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your guide to the East's most memorable, delightful and delicious destinations

## Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Coming over the last hill on the road to Provincetown, the sky suddenly appears to open. On your right, with the Atlantic Ocean in the distance, the mutable colors of the moors are reflected in Pilgrim Lake. On your left, the symmetrical rows of nearly identical cottages facing Cape Cod Bay look like wooden soldiers standing at attention. Alongside the road, great shifting sand dunes drift onto the pavement, a visible reminder of the ever-changing contours of the land. Silhouetted against the horizon, a monument that looks like a large Italian bell tower comes into view as the outline of Provincetown's eighteenth and nineteenth-century architecture becomes visible. It is a scene that never ceases to electrify the person fortunate enough to see it. Today these moors, marshes, dunes, beaches, and woodlands—collectively known as The Province Lands—are protected as part of the Cape Cod National Seashore.

In 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Provincetown and drew up the Mayflower Compact, that venerable precursor to the Constitution, before continuing on to Plymouth. In the early years the Wampanoag, a North American Indian tribe who occupied this area showed

these early seventeenth century Colonists how to collect local berries and plants, harvest shellfish, grow beans, squash and corn.

The outer Cape was settled by hardy fishermen and their families, many of Portuguese descent. The cod and mackerel they caught were dried and salted in order to preserve it. Saltworks that used windmills to pump sea water into large evaporation vats lined the harbors of the Cape's fishing villages. The baccala, or salt cod,

was then shipped to cities along the eastern seaboard, as well as to Europe, where it has been a staple of the Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese diets for hundreds of years. Today fishing fleets still return to Provincetown and Chatham, where their catch is loaded onto trailer trucks for the journey to Boston, New York, or, increasingly, Tokyo.

During the first decades of the nineteenth century whaling provided the wealth that allowed sea captains and merchants to build the splendid homes that add so much to the charm and character of Provincetown, Chatham, Wellfleet, Brewster, Yarmouth Port and

other Cape towns. And though the days of the Yankee whalers are long gone, the whales are not. Today a new breed of entrepreneurs is reaping a harvest from the sea by taking tourists out to "shoot" with a camera instead of a harpoon. Still others have turned these former captain's homes into gracious lodgings and restaurants.

Finally, as it has been for much of the twentieth century, the outer Cape, Provincetown in particular, has been a haven for artists and writers attracted by the brilliant light, the picturesque fishing villages,

and a liberal tradition that encourages creativity. Eugene O'Neill and Tennessee Williams wrote some of their finest plays here, and Edward Hopper spent thirty summers in Truro. In the 1950s, abstract expressionists like Jackson Pollock and Franz Kline came to the Cape. Today the area is home to one of the largest art colonies in the United States. Who knows? The waiter serving you, the chef preparing your meal, or the chambermaid at your inn may very well be the next great American novelist or darling of the art world.



*Cape Cod National Seashore*

Dear Subscribers,

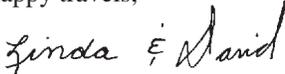
Eleven years ago we wrote an issue on Cape Cod. A great many changes have taken place in the ensuing years.

This issue starts in Sandwich and continues to Orleans along the entire length of Route 6A, a thirty-four mile road preserved as a Regional Historic District. This issue also includes West Falmouth to Woods Hole, Cape Cod National Seashore and a new look at Chatham, Wellfleet, and Provincetown. We discovered so much we wanted to include that we have expanded this issue to 24-pages.

A visit to Cape Cod can also be combined with a trip to Boston, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, all of which are covered in previous issues.

Traffic on the Bourne and Sagamore Bridges, the connectors to the Cape, is always very heavy coming to the Cape on summer Friday afternoons and returning on Sunday afternoons. If you can schedule your travels to avoid these times try to do so. Better yet, consider a spring, fall or even a winter getaway. There's plenty to do, many restaurants are open, and numerous inns have fireplaces.

Happy travels,



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## SUGGESTED BOOKS

*The Outermost House. A Year of Life on the Great Beach of Cape Cod*, Henry Beston. New York, NY: Henry Holt, 1992, \$13.00. A classic of American Nature writing. The author spent one year, starting in September 1926, living in a two-room cottage that he named the Fo'castle located on Coast Guard Beach in Eastham overlooking the North Atlantic and the dunes. His powerful descriptions of the rhythms of the ocean and the wind, the migration of the birds, the stars in the sky, and the storms that shook his cabin to its foundation gives you a sensory experience that is truly the work of an artist and craftsman. "Listen to the surf, really lend it your ears, and you will hear in it a world of sounds: hollow boomings and heavy roarings, great watery tumbings and tramlings, long hissing seethes, sharp, rifle-shot reports, splashes, whispers, the grinding undertone of stones, and sometimes vocal sounds that might be the half-heard talk of people in the sea." *The Outermost House* was cited by Federal officials as one of the motivating forces in the creation of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Rachel Carson said that it was the only book that influenced her writing.

*Cape Cod with Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, Compass American Guides*, Fodor's, 2004, \$21.95. Patricia Harris and David Lyon, Photography by Kindra Clineff. This is the best guide we have come across for the color and flavor of Cape Cod. Beautiful color photographs and excellent writing. This book is a joy to read.

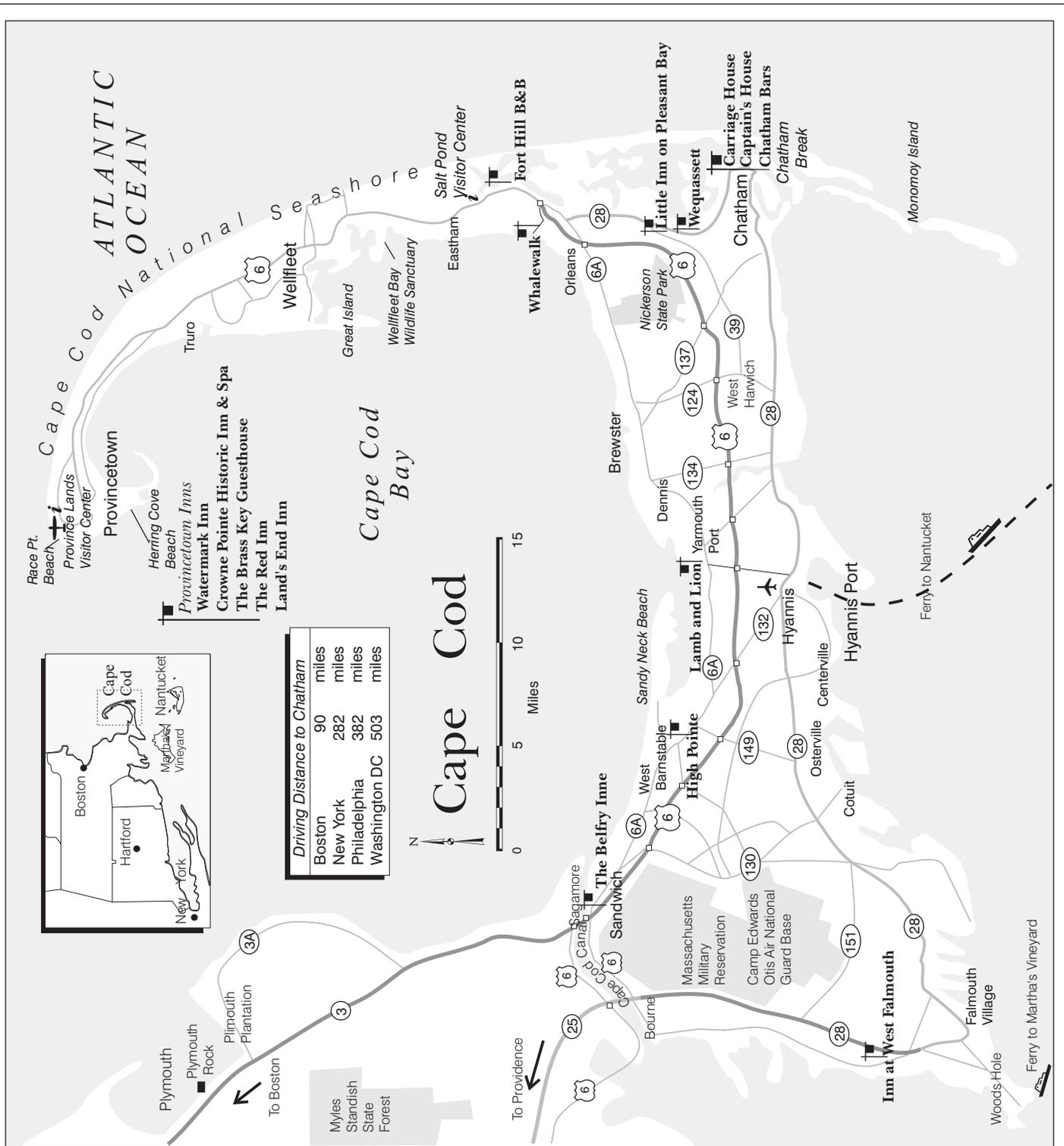
*Cape Cod Life* magazine published 10 times a year has excellent coverage with in-depth articles including Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. A great real estate section for buyers and browsers. capecodlife.com (800) 698.1717

*Provincetown Art Guide*, describes thirty of the best galleries in town as well as artists, workshops, antique and collectibles shops and restaurants. It's available in art galleries along Commercial Street and at the Chamber of Commerce.

