of perfect sand beach!
- The Pier
- Amusement parks – Funtown & Splashtown
- Catch the Amtrak to Boston or Portland for the day
- Weekly fireworks shows and concerts
PROS & CONS

PRO: Close to the beach, access to Amtrak Train for statewide transport and Zoom Shuttle for local public transportation, good opportunity for second jobs, lots of J-1 students.

CON: Housing is limited. The nightlife options are limited, unless you are 21+.

HOT TIPS

Housing can be expensive and hard to find. Students must start their search early. Waiting to find housing until arrived in OOB can make the process more difficult.

MAP OF THE AREA

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