



# Quintessential Cape Cod!

*Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, National Seashore with Dune Tour and Lobster Bake as well as Newport and Providence, Rhode Island*

*September 3 - 9, 2024 7 Days and 6 Nights*

**Cape Cod evokes vivid images of the crisp New England shore, ever-shifting sand dunes, and butter dripping off a chunk of cooked lobster!** June is the perfect time to explore Cape Cod! Take the ferry to Nantucket, an island of pristine beauty with stately whaling captains' homes and old-fashioned lamps lining the streets. Imagine sand dunes stretching as far as you can see, with wispy beach grass gently swaying. Travel through these majestic dunes in a guided 4 wheel drive tour and see 'dune shacks' where famous artists and writers were inspired. A boat tour takes you around Hyannis Harbor with the finest views of the Kennedy Compound. Martha's Vineyard is a short ferry ride away, where you'll enjoy a tour of this unique island dotted with gingerbread cottages and quaint villages before browsing the boutiques and galleries on your own. A visit to Cape Cod isn't complete without seafood, and you can savor New England Clam Chowder as well as Lobster while you're here! Finally you'll visit The Breakers, Newport's grandest "summer cottage," for a glimpse of how America's wealthiest lived at the turn of the century. Join us as we experience the Quintessential Cape Cod!

## Itinerary

### **September 3, 2024 - Off to the Cape!**

You're headed for the sandy beaches of **Cape Cod** and **Nantucket** today! On arrival, you'll be assisted with your transfer to your hotel. Relax and unwind, letting the sea air and ocean breezes soothe and calm you as you're welcomed to your hotel! Enjoy a delightful welcome dinner tonight.

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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### **September 4, 2024 - Shiver Your Timbers!**

After breakfast, you're in for a truly unique experience as you tour the **Whydah Pirate Museum** for a visit you'll not soon forget! Commanded by the pirate "**Black Sam**" Bellamy, the Whydah was wrecked off shore in 1717 taking with her the treasure of 50 plundered ships. A team of divers and archaeologists discovered the wreck in 1984 and they continue to unearth the treasure trove that lies off the coast of Cape Cod. **Valued at over \$400 million**, you'll see the world's only authenticated pirate coins, pistols and swords as well as a life-size replica of the ship that can be explored! It's an amazing glimpse into the extraordinarily mysterious world of the pirates of the 17th and 18th centuries. There's time for lunch on your own in Hyannis as well as browsing in galleries filled with work by local artists depicting life on The Cape. Later this afternoon, enjoy a **Hyannis Harbor Cruise**, the very best way to see the fabled **Kennedy Family Compound**. Return to your hotel to freshen up before enjoying tonight's dinner offering popular classic favorites while you directly overlook beautiful Hyannis Harbor!

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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### **September 5, 2024 - Martha's Vineyard and Gingerbread!**

After breakfast at the resort, you'll depart for Woods Hole where you'll travel by **ferry to Martha's Vineyard!** A fairy tale like land awaits when you see the famous **Gingerbread Houses**. There are more than 300 easter egg colored cottages complete with dainty trimmings and names such as Angel Cottage, Wooden Valentine and The Pink House! It was on

Martha's Vineyard that the movie "Jaws" was filmed and it's long been the summer getaway of presidents and artists. As you tour the Island, you might hear stories and see the homes of James Taylor, Shel Silverstein, Lillian Hellman, David Letterman, Walter Cronkite or any other number of well known residents past and present! You'll visit the old whaling port of **Edgartown** where you'll find stately white clapboard homes where whaling captains once lived. Main Street is lined with art galleries, stylish boutiques and gift shops, and wonderful cafes. And of course everywhere you look, you'll have spectacular views of the Atlantic! There'll be plenty of time to enjoy this beautiful seaside town on your own before returning by ferry to the mainland, to the charming Cape Cod town of Falmouth where you're free to stroll the charming streets and have dinner on your own. You'll return to your hotel in the evening.