## ITINERARY

**Day One.** Start at the **Salt Pond National Seashore Visitors Center**. Look at the video and obtain maps of the nature trails. Drive to the **Fort Hill area** for a view of Nauset Beach. Trails in this area are **Fort Hill** and **Red Swamp Maple Trails**. Then go to the **Marconi area** to see the wireless station site. The **Atlantic Cedar Swamp Trail** is here. In **Wellfleet** explore the many galleries. Have lunch at **The Bookstore** or **Wicked Oyster**. Take a drive on Chequesett Neck Road and a walk as far as you want on **Great Island Trail**. Other options are walking a trail at **Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary**.

**Day Two.** Head directly to **Provincetown**. Take a **whalewatching** trip or go on **Art's Dune Tours**. Have lunch at **Napi's**, **Ross' Grill**, or **Fanizzi's by the Sea**. Explore the shops and galleries along Commercial Street. Do get to the East End Art District as it has a far less commercial feel than the middle of town. Climb to the top of **Pilgrim Monument**. Go to **Province**



**Lands Visitor Center.** Watch the sunset over the water at Race Point.

**Day Three.** Go to Sandwich to the **Heritage Plantation** and the **Sandwich Glass Museum**. Have lunch at the **Dunbar Tea Shop**. Drive along **Route 6A** with stops at antique shops, galleries, and studios as interested.

**Day Four.** Continue to explore **Route 6A** and/or take a bike ride on the **Rail Trail**. Alternatively on the following day follow the **driving tour** that takes you from **West Falmouth** where there are a number of antique shops along **Sippewisset Road** to **Woods Hole** where you can visit the **Oceanographic Institution**, the **Aquarium** and the **Marine Biological Laboratories**. For

biking leave your car in **Falmouth** and take the **Shining Sea Bike Path to Woods Hole**.

**Day Five.** Browse along **Main Street** in **Chatham**. Have lunch at **The Impudent Oyster**. Drive to the **Chatham Fishing Pier** to see the boats unload their catch in the early afternoon. Then take the **Shore Road**, stopping at the **Breakthrough** at the lighthouse. Continue to **Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge** headquarters on **Morris Island** where you can take the trail along the beach. We suggest that you inquire about **boat trips** that leave from **Chatham** to go to **Monomoy Island** for birding, to the **Outer Beach** for swimming, or a cruise to see seals. Other options include **golf** and **fishing**.



# WHERE TO Go WHAT TO Do

## *Cape Cod National Seashore*

The scenery at the tip of Cape Cod is different from anything else you will see in the United States. Come during any season of the year and watch as nature willingly displays its power along the forty-mile-long Cape Cod National Seashore. Everywhere, it seems, the wind and water are ceaselessly at work. Giant sand dunes encroach on the highway near Provincetown. The sand cliffs continue to erode at the Marconi Wireless Station site. A massive break in the barrier beach at Chatham draws crowds of spectators and surfers. Ranger-guided activities and interpretive walks that leave from Eastham, Truro, and Provincetown include dune hikes, beach discovery, cranberry bog and early morning birding walks, a talk about the Cape's infamous storms and shipwrecks, and canoe trips. Check the listings of events in the visitor centers.

[www.nps.gov/caco](http://www.nps.gov/caco)

**Salt Pond Visitor Center.** Be sure to stop here at the newly restored visitor center to see the introductory film; get detailed maps of the roads, bicycle routes, and hiking trails in the area; and pick up a schedule of ranger-led activities. You can also browse through the book shop and visit the new natural history museum featuring the flora and fauna of Cape Cod. Open daily 9 to 4:30; later in the summer. Route 6 in Eastham; (508) 255-3421.

**Province Lands Visitor Center.** The vistas of moors, dunes, and beaches are particularly impressive from this spot. Open May through October, 9 to 5. Race Point Road, Provincetown; (508) 487-1256. Permits for off-road vehicles are available for purchase at Race Point in Provincetown. Check the above website for all the details.

**Old Harbor Museum.** The museum is a former U.S. Life Saving Station located at Race Point Beach that displays shipwreck rescue equipment from the turn of the century. On Thursday evenings at 6 P.M. in the summer, an historical reenactment of the Breeches Buoy Rescue is conducted at the station.



*Art's Dune Tours stop for a view of the Province Lands*

**Art's Dune Tours.** Don't miss a ride through the dunes of the Province Lands, The Cape Cod National Seashore at Provincetown, with Rob Costa, whose family has had Art's Dune Tours since 1946. Daily trips begin at 10 A.M. and end with a sunset tour that can include a New England clambake or barbecue dinner along the ocean. Trips are a one hour narrated tour through the sand dunes and National Seashore Park in a Chevy Suburban. You will see and hear about the "dune shacks" where writers and artists spent and still spend summers. The views of the dunes stretch as far as you can see. It's hard to believe that you are just a couple of minutes from the center of Provincetown. All trips depart from Standish Street near MacMillan Wharf. Adults \$19 children (6-11) \$14. [www.artsdunetours.com](http://www.artsdunetours.com). (800) 894-1951.

**Nature Walks.** Below is a selection of trails we've particularly enjoyed. Make sure to ask for the free leaflet "Self-Guiding Nature Trails" at the National Seashore visitor centers. It includes information about the length of various trails, the average walking time, access points, and type of terrain. Beware of poison ivy; stay on the paths as there's a lot of it on the Cape.

**Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Trail, Wellfleet.** The long boardwalk that winds its way through the moss-covered trunks of cedar trees is enchanting. Cedars were found in great abundance by the first white settlers on the Cape, and the decay-resistant lumber was widely used for joists, frames, floors, doors, rafters, water pipes, organ pipes, and whale-oil tanks. Sadly, over the last 300 years excessive logging has almost eliminated this tree from the Cape. Next to the Marconi wireless station site. At Marconi Beach. [www.nps.gov/caco/places/whitecedarswamptrail.html](http://www.nps.gov/caco/places/whitecedarswamptrail.html)

**Great Island Trail, Wellfleet.** Serious hikers will enjoy this eight-mile trail. The path is covered with soft sand for much of the way, making it more of a challenge than some of the other trails in the area. This tip of land, Jeremy Point, which is submerged at high tide, is a hangout for seals. Bring lunch, something to drink, and a hat if it's summer. Even if you don't feel up to this walk, the drive from the Wellfleet town pier along Chequesset Neck Road to the trailhead is spectacular and worth a special detour. [www.nps.gov/caco/places/greatisland.html](http://www.nps.gov/caco/places/greatisland.html)

**Beech Forest Trail, Provincetown.** Birds flock to this colorful area. The one-mile trail, which winds around a lake and through a forest of pine, oak, and beech, has steep log steps and the trail is mostly in soft sand. [www.nps.gov/caco/places/beecheforesttrail.html](http://www.nps.gov/caco/places/beecheforesttrail.html)

**Fort Hill Trail and Red Maple Swamp Trail, Eastham.** Fort Hill Trail crosses open fields with grand vistas of Nauset Marsh and the Atlantic Ocean. The red maples on this one and one-half mile trail bring out the crowds during the fall foliage season. It

connects to the ¼ mile Red Maple Swamp Trail which is a long boardwalk. There are log steps on the slopes.

**Cape Cod Pathways** is a growing network of trails linking Cape Cod's coastal areas, historic villages, and open space. The Pathways network will eventually encompass all 15 Cape Cod towns from Falmouth to Provincetown.  
[www.capecodcommission.org/pathways/trailguide.htm](http://www.capecodcommission.org/pathways/trailguide.htm).

