



Quintessential Cape Cod!

Nantucket, Dune Tour, Martha's Vineyard, Beach Lobster Bake, Ten Mile Drive and lots more!

7 Days and 6 Nights

Cape Cod, it evokes images of being on the water, butter dripping off a chunk of cooked lobster and ever-changing sand dunes. Join TRIPS and experience Quintessential 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 artist and writers were inspired. A boat tour takes you around Hyannis Harbor providing the best views of the Kennedy Compound. Martha's Vineyard is a short ferry ride away and you'll enjoy a tour of this unique island dotted with gingerbread cottages and quaint villages before strolling amongst the boutiques and galleries on your own.

A visit to Cape Cod isn't complete without seafood and you can enjoy New England Clam Chowder as well as Lobster while you're here! Finally travel along famed Ten Mile Drive and visit The Breakers, Newport's grandest summer "cottage" for a glimpse of how America's wealthy lived at the turn of the century. Join us as we explore Quintessential Cape Cod!

Day 1 - 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 as 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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Day 2 - 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 a **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 drive through the majestic, sweeping sand 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 Cape Cod tradition, a **lobster clambake** on the dunes! This is a way of life in New England, and we agree. Nothing could be finer than a setting sun and a fresh lobster!

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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Day 3 - 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 has long been the summer get away 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! You 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, chichi boutiques and gift shops and wonderful cafes. And of course everywhere you look, you'll have spectacular views of the Atlantic! There will be plenty of time to enjoy this beautiful seaside town on your own before returning to the mainland later this afternoon. Enjoy dinner on your own tonight at one of the areas wonderful restaurants.

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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Day 4- Captains and Kennedy's!

After breakfast, you'll depart for a full day of touring the Cape! Your first stop will be at the **Captain Bangs Hallet House and Museum**. This sea captain's home provides an intimate glimpse into 19th century family life. The parlors are arranged as if the captain was just returning from his voyage to China, a 16 month adventure. His gifts of silk fabric, toys, porcelain, and lacquered pieces are on display. Knowledgeable docents will lead a guided tour and relate lively stories of the captains' hair-raising adventures at sea! Then set out to tour **Hyannis!** Long a favorite summer destination, the village gained notoriety in the 1960's during the days of Camelot when John F. Kennedy became president. You'll visit the Kennedy Memorial and the Hyannis Port neighborhood of the Kennedy Compound. You'll also visit St. Francis Xavier church where President Kennedy and other families have worshiped throughout the years. You're on your own for lunch in the charming village of Hyannis where you'll find a vibrant Main Street just

one block from the harbor. This afternoon, enjoy a **Hyannis Harbor Cruise**, the best way to see the Kennedy Compound. Return to your hotel to freshen up before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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Day 5 - 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 bursts 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, 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! Return to the mainland for the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hyannis, MA

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Day 6 - Newport, RI!

This morning, bid a sad farewell to Hyannis and 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 likes of 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 preeminence. 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 summers! After you depart this stunning historical landmark, you'll stop at a local winery for a **wine and chocolate tasting!** Then, 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: Newport RI

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Day 7 - Providence, RI!

After breakfast, travel to the capital of RI, **Providence** for a **tour** of this historic city. Home to Brown University, you'll see Federal Hill before stopping for lunch at a delightful local restaurant! It's the perfect ending to a perfect week in New England! You'll be assisted to the airport for your flight home with **fond memories of Quintessential Cape Cod!**

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Inclusions

- Round trip airport transfers
- Round trip airfare to/from New England
- Transfers from airport to resort to airport
- Welcoming Chowder reception on arrival
- 6 nights deluxe lodging
- Breakfast daily at your hotel
- Private motor coach for the entire itinerary
- Lunch in Providence, RI
- 4 regional dinners including a lobster clambake
- Wine and chocolate tasting
- All sightseeing and admissions as listed in the detailed itinerary including Mansion Row, The Breakers, tour of Martha's Vineyard, tour of Hyannis, tour of Nantucket, tour of Providence, Hyannis Harbor Cruise, 4x4 sand dune adventure and more!
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