



# GROUP TOURS

At Bangor International Airport, we conduct tours for a variety of groups. Tours can be modified to meet the interests and goals of nearly any class, organization or business. BGR is your community airport and we are proud to be able to show you our facilities and operations!

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## **I have a group or organization interested in scheduling a tour.**

### **What's the first step?**

We ask for at least two week's notice to ensure availability, staffing, and proper accommodations. To schedule a tour, please start by contacting the Marketing Department (see above) for assistance.

### **Are there any handouts or materials provided for tour groups?**

Yes! Depending on your group's interests, we have a variety of materials available. From elementary school-aged children all the way through high school, we have age appropriate activity pages that can be given in conjunction with your tour. With enough advanced notice, we can even create a special handout for your needs.

### **What sort of things are included in the tour? Can we get on a plane?**

While we can't tour the inside of an aircraft, we will be able to show you around our terminal and take you to our Dispatch Center where you'll have a great view of our runway. You'll learn more about the typical passenger experience from a TSA officer as staffing and timing permits.

We can also arrange for your group to meet U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and even a Bangor Police Department K9 Team.

A tour of the Maine Troop Greeters Museum is an option as well, provided that their volunteers are available at the time your group plans to visit. Depending on weather conditions and the availability of transportation, we may be able to take you for a drive on the runway, which is always an exciting adventure!

### **I have a large group of people interested in learning about more than just BGR. Can I get a tour of other businesses on the property?**

Yes! The airport has great relationships with our tenants and outside businesses. With enough advance notice, tours with C&L Aviation, LifeFlight of Maine, the Air National Guard and other related organizations can be coordinated.

## Interesting BGR Facts

- BGR began as Godfrey Field in 1927 on land owned by a local attorney.
- Just prior to WWII, Godfrey Field was taken over by the U.S. Army Air Corps and became the Bangor Army Air Field, and in 1947 became Dow Air Force Base.
- In 1968, Dow Air Force Base was closed and the property was purchased by the City of Bangor. In 1969, BGR became Bangor International Airport.
- BGR is owned by the City of Bangor plays the role of landlord to many buildings surrounding the airport, including GE, Maine Aero, Maine State Police, and C&L Aviation.
- BGR is a full service airport providing a large list of services 24/7 including: US Customs access, fuel, and catering for commercial, military, private, and corporate aircraft.

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## Touring the inside of the airport

- We currently have 5 airlines that operate at BGR: Allegiant, American, Breeze, Delta and United.
- BGR has 7 gates for domestic air travel, all conveniently located within a short walk of each other and Airport amenities.
- We have one of only two working escalators in the entire City!
- We have two spots to eat- Highlands Café & The Refueler Pub, as well as a small café located past the TSA Screening Checkpoint.
- There is a gift shop called The Grasshopper Shop on the second floor of the terminal. A smaller gift shop can be found in the gate area beyond the TSA Screening Checkpoint.
- The Maine Troop Greeters have been at BGR since 2003 and have greeted more than 1.5 million troops. Inside the Troop Greeters Museum you will see a collection of more than 6,000 Challenge Coins that have been gifted to the organization by troops who have transited through BGR during their service. The Museum is typically open to the public weekdays from 10 a.m. to noon.



## BGR's Runway


- BGR has one of the longest runways on the East Coast- it's about 2 miles long!
- We are the first stop on the Great Circle Route, meaning we get a lot of international travel including military, cargo, and tech stops as well as diversions.
- BGR has a Joint Use Agreement with the Maine Air National Guard, which helps us maintain the runways all year round to allow military traffic to be able to utilize the facility 24-7. The Maine Air National Guard provides Airfield Fire and Rescue Services.





- Although Bangor International Airport has "international" in the name, we don't currently have any scheduled international flights.
- BGR is also unique because we operate our own FBO (Fixed Base Operator) called BGR Aviation. This is run out of our General Aviation Terminal (GA) where our crew provides services for private planes, charters and some military flights.


*Please note that tours of the runway are only available at certain times. Weather conditions and availability of transportation may prevent this from being an option during your group's visit.*


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**BGR Terminal**- Gates 1-7 are for domestic travel. Gate 8 is utilized occasionally for commercial airlines, but primarily is used for diversions, military traffic and larger charter operations.
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**GA Terminal**- home of our FBO, BGR Aviation. This is where we provide services to private planes, charters, medical flights, military and more.
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**Airfield Maintenance**-services the entire property from runway repairs, to mowing, snow removal etc. In the winter, our award winning snow removal team keeps the runways clear of snow and ice 24/7 to allow planes to land and take off safely.
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**LifeFlight of Maine**- provides statewide medical services all over the state. They operate a helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft that can be utilized as a hospital in the sky providing emergency medical services in even the most remote locations of Maine.
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**The Christmas Tree**- also known as the "boneyard", this tree shaped parking area is used as storage for C&L Aviation, as well as other airport needs.
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**C&L Aviation**- this company refurbishes airplanes nose to tail for commercial and private use. They also provide parts, plane painting services and much more.
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**Fire Station**- firefighting and rescue services at BGR are provided by the Maine Air National Guard and supplemented by the City's fire department as needed.
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**Ready Birds**-these large military planes need to be ready to go from on the ground to in the sky within minutes of being called upon. You may also see some refuelers in this area.