**Swimming.** The following beaches have lifeguards and bathhouses. Eastham: Coast Guard (where Beston wrote *The Outermost House*) and Nauset Light. Wellfleet: Marconi Beach. Truro: Head of the Meadow beaches. Provincetown: Race Point and Herring Cove. Note: Sometimes you can see whales from Herring Cove Beach. Look for the whitish spouts of water in the distance. Coast Guard Beach and Herring Cove are handicapped accessible with wheelchairs capable of traveling over sand. From late-June to Labor Day there is a parking fee of \$15 per day at the National Seashore beaches.

**Canoeing.** Ranger guided canoe trips on kettle ponds, through a marsh or saltwater tidal river are offered periodically in June and daily in July and August. The park provides equipment. Contact Salt Pond Visitor Center (508) 255-3421 or Province Lands Visitor Center (508) 487-1256.

**Fishing.** Freshwater ponds, called "kettle holes," were formed by glaciers more than 10,000 years ago. Today they're perfect for swimming or fishing and some of the larger ponds even have public boat ramps. In Eastham, Great Pond has a boat ramp and Herring Pond has a fisherman's landing. In Wellfleet, Gull Pond (at 109 acres, one of the larger ponds) has a boat ramp. The state stocks the ponds with brook and rainbow trout and small and largemouth bass. A fishing license is required for freshwater fishing. Licenses can be purchased in any town hall or at most bait and tackle shops. A license is not required for ocean fishing.

Sixteen charter boats sail from Rock Harbor in Orleans for striped bass, bluefish, mackerel, tautog, fluke, and sea bass June to October. Check with your innkeeper for a current list of charter boats on other parts of the cape.

**Bicycling.** During the summer season, bicycles can be rented in most towns. At other times of the year it's best to check in advance or bring your own bike. Ask at the visitor centers for a leaflet describing the bicycle trails in the area.

**Cape Cod Rail Trail.** After train service to the Cape was discontinued and the tracks removed, the right-of-way was put to a new use: A 22 mile stretch was tarred and is now used for bicycling and jogging. This is an easy trail over flat terrain. You can rent bikes at various points near the trail. The trail starts at Route 134 in South Dennis and continues to South Wellfleet. There is a connection to the Salt Pond Visitor Center. There is parking at both ends of the trail head and points in-between. (508) 896-3491. Fall 2005 to spring 2006 and fall 2006 to spring 2007 parts of the trail will be closed for rehabilitation. See website for details. [www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/ccrt.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/ccrt.htm).

**Province Lands Bike Trail loop,** Provincetown. The 5¼ - mile-long trail passes through forests and bogs and over spectacular sand dunes. You can also add trail spurs to Herring Cove Beach, Race Point Beach and Bennet Pond for another two miles. Be warned, however, that in places the trail is steep. The Province Lands Visitor Center, Beech Forest parking area, Race Point Beach, or Herring Cove Beach offer easy access to the trail.

**Head of the Meadow Trail,** North Truro. This two-mile trail passes through sand dunes and then along the edge of Salt Meadow before it ends at Pilgrim Lake. Access at Head of the Meadow Beach parking area or High Head Road.

**Nauset Trail,** Eastham. This 1.6 mile trail affords views of the old Nauset Coast Guard Station and Nauset Marsh. The trail begins at the Salt Pond Visitor Center.

**Shining Sea Bike Path.** This 4.5 mile bike path goes from the center of Falmouth, where free parking is available, to Woods Hole. A 6.5 mile extension will be built to extend the path to North Falmouth.

**Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary** owned and operated by the Massachusetts Audubon Society encompasses 1,100 acres of pine woods, moorland, and salt marsh. The visitor center has a large room at one end with picture windows looking out onto many bird feeders. Take a self-guided nature walk along the five miles of trails or join one of the birding walks, canoe trips, or cruises run throughout the year but with the majority during the summer.

The nature center is open 8:30 to 5 Memorial Day to Columbus Day. \$5 admission for non-members. The sanctuary is located on the west side of Route 6 a few hundred yards north of the Wellfleet-Eastham town line. (508) 349-2615.

[www.massaudubon.org/Nature\\_Connection/Sanctuaries/Wellfleet/index.php](http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Wellfleet/index.php)

**Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge.** Monomoy Island is a 2,750 acre refuge which was cut in two by a winter storm in 1978. The two-and-a-half-mile-long North Island is about a fifteen-minute boat ride from Chatham. The refuge is an important resting, nesting and feeding habitat for migratory birds.

The five-mile-long South Island is some forty-five minutes by boat from Chatham. In addition to supporting white-tailed deer, muskrats, reptiles, and a variety of migrating waterfowl among its pitch pines, sedge flats, and freshwater ponds, it is also home to the piping plover and short-eared owl, both endangered species. The Monomoy Lighthouse built in 1823 was used until 1923. Today the structure and its keeper's quarters are a center for natural and cultural history tours from Memorial Day to late-September. Call the Friends of Monomoy (508) 945-0594 for more information.

You can drive to Morris Island, the Refuge headquarters. There is a small museum and interpretative building at the headquarters. A small boat leaves in season for Monomoy Island throughout the day (508) 945-5450 [www.monomoyislandferry.com/Mainpage.html](http://www.monomoyislandferry.com/Mainpage.html). You can hike along a ¾ mile nature trail that goes down a set of stairs and continues along the beach at low tide. On a November day we watched men digging soft-shell clams in the mud flats and saw a large school of striped bass migrating south. To get here from Chatham take the Shore Road past the lighthouse. At the fork bear to the left to Morris Island Road. Follow this road across a narrow strip of land with water on both sides until you see signs for Monomoy parking on your left. [www.fws.gov/northeast/monomoy](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/monomoy)

**The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.** In addition to sponsoring Monomoy Wildlife Refuge Cruises, the museum has excellent displays on the ecology of the Cape. Exhibits include a working beehive, a weather station, a bird room displaying stuffed specimens, and small aquariums filled with local marine life. You'll also find a natural history library, gift shop, and network of trails here, the best being the one mile John Wing Trail which starts at Route 6A, crosses a long boardwalk over the salt marsh to Wing's Island and Cape Cod Bay. The Causeway floods at high tide so check at the front reception area before walking this trail.

Open June-September, daily 10-4, October-May, Wednesday through Sunday 10 or 11-3 or 4. Admission over age 12 \$8. 869 Route 6A, Brewster; (508) 896-3867. [www.ccmnh.org](http://www.ccmnh.org)

**Whalewatching, Provincetown.** If you're looking for a family activity that appeals to children, teenagers, and adults, whalewatching cruises are at the top of the list. Dolphin Fleet of Provincetown (800) 826-9300. [www.whalewatch.com](http://www.whalewatch.com) and Portuguese Princess Excursions (800) 442-3188. [www.princesswhalewatch.com](http://www.princesswhalewatch.com). Both companies have naturalists onboard.

The Center for Coastal Studies [www.coastalstudies.org](http://www.coastalstudies.org) will be onboard every cruise to answer questions and conduct whale research on Portuguese Princess boats beginning in 2006. In fact, the center operates the most intensive research program of its kind in the world; its scientists have identified and named more than five hundred individual humpbacks, including most of those you will see.

Sightings are likely to include some or all of the following: humpbacks, finbacks, minke whales, white-sided dolphins, and the occasional right whale. The two most common whale species in these waters, the finback and humpback, are regularly sighted from April to October. Finbacks can be seventy to eighty-five feet long and weigh up to fifty tons. Humpbacks get their name from the way they arch their back before diving, and can reach fifty to fifty-six feet in length and weigh up to forty tons. They are also the most fun to watch, being the most active. Sometimes they will even come close to the boats and, when they breach, will seem to be "waving" their flippers.

The trips are exceedingly popular, especially on weekends and during the summer, so reservations two or three weeks in advance are advised. Cruises lasting three to four hours head out daily, weather permitting, to the Stellwagen Bank, about six to eight miles from Provincetown. (A tip to the wise: If you are prone to motion sickness, pack some Dramamine in case of rough conditions.)

Trips go from mid-April through October: summer rates, \$30.00. kids 5-12 \$22. Children under four free. There is usually a discount coupon on the web or at your lodging. Boats leave from MacMillan Pier, Provincetown.

