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We had a [Peek at Portland Trolley Tour](#) in Portland today. [Portland](#) is only about 70,000 people, however the downtown area feels like a significantly larger city. The tour guide was an old Mainer and enjoyed telling stories. He had many stories about the cannon balls lobbed during the revolutionary war, which are now part of the architecture of the city. Longfellow and a few political leaders were memorialized with parks and statues. The 60-minute tour is well worth the time and money. The water tours were still operating and if we come back during better sea faring weather these would be fun.

The Underground Railroad had many activists in the area and Maine is very proud of its early stance against slavery. There are 19 monuments in the city marking the locations where slaves were sheltered, healed, fed, and fully prepared for a new life in Canada or England where they would be legally free.

We poked around a little downtown Portland and did a little souvenir shopping, got a koozie. There is a huge park with many trails on the north side of Portland and a couple of the restaurants that we would like to explore before we leave.



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