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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### **September 6, 2024 - Wine, Sand Dunes and Lobster!**

After breakfast this morning, travel **Olde King's Highway**, dotted with charming homes and inns. As you wind through some of the oldest villages in America, you'll see famous lighthouses, historic windmills and the **giant dunes of Truro**. You'll visit a Seashore Visitor Center before enjoying lunch on your own in **Provincetown**. This afternoon, visit Truro Vineyards for your **wine tasting**. Set in one of Cape Cod's most beautiful towns, you'll learn about the art of maritime grape growing at this family owned winery. Late this afternoon you'll head out for the sand dunes on a **guided 4x4 adventure!** As you ride through the majestic, sweeping dunes, your guide will entertain you with stories about the artists and writers who make their homes in this shifting landscape. You'll stop amongst the dunes and enjoy a favorite Cape Cod tradition, a **lobster clambake** on the dunes! This is a cherished way of life in New England, and we agree - nothing could be finer than the setting sun and fresh lobster!

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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**September 7, 2024 - Nantucket and Moby Dick!**

After breakfast this morning, you'll depart Hyannis Harbor for beautiful **Nantucket**, thirty miles off the coast. With cobblestone streets and stately homes, the pace of life here is slow and relaxed. Your tour of the island takes you to solitary lighthouses, pristine beaches, historic meeting houses and more! Steeped in whaling history, this was the setting for **Moby Dick**, when Nantucket reigned as the whaling capital of the world. As you travel around the island, you'll hear stories of famous residents and see why National Geographic recently named Nantucket the **Best Island in the World!** You'll have time this afternoon to enjoy lunch on your own in Nantucket's yacht-filled harbor. The area is brimming with sophisticated shops, quaint inns, cobblestone streets and historic sites. You'll find island-made arts and crafts, including exquisite art glass and handmade baskets. If you haven't had your fill of lobster yet, the upscale harbor-side restaurants feature freshly-caught seafood in a spectacular setting. For more casual dining, you can't go wrong with a huge, steaming plate of fried clams! After a day enjoying this historic island, you'll understand why presidents, artists and tycoons return year after year. Dinner this evening will be on your own.

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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**September 8, 2024 - Newport, RI!**

This morning, bid a fond farewell to Hyannis to depart for the yachting capital of the East, **Newport, RI!** You'll travel along Ten Mile Drive and see **Mansion Row**, "the" place to live during the gilded age of the 1800s! The socially elite flocked here to build "summer cottages" with quaint

names such as Rough Point, Rosecliff and Marble House. You'll see mansions that the Vanderbilts and Astors built, and entertained in. It was in Newport that John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Bouvier in 1953, and Presidents Kennedy and Eisenhower both made Newport the site of their Summer White Houses. After enjoying lunch, and perhaps a bit of shopping, on your own at **Bowen's Wharf**, you'll make your way to **The Breakers** for a self-guided audio tour. The grandest of Newport's "summer cottages," The Breakers was a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial pre-eminence. The grandest room of the house is the 2,400 sq. ft. dining room complete with 2 baccarat crystal chandeliers and a carved oak table that seats 34! The **70 room Italian Renaissance style palazzo** is still the home of Cornelius Vanderbilt II's great-grandchildren who live on the third floor of the mansion during the summer. After you depart this stunning historical landmark, you're off to check in to your hotel and relax a bit, before enjoying a **Farewell Dinner** in one of Newport's hidden gems!

Overnight: Warwick, RI

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**September 9, 2024 - Providence, RI!**

After breakfast, you'll travel to **Providence**, the capital of Rhode Island, for a **guided tour** of this historic city. You'll visit the home to Brown University, and see Federal Hill before stopping for lunch at a delightful restaurant that includes a cooking demonstration. It's the perfect ending to a perfect week in New England! You'll then be assisted to the airport for your flight home with **fond lasting memories of Quintessential Cape Cod!**

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*\*\*Please note that itineraries are subject to change.*

# Quintessential Cape Cod \$4,398.00

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement \$998.00

## Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to/from New England (checked baggage fees are not included)
- Transfers from airport to resort to airport
- 6 nights deluxe lodging
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- Private motor coach for the entire itinerary
- Lunch and cooking demonstration in Providence, RI
- 4 regional dinners including a lobster clambake
- All sightseeing and admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Mansion Row, The Breakers, tour of Martha's Vineyard, Whydah Pirate Museum, tour of Nantucket, tour of Providence, Hyannis Harbor Cruise, 4x4 sand dune adventure and more!
- Portage of 1 suitcase per person
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