**Golf.** Duffers love the Cape, because they can indulge their habit almost year round. There are 54 private, semi-private and municipal golf courses in the area. On Cape Cod there are more public golf courses within a half hour drive of each other than in any other region in the Northeast. With so many courses, a golfer can play on a different course every day for a month. Courses get crowded on summer weekends. [www.golfoncapecod.com](http://www.golfoncapecod.com)

**Cape Cod Baseball League.** The Cape Cod Baseball League was organized in 1885, and today features ten teams stocked with top college players. From mid-June through mid-August they play a forty-four-game season using wooden bats paid for by the major leagues. The caliber of play is high: ninety-three current major leaguers played summer ball on the Cape. [www.capecodbaseball.org](http://www.capecodbaseball.org)

**Willy's Gym.** We are always asked by subscribers. "Where can I work out while I'm on vacation"? We found **Willy's Gym**, a very large complete workout facility on Route 6A in Eastham just before you get to Wellfleet. This 100,000 square foot gym is a combination of strength training machines (Hammer, Nautilus 2ST, Cybex, Life Fitness, and Free Motion) and free weight area (Nautilus, Hammer, and Olympic free weights). There is Indonesian martial arts training (Poekoelan Tjimindie Tulen) There are

ten tennis courts, two racquetball courts, two squash courts, a climbing wall and a full indoor basketball court. There is an indoor 6 lane 25 yard pool, complete spa facilities with massage treatments, including Tulen Wellness. They have classes in step, spinning, yoga, personal trainers, and offer tanning booths. Child care is available. The café has espresso drinks, a full-service bar, and a restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as Sunday brunch buffet and feature movies you can watch in comfortable lounge chairs. (508) 255-6370 [www.willysgym.com](http://www.willysgym.com)

## ***Backroad drive from West Falmouth to Woods Hole***

While the direct route from West Falmouth to Woods Hole (Martha's Vineyard ferry) is on Route 28 we suggest getting off the highway to Route 28A and following it through West Falmouth, a community that has stayed the same over the years. Take Thomas Landers exit onto Route 28A where you will pass about a half dozen antique stores in West Falmouth and then Chapoquoit Grill (*see* Where to Dine). Chapoquoit Beach (near the Chapoquoit Grill) is a good place to get sunset views and to go wind surfing. At the blinking light just before the intersection with Route 28 turn right on Palmer Avenue and make the next right on Sippewissett Road. Follow Sippewissett, a curvy road, for 7-9 miles to get good views of the water, large homes, kettle ponds, lakes, and a golf course. Near the beginning of Sippewissett you can stop at Dana's Kitchen, a seasonal restaurant open for breakfast and lunch. This is a good road for biking and it's a pretty road to drive at sunset. When you get to the outskirts of town follow the signs to Woods Hole or the ferry.

The village of Woods Hole, located at the extreme southwest corner of Cape Cod is the major ferry terminal for Martha's Vineyard. It is also home to the **Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**. (WHOI) The large research buildings are not open to the public but you can visit several educational sites. The Exhibit Center of the WHOI is located on School Street. (508) 289-2663. The Information Office of the WHOI at 93 Water Street is open weekdays year-round and offers summer walking tours of WHOI dock area and village facilities. Tours are free, but reservations are required. (508) 289-2252.

**Aquarium of the National Marine Fisheries Service** is on Albatross Street. The Woods Hole Science Aquarium is a small public aquarium that displays approximately 140 species of marine animals found in Northeast and Middle-Atlantic U.S. waters. There is an outdoor seal pool, 20 tanks and 15 aquaria with fish and invertebrates, two touch tanks, and a behind-the-scenes area where visitors can talk to the staff as they go about their daily tasks of caring for the animals. [www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/aquarium](http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/aquarium). Summer hours Tuesday through Saturday 11 to 4. During the school year Monday through Friday 11 to 4. (508) 495-2001.

**Marine Biological Laboratory** is housed in more than 160 buildings in the village. Learn more about the Marine Biological Laboratory by visiting the Pierce Visitors Center at 100 Water Street. The MBL offers weekday tours late June through the end of August. There are two tours daily, Monday through Friday at 1 and 2 P.M. Tours last approximately an hour and consist of a video presentation, a visit to the Marine Resources Center for a look at the marine animals used in MBL research, and a walking tour of the campus. Reservations are recommended. (508) 289-7623. [www.mbl.edu](http://www.mbl.edu)

## Sandwich

**Sandwich**, founded in 1637, is the oldest town on the Cape. [www.sandwichma.org](http://www.sandwichma.org). It was primarily a small agricultural settlement until the 1820s when glass-making came to the town. Several large glass works prospered until the 1880s when more efficient furnaces in the mid-west captured the business. Today, many of the residents commute to Boston just over one hour away. This is a town for browsing down narrow lanes past restored historic homes and shops.

**Heritage Museums and Gardens.** This fascinating 76-acre site started as a horticultural center and has exquisitely-maintained grounds. Highlights are the famous Dexter rhododendron and azaleas which bloom from mid-May through mid-June; a large collection of hollies, hosta and heather gardens; and more than 900 different daylilies which bloom from mid-July through early August.

The Lilly family purchased the property in 1969 and moved its large collection of Americana to the site. A replica of the Shaker round stone barn in Hancock Shaker Village (Pittsfield, MA) houses a superb collection of 35 mint automobiles on two levels including a 1930 Duesenberg once owned by Gary Cooper. In the art museum building take a ride on a 1912 working carousel, view one of the finest collections of Currier and Ives prints and the large collection of Elmer Crowell decorative bird carvings and decoys. A military museum in a replica of a Revolutionary war structure houses 2,000 hand-painted military miniatures as well as antique firearms and more. An outdoor cafe serves breakfast, lunch and snacks. Open year round, daily May 1 – October 31 9 to 6, November 1 – April 30 Wednesday - Sunday Adults \$12. Grove and Pine Street, Sandwich; (508) 888-3300 [www.heritagemuseumsandgardens.org](http://www.heritagemuseumsandgardens.org)

Start a short walking tour of Sandwich at the **Sandwich Glass Museum**, which preserves and displays the glass manufactured here in the 19th century including early pressed lacy glass and pattern glass in intense colors of canary, green, amethyst and blue. Rare American glass of the same period and early glassmaking paraphernalia is well presented along with an historical overview of Sandwich. The Museum offers 1.5 hour walking tours of the village July through October. 129 Main St. Open April-Dec 9:30-5 daily, Feb-March 9:30-4 Wed-Sun, adults \$4.50, (508) 888-0251. [www.sandwichglassmuseum.org](http://www.sandwichglassmuseum.org)

Stroll around the **Shawme Duck Pond**, visit the 17<sup>th</sup> century restored **Dexter Grist Mill** (open mid-June to early October) to see corn ground, stop in at the tiny **Thornton W. Burgess Museum** 4 Water Street, (508) 888-6870, April - October

Monday - Saturday, 10-4., dedicated to the man who brought Peter Rabbit alive for millions of children. The **Hoxie House** Water Street, mid-June to early October, is a 17th century cape with a saltbox roofline. (508) 888-1173

**The Dunbar Tea Shop.**

If you are getting a little tired then stop at this charming English tearoom & tea garden, offering daily lunch, afternoon tea, homemade pies, cakes, scones and more. 1 Water St., (508) 833-2485.

[www.dunbarteashop.com](http://www.dunbarteashop.com).



A 1,350-foot boardwalk crosses marshland and dunes to Town Neck Beach in Sandwich

Walk across the 1,350-foot boardwalk that crosses marshland and low dunes to **Town Neck Beach** for expansive views at the far end of Cape Cod Bay. To get here take Harbor Street off Factory Street.

## Driving Tours

### Route 6A The Old King's Highway

Route 6A, the thirty-four mile twisting stretch of road from Sandwich to Orleans that parallels the shore of Cape Cod Bay, is part of the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District. This road began as a Native American trail from Provincetown to Plymouth and became the main artery of Cape Cod in the 17th and 18th centuries. Today this stretch of road is home to numerous bed and breakfasts, restaurants, antique shops, and art galleries. A number of craftspeople have studios and shops along the road. Hundreds of historic structures line the road and specimen trees provide a graceful canopy. There are views of great salt marshes, harbors and open lands. Development is tightly controlled along this road. Listed below starting from Sandwich are selected galleries and shops that we have visited. There are many more.

Heading out of Sandwich on Route 6A turn off at the **Green Briar Nature Center and Jam Kitchen**, 8 Discovery Hill Road, (508) 888-6870, to see wildflower gardens, walk the trails and see jam being made.

