



## Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Tourism Workshops

Combining Fisheries or Aquaculture, and Tourism, for a Little More Cash in Everyone's Pockets

Below are some examples of tourism businesses in fishing and aquaculture, offered as food for thought and to show the range of possibilities.

Crystal Coast Ecotours, Inc. [www.crystalcoastecotours.com](http://www.crystalcoastecotours.com)

Morehead City, NC

Description: Rod+reel fishing, dolphin/bird watching, clamming, shell collecting, crabbing, seining and cast netting

Bering Sea Crab Fishermen's Tour <http://www.56degreesnorth.com>

Ketchikan, AK

3 ½ hour tours aboard the 107' F/V Aleutian Ballad (crab potting/tender), outfitted with full safety gear and seating; a 'gallery' to watch crab pots being hauled and serviced.

Hog Island Oyster Co. <http://hogislandoysters.com>

Marshall, CA

Description: Farm tours and tastings, shuck-your-own at their picnic tables, individuals to large groups accommodated.

Viking Village <http://vikingvillage.homestead.com/index.html>

Barneget, NJ

Description: Goal is to give visitors a better understanding of fish capture, processing and management; focusing on scalloping, longlining and gillnetting. Dock tours include descriptions of vessels at the wharf and a visit through processing and retail facilities.

Island Creek Oyster Co. [www.islandcreekoysters.com](http://www.islandcreekoysters.com)

Duxbury, MA

Description: vessel and walking tour of the growout operations, harvesting, processing. Tours are 2-3 hours, BYOB, usually up to 8 people, though larger by arrangement.

South Australia's Aquaculture Trail

Eyre Peninsula, South Australia

<http://www.australia.com/explore/states/sa/sa-aquaculture-trail.aspx>

Tourism Australia serves up a nice description of how visitors can take both guided and self-guided tours of fishing communities and aquaculture farms throughout the whole region of the Eyre Peninsula, in the state of South Australia. It's a nice example of how an entire region can work together to highlight local sights and opportunities.

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Jeff Davis Parish Crawfish Tours <http://www.jeffdavis.org/tourism/crawfish-farm-tours.html>

Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana

The Parish of Jeff Davis is in the southwestern portion of Louisiana, and home to several crawfish farms. The local economic development agency works with a grower and a crawfish cooperative to give visitors a firsthand view of how crawfish are raised, harvested and processed.

Cape Native Secrets: Oyster and Clam Tours <http://www.capenativesecrets.com/tours.html>

Provincetown, MA

The owners have created several tourism opportunities both related to their shellfish farm and using surrounding resources: tidal flat tours, sailing, or dig-your-own oyster or clam tours.

Mussel Bound Boat Tours: (No web listing)

Botwood, Newfoundland, Canada

Description: Mussel farm tour, mussel boil-up. Unique 3-hour harbour tour. Beautiful scenery, local history, culture and entertainment. Complete outport experience. Morning and evening tours by advanced group bookings.

Mussel farm tours

Trinity Newfoundland

Several boat owners/fishermen offer tours of the local mussel farm, as a regular component of other harbor tours.

Mussel farm tours

Prince Edward Island

Several tour companies (For example: <http://www.horizontours.ca/tours.php> and <http://www.discovertourspei.com/tours.php> ) offer tours of the island, including stops at mussel farms.

Pesca Tourism

Marseille France and other European locations

Description: **The Pescatourism project** (fishing tourism): The objective of this project is to mingle the diversity of traditional activities and professional fishing with tourism. This project helps professional to earn money in another way, to protect the environment by less fishing and to educate tourists about a traditional work.

For a history of the Pesca Tourism initiative: <http://earth-net.eu/2013/02/14/pescatourisme-a-innovant-initiative-in-marseille-in-france/> or <http://earth-net.eu/2013/05/06/marcopolo/>

European Commission-sponsored fisheries/aquaculture tourism project listings

Europe

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet/fr/tourism-projects-flag-fair-sardinia>

Seaforager Tours

California

“It’s education, it’s entertainment, it’s performance.” Offers tours such as The Real Fishermen’s Wharf Scallywag Tour, San Francisco’s Coastal Fishing/Foraging Tour, Mega Low Tide Clam/Mussel Extravaganza, and more.

<http://www.seaforager.com/#!tours/cl69>

Coast Encounters

Maine

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Whether you are a native or from away, an intertidal exploration with Coast Encounters is a unique and fun way for people of all ages to truly enjoy Maine's rocky coast. You'll roll up your sleeves and learn about the diverse ecosystem that lies just beneath your feet between the tides. The best part is that you don't need to leave the shore!

<http://coastencounters.com/>

#### Maine lobster tours

Lobster tours in Maine are highlighted through the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative, and several participating lobster tours are featured on their page, at:

<http://www.lobsterfrommaine.com/lobster-boat-tours-maine.aspx>

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