**Blacks Weaving.** Barnstable Just off Rte. 6A (508) 362-3955. The Blacks have been hand weaving on eight looms for more than 35 years. You can order original intricately patterned personalized Jacquard coverlets which can include your family tree and the outline of your home. As we discussed an order for custom placemats they wove a few rows to show us how it would look.

At Route 149 turn right to get to these two craftsmen located next to each other in West Barnstable. **West Barnstable Tables**, 2454 Meetinghouse Way, (508) 362-2676, [www.westbarnstabletables.com](http://www.westbarnstabletables.com), is where you'll find high quality trestle tables and furniture crafted from old pieces of wood such as two hundred year old planks, barnboards, and old window frames. At **Tern Studios** (508) 362-6077, you can watch Albert Barbour make extraordinary bowls and other turned vessels from hunks of wood of every type and description. Albert works part time now so he may be in his shop or not.

Continue on Route 149 to the **West Parrish Meetinghouse**, 1049 Meetinghouse Way, Barnstable (508) 362-4445. [www.westparish.org](http://www.westparish.org). Built in 1719 this first period meeting house has a 5-foot gilded rooster as a weathervane and a bell cast in Paul Revere's shop in 1806. The fellowship that meets here traces its roots continuously to 1616 in England where the Congregational church was founded. It was completely restored in the 1950s and is worth a visit. It is the oldest Congregational church meetinghouse still in use in the world today.

**Sandy Neck Conservation Area.** As you drive along 6A in Barnstable you see across the Great Marsh a line of sand dunes which stretch 6.5 miles along Cape Cod Bay. If you want to hike the dunes take Sandy Neck Road in East Sandwich to Sandy Neck Beach. Remember it can be very hot in the summer, the sand is tough walking, and there is no shade. Bring water, a hat and sun screen.

**Yarmouth Port** is an enchanting village, with more than 50 sea captains' houses. If you're thirsty for an old fashioned ice cream soda, sandwich or soup stop at **Hallets**, 139 Main St. (508) 362-3362. Sit on a stool at the marble soda fountain as we did on a recent October day. Open May-mid-October. [www.hallets.com](http://www.hallets.com)

**Parnassus Book Service**, 220 Main Street, Yarmouth Port, (508) 362-6420, has a large collection of Cape Cod titles and much, much, more. Outside, there is a wall of books under an eave of the building sold by the honor system. You can purchase a book just in case you are arriving late at night and want something to read.

**Winslow Crocker House** has a fine collection of American furniture: Jacobean through William and Mary and Queen Anne to Chippendale in a large weathered-shingle late 18th century Cape house owned by Historic New England (formally the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities). 250 Main Street, Yarmouth Port, (617) 227-3957, ext. 256. Open June through October first Saturday of the month. [www.historicnewengland.org/visit/homes/winslow.htm](http://www.historicnewengland.org/visit/homes/winslow.htm)

**Edward Gorey** was a strange reclusive individual who was an author and illustrator of numerous unusual books and prize-winning set and costume designs for many theater productions as well as illustrations in publications in *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. His claim to fame though is the opening and closing pen and ink animation credits for the PBS *Mystery* programs. A visit to this 200-year old house has displays of his books, Broadway set designs and memorabilia. Closed mid-December through mid-April. 8 Strawberry Lane, Yarmouth Port (508) 362-3909. [www.edwardgoreyhouse.org](http://www.edwardgoreyhouse.org).

**Cape Playhouse**. 820 Route 6A, Dennis (877) 385-3911 [www.capeplayhouse.com](http://www.capeplayhouse.com), America's oldest professional summer theatre has brought stars of stage, screen and TV to Cape Cod for nearly 80 years. Six shows a year from mid-June to mid-September. Cape Cinema, Cape Cod Museum of Art and Center Stage Cafe are also on the 26-acre grounds.

**Cape Cinema**. Route 6A, Dennis (508) 385-2503. [www.capecinema.com](http://www.capecinema.com). This single screen theater specializing in independent American and international films was built in 1930. The Cinema's crowning glory, however, is the mammoth mural by Rockwell Kent vaulting its curved ceiling, more than 6,400 square feet in size.

**Cape Cod Museum of Art**. Route 6A, Dennis, (508) 385-4477, [www.ccmoa.org](http://www.ccmoa.org). The museum's mission is to collect, conserve, study, interpret and exhibit works by outstanding artists associated with Cape Cod and the Islands.

**Antiques Center of Cape Cod**, 243 Main St., Dennis, (508) 385-6400. [www.antiquecenterofcapecod.com](http://www.antiquecenterofcapecod.com). 160 dealers are represented in this large two-story building that is an antiquers delight.

**Scargo Tower**. This 28-foot stone tower on the top of a 160-foot hill is located off Scargo Hill Road in East Dennis, a right turn off Route 6A. The view from the top on a clear day is from the Cape Cod Canal Bridges all the way to Provincetown.

**Scargo Pottery**, 30 Dr. Lord Rd. South, Dennis, (508) 385-3894. [www.scargopottery.com](http://www.scargopottery.com). A large outdoor display highlights the bird-feeder castles that this family of potters has been so well known for since opening in 1952. Inside you can see the process of making stoneware, porcelain, black sand porcelain, flameware and raku. It's a wonderful place to visit and has great pieces. Follow the signs off Route 6A; it's just before the road that you take to the tower.

The **Spectrum**, 369 Main St., Brewster, (508) 385-3322. This gallery has an excellent selection of contemporary crafts gathered from around the country.

**Coppleman Goldsmith** 1439 Route 6A, East Dennis. (508) 385-7900 [www.rosscoppelman.com](http://www.rosscoppelman.com). Ross Coppelman works in high karat gold with accents of tourmaline, pearls, boulder opal, and

diamonds. Highest quality gold and silver jewelry designed and made on the premises.

**Sydenstricker Galleries**, 490 Main Street, Route 6A, Brewster, (508) 385-3272. [www.sydenstricker.com](http://www.sydenstricker.com). Try to come during workshop hours, daily 9-5. Glass plates and bowls are made with two sheets of glass with a decorative pattern of powdered glass between them.

**Lemon Tree Village**, 1061-1097 Main Street, Brewster. A small shopping complex. Our favorite was the Cook Shop with all kinds of cookware and Cafe Alfresco where you can get an informal lunch or coffee and pastry.

**Mark Lawrence Fine Period Antiques**, 1050 Main Street, Brewster, (508) 896-8381. [www.fineperiodantiques.com](http://www.fineperiodantiques.com) Almost across the street from the Lemon Tree is one of the best shops for museum quality 18th and 19th century French and English paintings, porcelains and furniture.

**Heart Pottery**, 1145 Main St., Brewster, (508) 896-6189. Stop by and watch Diane Heart working on her potter's wheel turning out distinctive items in porcelain and raku.

**The Brewster General Store**. 1935 Main St. (508) 896-3744. [www.brewsterstore.com](http://www.brewsterstore.com). This 1866 building is one of the most photographed buildings on Cape Cod. It has a nickelodeon, penny candy, lots of tourist stuff (it's on the tour bus route) as well as lots of merchandise for the locals and an ice cream parlor in the back that's open in the summer.

**Church of the Transfiguration**. Rock Harbor, Orleans (508) 240-7090 [www.churchofthetransfiguration.org](http://www.churchofthetransfiguration.org). Don't miss this recently built exquisite church with stunning mosaic, fresco, stone and bronze sculpture. The 26 frescos are being painted by Silvestro Pistolesi of Florence, Italy who comes here with his assistants every September and October. Painting with natural pigments on wet plaster these frescos are being created with the same technique used by the masters of the Italian Renaissance. The magnificent mosaics on the floor and behind the apse were made in Ravenna. The main doors designed and cast in bronze by Romolo Del Deo depict Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden standing by the Tree of Life. Visitors are welcome to walk in and guided tours are given a couple of times a week.

A colorful lunch stop is at Cap't Cass Seafood Shack with lobster buoys along one wall. There is also a seasonal lunch stand with good lobster rolls next to the docks.

**Bird Watcher's General Store**, 36 Route 6A, Orleans. (800) 562-1512 More than 100 different bird feeders, books, recordings, carving kits, field guides, note cards, puzzles, bath heaters, fountains and much more for the birder in your life. [www.birdwatchersgeneralstore.com](http://www.birdwatchersgeneralstore.com)

## Chatham

Band concerts, baseball, and white-steepled churches—all are found in this picture-perfect New England town. Situated at the "elbow" of Cape Cod, and bordered on three sides by water, Chatham was founded in 1656 by Pilgrims, and today is a prosperous community of just under 7,000. Strict zoning and preservation laws have kept the town from becoming cluttered with ugly strip malls. The views of Pleasant Bay and the harbor are breathtaking. Every Friday evening from late June to early September, all roads on the Cape seem to lead to the traditional band concerts on the green here. Pop tunes, golden oldies, and sing-alongs—the colorfully uniformed 40-piece band plays them all for the thousands who have brought chairs, blankets, and picnic suppers. [www.chathaminfo.com](http://www.chathaminfo.com)

**Chatham Fishing Pier**. Make your way to the observation deck at around 1 or 2 P.M., when the fishing boats return, and



*Unloading scallops at Chatham Fishing Pier*

watch as they unload their catch of haddock, cod, scrod, flounder, pollock, scallops and halibut.

**Main Street** is an especially enjoyable place to shop and stroll. In addition to a fine assortment of clothing stores **Wynne Falconer Gallery**, 492 Main Street (508) 945-2867, [wynnefalconergallery.com](http://wynnefalconergallery.com), represents contemporary artists—realism to abstract. **Kahn Fine Antiques** 582 Main St, Chatham, (508) 945-6450 [www.kahnfineantiques.com](http://www.kahnfineantiques.com), has museum quality antiques and works of art from the 17th-19th century. **Alexander's Nantucket Lightship Baskets**, 1245B Main Street, Chatham (508) 945-9446, sell baskets and take custom orders. **Chatham Candy Manor** 484 Main Street, (800) 221-6497, a family-owned business, has produced top chocolates since 1955. Just outside town is **The Chatham Jam and Jelly Shop**, 10 Vineyard Ave, W. Chatham, off Rt 28 (877) 526-7467.

[www.chathamjamandjellyshop.com](http://www.chathamjamandjellyshop.com). Robert and Carol Cummings make small batches of more than 100 types of jams and jellies and have over 80 varieties to taste. **Pewter Crafter of Cape Cod** moved from Yarmouth Port to Harwich Port. 791 Rt. 28, (508) 432-5858, [www.pewtercraftercapcod.com](http://www.pewtercraftercapcod.com). We have purchased gifts from this studio that makes contemporary and classic pewter in a restored 19th century barn.

**Chatham Breakthrough.** Stop at the parking lot just below Chatham Lighthouse for a view of the massive break in the barrier beach. Come at high tide or after a storm, when the water is particularly turbulent, and you're bound to see windsurfers flying over the waves.

**Boat Trips.** Outermost Harbor Marine, Seagull Road, Chatham (508-945-2030) runs launches throughout the day to South Beach, one of the Outer Beaches. If you are a birder they can take you to North Monomoy Island. Bring a picnic and stay for the day. They also run one-hour seal cruises.

**Atwood House.** The low door lintels of this 1752 Cape Cod cottage will remind you that people in Colonial times were quite a bit shorter than the average American today. Period furnishings and clothing, Sandwich glass, seashells, and an excellent collection of old Chatham photographs are on display. Open mid-June through September, Tuesday through Friday, 1-4, rainy days 10-4 adults \$3. Stage Harbor Road. (508) 945-2493. [www.chathamhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.chathamhistoricalsociety.org)

## Wellfleet

Native American tribes summered along Wellfleet Harbor and lived on the delicious oysters for thousands of years. The white settlers came and by the middle of the 19th century turned Wellfleet into the oyster capital of New England. The oysters are still some of the best on the east coast and are prized at the finest seafood restaurants in the country. A major oyster festival takes place the first weekend after Columbus Day weekend each year.

[www.wellfleettoysterfest.org](http://www.wellfleettoysterfest.org). 61% of the land area of Wellfleet is in the Cape Cod National Seashore Park. During the summer, the population swells from 3,500 year-round residents to an estimated 17,000 persons

**The Wellfleet Harbor Actors' Theater** (WHAT) located on Mayo Beach, next to the Town Pier in an intimate (90 seat) theater, presents contemporary thought-provoking plays. Construction on an additional new theater with 189 seats, a larger stage and backstage area will start spring 2006. The season currently runs from the end of May to beginning of November. (866) 282-9428. [www.what.org](http://www.what.org).

There are more than twenty quality summer art galleries. Most of the galleries and shops are clustered along Main Street, Bank Street, Baker Avenue, and Commercial Street. Our favorite galleries include **Kendall Art Gallery** East Main St. (508) 349-2482, **Cherrystone Gallery** E. Commercial St. (508) 349-3026, **Left Bank Gallery** on Commercial St. (508) 349-9451; **Cove Gallery** Commercial St. (508) 349-2530; **The Blue Heron** Bank St. (508) 349-6724.

Today more than seventy percent of Wellfleet is conservation land. After you've explored the village, drive by Mayo Beach to Chequesset Neck Road where you'll find the start of the **Great Island Trail**. Whether you decide to hike or not, the drive to the point takes you past some spectacular scenery. For a longer back-road tour, head north on Bound Brook Island Road and Old County Road, which eventually connects with Route 6 in Truro. If you are adventurous take some of the side roads and you'll see the sand hills overlooking the water and the vistas that Edward Hopper painted when he summered here from 1920 to 1967.

Unique to Wellfleet and in Ripley's *Believe It or Not* the **First Congregational Church** has the only town clock which rings ship's time (one, five and nine o'clock are two bells; two, six and ten o'clock are four bells; three, seven and eleven o'clock are six bells; and four, eight and twelve o'clock are eight bells. Half hours are struck by adding one stroke to the corresponding even hours).

## Provincetown

Only three miles long and basically two streets wide, this liberal, closely knit community boasts a fascinating, cosmopolitan mix of people. Provincetown was incorporated in 1727 and has a year round population of 3,400. During the summer, as many as 50,000 locals and visitors alike jam Commercial Street creating traffic gridlock and lending it a carnival atmosphere. The whale-watching fleet, the largest on the East Coast, attracts many of these visitors to town, as do, to a lesser extent, the artists and writers who have made this the most famous art colony in the country. Elsewhere, fishermen of Portuguese descent still leave early each morning in their colorful boats from the end of MacMillan Wharf and return in the afternoon to unload their catch of cod, mackerel, and flounder. The National Seashore's Province Lands wraps around the town from the tip of the cape with its spectacular wild dunes and ocean surf pounding the great beach.

Friday night is opening night for most Provincetown galleries during the season. [www.ptownchamber.com](http://www.ptownchamber.com)

Narrow one-way Commercial Street is about three miles from one end to the other. We have listed a few of our favorite stops along the way, starting at the east end and heading west. June through Mid-October most everything is open every day. If you are visiting off-season, shops and galleries are generally open on weekends and some are closed for the season.

**Suzanne Sinaiko's Garden.** Next to 606 Commercial Street. Artists frequently come to paint in this manicured hillside garden with a gazebo in the middle of it.

**The Provincetown Theater** 238 Bradford Street (508) 487-7487 [www.ptowntheater.org](http://www.ptowntheater.org). Brand new 150 – 200 seat theater just

opened in 2004. The building is home to the Provincetown Repertory and the Provincetown Theater Companies.

**Berta Walker Gallery.** 208 Bradford St., (508) 487-6411. [www.bertawalker.com](http://www.bertawalker.com). Of the fine Provincetown artists represented here many have been associated with the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown.

**Provincetown Art Association and Museum.** 460 Commercial Street; Daily Memorial Day – September, weekends, rest of the year. (508) 487-1750. [www.paam.org](http://www.paam.org). The association was started in 1917 by members of the original art colony here. The definitive collection of Provincetown art is here. In November 2005 the newly renovated expanded facility opened. The gift shop has an excellent selection of books about Provincetown artists.

**Gallery Voyeur,** 444 Commercial Street. (508) 487-3678 [www.voy-art.com](http://www.voy-art.com). Gallery Voyeur is Johniene Papandreas' studio as well as the exhibition space for her works. Many of the works are larger than life paintings for example of an eye or part of a face. Visitors are welcome to watch Johniene work and ask questions.

**Anne Packard Gallery.** 418 Commercial Street; (508) 487-4690. [www.packardgallery.com](http://www.packardgallery.com). Stop in to see the highly regarded originals by Anne and her daughter. Anne does landscapes in oils; daughter Cynthia paints interiors and portraits of women.

**Giardelli Antonelli.** 417 Commercial Street; (508) 487-3016. Classic high-style hand made women's clothing from local designers. Linda has purchased a hand knit sweater here.

**Fine Arts Work Center.** 24 Pearl Street, (508) 487-9960. [www.fawc.org](http://www.fawc.org). Call for times and dates for readings, seminars and exhibits held at this prestigious center for artists and writers pursuing independent work.

**Provincetown Library.** 356 Commercial Street; (508) 487-7094. [www.ptownlib.com](http://www.ptownlib.com). A unique display in this new library is a 64-foot half-scale model of a 1907 fishing schooner, that was left here after The Heritage Museum closed. Note there are rest rooms at the side entrance on Center Street.

**Town Hall.** 250 Commercial Street; (508) 487-3900. Besides having clean rest rooms on the second floor, the collection of works by Provincetown artists is impressive. Just inside the front door Charles Hawthorne's painting of Provincetown fishermen from 1915 is stunning.

**Pilgrim Monument and Museum.** Off Bradford Street, north of Town Hall; (508) 487-1310. The history of Provincetown is told through models and displays. Of particular interest is a diorama of the vanished whaling settlement at Long Point. The women who lived in this settlement rebelled against living near the stench of the whale oil rendering vats and the racks of drying fish, so the families floated their homes to the main settlement at Provincetown. Many of the houses that they floated across the water still stand today in the west end of town, identified by blue plaques depicting a house on a barge.

The entry fee includes admission to the 252-foot-tall Pilgrim Monument, a replica of a Sienna bell tower with an interior ramp system modeled after that found in the campanile of San Marco, in Venice. The view is worth the hike: on a clear day you can see the entire Cape Cod and Boston's John Hancock and Prudential towers. Open daily, April through November, 9-4:30 (last admission), till 6:15 (last admission) in the summer. Times/days vary other times. Adults, \$7. [www.pilgrim-monument.org](http://www.pilgrim-monument.org)

**Julie Heller Gallery** 2 Gosnold Street; (508) 487-2169. [www.juliehellergallery.com](http://www.juliehellergallery.com). A must stop is this small building on the harbor where you can buy paintings by the likes of the founders of the Provincetown art colony: Charles Hawthorne, Milton Avery, Henry Hensche, and contemporary artists. Julie Heller is a font of

knowledge about the art colony and she stays open late in the season and weekends rest of the year.

**Portuguese Bakery.** 299 Commercial St. (508) 407-1803. Stop in for fried *malasada* (sweet doughnuts) at this old time bakery, a Portuguese shop from the past when the town was a fishing port.

**Universalist Meeting House.** 236 Commercial Street; (508) 487-9344. [www.uumh.org](http://www.uumh.org). Stop in and take a close look at the outstanding trompe l'oeil interior of the sanctuary on the second floor. Realistic, three-dimensional alcoves, pilasters and panels were painted onto all four walls. The ceiling is a copy of the marble dome of the Temple of Jupiter in Athens. It is said to be



*Stop in for fried malasada (sweet doughnuts) at the Portuguese Bakery in Provincetown*

one of five entirely trompe l'oeil interiors in the country. With the exception of Sundays, the sanctuary is usually kept locked. Check the first-floor office for someone to let you in.

**Atlantic House.** 6 Masonic Place. The locals call it the A-House. During the fifties and sixties, it was the summer hangout of the New York abstract expressionists, jazz greats appeared frequently, and Tennessee Williams wrote *The Glass Menagerie* here. Today it is a popular gay bar.

**Marine Specialities.** 235 Commercial Street (508) 487-1730. In business for more than 40 years this is your old Army-Navy store packed to the rafters with old military clothing from armies all over the world, antique snowshoes, Swedish Army long underwear, weathervanes, Greek fisherman caps, etc.

**Wa.** 184 Commercial St. (508) 487-6355 Simple Zen decorative home accessories in earth tones including those stone fountains with water trickling over Chinese calligraphy you see in spas today.

**Yesterday's Treasures.** 176 Commercial Street (508) 487-5920. 20<sup>th</sup> century art pottery & glass, Provincetown paintings & estate jewelry.

**Provincia,** 140 Commercial St. (508) 487-5603 Many ceramics from Portugal.

**Peter's Royal Navy.** 120 Commercial Street (508) 487-7141 [www.petersroyalnavy.com](http://www.petersroyalnavy.com). A most unique store with a nautical theme including ships clocks and barometers, a selection of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century binoculars, authentic Royal Navy plates, flags, linens and our favorite, a disk lamp with three figurines of sailors reminiscent of the 1949 movie *On The Town*.



# WHERE TO Stay

Cape Cod lodgings are arranged geographically from West Falmouth to Provincetown

## Inn at West Falmouth, West Falmouth

This turn-of-the-century grey shingle style bed and breakfast on a hill off a quiet road with a distant view of Buzzards Bay is an ideal place to stay if you are headed to or from the ferry to Martha's Vineyard or want to stay in the Upper Cape. Lawyers Sue Moran and Steve Calvacca, who live and have their offices here, purchased the inn in 1997. You could easily spend most of the day here as they have a heated swimming pool, a clay tennis court and have rackets to borrow, a hammock set under the trees, an enclosed porch with a billiard table and a few exercise machines, a living room with a piano and a wood-burning



*Inn at West Falmouth*

fireplace and a romantic cupola on the third floor which has a window seat and a good view of the water. Other amenities include afternoon tea or hot cider with cookies; an open bar (wine, beer and liquor) and early evening hors d'oeuvres.

One of the two favorite rooms is Room 3 on the second floor as it has an elaborately carved mahogany king-size bed, a fireplace, window seat and a large wrap-around balcony with a distant water view. The other favorite with the best view of the water is Room 6 on the third floor. This room has a balcony with a table and two chairs, a bedroom with a queen-size bed, and a fireplace. We stayed in second floor Room 4 with an unusual king-size bed with a metal framework canopy over each bed. While this room does not have a balcony, the windows offer a good water view. Other choices are Room 1 with a queen-size bed and a tiny balcony with an ocean view. Room 2 has a queen canopy bed, fireplace, and wraparound balcony facing the woods in the front of the inn. An unusual captain's window cut into the balcony's partition gives a view of the water. Room 5, the least expensive, faces the front of the house and has a fireplace and queen-size bed. All the rooms have televisions, marble tiled baths and standard-sized whirlpool tubs.

At breakfast guests sit at individual tables in one of two dining areas or outside overlooking the pool. Guests help themselves to the buffet which includes two hot dishes and breakfast meats along with juice, fruit, cereal, yogurt, breads and bagels for toasting, and pastries. On Sunday mornings they set out sparkling wine to make mimosas.

If you've brought bikes or want to take a beautiful drive we highly suggest the backroad drive to Woods Hole. Go south on

Route 28A, take Palmer Avenue to Sippewisset and follow for about 7 miles past mansions, a golf club and kettle ponds.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— Six rooms, all with private bath. Mid-June through September \$280-\$375. Other times \$195-\$310. Breakfast, afternoon and evening refreshments included. Children welcome, third person \$60. No pets. No smoking. Minimum stay on peak season weekends. 66 Frazar Road, West Falmouth, MA 02574. (508) 540-7696; [www.innatwestfalmouth.com](http://www.innatwestfalmouth.com)

## The Belfry Inne & Bistro, Sandwich

Innkeeper Chris Wilson has converted three buildings in the middle of the town to make an unusual inn complex. The Abbey, a former church built in 1900, is the main building and is the most impressive. The first floor of the Abbey, an architectural gem with flying buttresses, stained glass windows and a vaulted ceiling is a restaurant. Six rooms, named after the days of the week for God's creation, are on the second floor. We suggest staying in this building. We stayed in Tuesday, the former choir loft, which is the favorite room. It has a vaulted ceiling with a large circular stained glass window behind the queen-size bed. Other features are a gas fireplace and balcony. Friday, a second favorite, has a stained glass window of Gabriel, queen size bed, Victorian sofa and chaise lounge, and a high ceiling. Saturday has a high ceiling, a stained glass window of Michael the Archangel, a king-size bed, and a tub in the middle of the room.

The Drew House, the former manse next to The Abbey, has ten rooms, all with flat screen televisions and many with double-size whirlpool tubs and gas fireplaces. The Painted Lady Restaurant, a casual bistro, is on the first floor. Some of our favorite rooms in this building are George Drew Room with a queen-size brass bed and a double whirlpool tub in the room and Martha Southworth Room, an especially large room with a queen-size bed and double whirlpool in the room. The Sara and Ida Drew Rooms on the third floor are good for a family as they can be made into a suite.



*Tuesday Room at The Belfry Inne has a magnificent circular stained glass compass window*

The Village House, ca. 1830, on the other side of The Abbey, is the newest property with the least expensive rooms. The front of the building is a porch with rocking chairs. Of the six rooms in this building the favorites are Rooms 4 and 5 each with queen-size beds and a fireplace.

Breakfast is served in the Abbey. On busy days it is a buffet with a selection of pastries, fruit, yogurt and cereal and hot dish such as crêpes with a cream filling or scrambled eggs with breakfast meats and sautéed potatoes, the dishes served the two days we stayed.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— 22 rooms, all with private bath, \$115-\$275. Breakfast included. Children welcome. Rooms are double occupancy only. No smoking. No pets. Two-night weekend minimum. 4-8 Jarves Street, P.O. Box 2211, Sandwich, MA 02563. (508) 888-8550, (800) 844-4542. [www.belfryinn.com](http://www.belfryinn.com)

## High Pointe Inn, West Barnstable

This three-room bed and breakfast, open since April 2004, is located just off Route 6A in West Barnstable. The blue clapboard well landscaped home is owned by Debbie and Rich Howard who formerly owned a bed and breakfast in North Conway, New Hampshire. If you are thinking about purchasing an inn this is a good place to stay as they teach a class entitled “How to operate a bed and breakfast inn” through the Sandwich Community School and are each licensed realtors. Seeing the view out the glass doors of the living room onto the Great Salt Marsh conservation land and in the distance the sand dunes of Sandy Neck Beach and Cape Cod Bay convinced them that this was the home for them. It has a new crisp contemporary feel with large rooms and high ceilings.

There are two common areas for guests and an exercise room with a treadmill, free weights and stability ball. Our favorite place to relax is the living room with a gas fireplace and sofas set to take in the view. Guests tend to gather here or on the deck which runs the length of the house.

The three rooms are each extraordinarily spacious, about 16 x 24 feet. All have queen-size pencil post canopy beds, CD players, and ceiling fans. The guest rooms do not have televisions. We stayed in the Sand Dollar Room on the first floor, the prime room as it has a cathedral ceiling, wood-burning fireplace, and a private deck. The other two rooms are on the second floor. Sea Dream has a dramatic feel with persimmon colored walls and coverlet. The desk is set in the dormer window which has a prime view. Moonglow Room is good for a third person as it has a daybed and two reclining chairs.

Rich, who studied at the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park, prepares a superb breakfast very attractively served with a daily choice of about five hot dishes. Guests dine in the candlelit dining room at one table or in nice weather sit on the terrace. The day we stayed one of us had an egg white omelet with lots of veggies and cheese and the other had Belgian waffles with a choice of bacon or sausage. A hot towel at the end of breakfast was a nice touch.

Other thoughtful amenities include beach chairs and umbrellas, afternoon refreshments and cordials after dinner.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— 3 rooms, all with private bath. May-October \$175-\$195, other times \$125-\$150. No tax added.



*High Pointe Inn*

Breakfast included. Children over 12 welcome. No smoking. No pets. Two night weekend minimum in season. 70 High Street, West Barnstable, MA 02668. (508) 362-4441, (888) 362-4441. [www.hpinn.com](http://www.hpinn.com)

## The Lamb and Lion Inn, Barnstable

Located on Route 6A in the mid-Cape this inn, owned by Alice Pitcher (former owner of Old Drovers Inn in New York) and Tom Dott, has features not found in most bed and breakfast inns. They allow dogs up to 25 pounds in all but one of the rooms, they have a grill for guests to use, six of the accommodations have cooking facilities, and breakfast is a buffet that guests eat wherever they like. The original part of the inn is a 1740 house. Over the years additions were made to the sprawling structure. Now the building wraps around a courtyard with a large heated pool (open Easter through October) and a hot tub (open year-round).

The inn has a very casual laid-back feel. Our favorite room (the only one that is pet-free) is the Innkeeper's Pride, a more upscale room than the others with a wood-burning fireplace, a deck with a grill, full kitchen, and bath with a whirlpool tub and separate shower. The Lamb's Retreat, good for a family, has a master bedroom with a king-size bed, living/dining room, full kitchen and a sleeping loft with a double bed. The Lion's Den is popular with some as it is quiet and has a wood-burning fireplace but not with others as it's a lower level room that gets little sunlight. Rooms that open onto the pool area are two Sweets Rooms with a kitchenette and the four Lair Rooms with a gas stove but no cooking facilities. Lair Room #1 is the most popular as it is a bright corner room with a king-size bed. The most unusual space is the multi-level Barn-Stable, the original rustic barn, with a sitting room with a gas fireplace. It includes three different sleeping areas (total of four beds) all of which share a single small bath with a shower only.

The breakfast buffet includes juice, a fruit dish (roasted pears, apples and plums or a tropical fruit salad with coconut), granola, and sweet breads. Guests take their tray outside by the pool or back to their rooms.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— Ten rooms, all with private bath. Mid-May-October \$145-\$250. Other times \$125-\$195. Breakfast included. Children over 8 welcome. Pets under 25 lbs. permitted, \$25 per day. No smoking. Two night weekend minimum in season. 2504 Main Street (Route 6A), P.O. Box 511, Barnstable, MA 02630. (508) 362-6823, (800) 909-6923. [www.lambandlion.com](http://www.lambandlion.com)

## The Captain's House Inn, Chatham

The most luxurious country inn in Chatham, half a mile from the center of town, is this former whaling captain's home and surrounding buildings which Jan and Dave McMaster purchased in 1993. They run the inn along with a well-trained staff of English hotel school students who do their internships here.

Guests stay in one of the four buildings on this two-acre property—the Main House, the attached Carriage House, the Captain's Cottage, and the Stables. Common areas and facilities include the entrance hall with a wood-burning fireplace and the library. They have a formal herb garden with a fountain, a large outdoor heated pool, and an exercise room.

Over the years that we've visited the inn they've continued to make major improvements. The newest total renovation was the Stables, the former bunkhouse, transformed in 1997 into their most luxurious accommodations. In this building the most deluxe is Lydia Harding Suite with a bedroom with a king-size bed and fireplace, a sitting room with a second fireplace, and an enormous bath with an over-size double whirlpool tub and separate

shower with body sprays. The two first floor rooms are Wild Hunter and Northern Lights both with fireplaces.

In the Main House the top suite is Clarissa with a bedroom having a king-size bed surrounded on three sides by windows, a sitting room with a fireplace and bath with a double whirlpool tub (with a view of the fireplace) and a separate shower.

Our favorite room in the cooler weather with the old world feel is Hiram Harding in the Captain's Cottage. This room has 200-year-old walnut paneled walls, original pumpkin pine flooring, a king-size bed and wood-burning fireplace. Lady Mariah on the first floor has a king canopy bed and French doors opening to a bath with a double whirlpool tub and a fireplace. In the Carriage House we like Tradewinds, a first floor L-shaped room, with a small private patio, king-size canopy bed, and alcove with a two-person soaking tub. We also particularly like Wild Pigeon on the second floor which has an airy feel with a high cathedral ceiling, a small balcony, and king-size four-poster bed.

In the afternoon you will not want to miss the complimentary cream tea with scones, whipped cream and jam. They also do an English high tea daily (\$5 for guests \$15 for non-guests) with sweet and savory items. After dinner do stop by the kitchen for an evening snack of home baked cookies, hot chocolate and tea set out for guests to help themselves.

Breakfast (8-10) is served in the spacious sun room surrounded by large windows overlooking the gardens. Guests help themselves to cereals, pastries, breads, juices and a cold platter of smoked salmon, ham and cheese. Then they serve a fruit course followed by a daily choice of a savory or a sweet entrée such as salmon corn cakes, eggs in a nest, eggs Benedict, almond French toast, lemon yogurt pancakes, or crêpes with spiced peaches.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**—Sixteen rooms and suites, all with private bath. Late-May through mid-October, \$250-\$450. Other times \$185-\$295. Breakfast and afternoon tea included. Children over 12 welcome (double occupancy only). No pets. No smoking. Three nights minimum in season. 369 Old Harbor Road (Route 28), Chatham, MA 02633; (508) 945-0127; (800) 315-0728. [www.captainshouseinn.com](http://www.captainshouseinn.com)

## Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham

This resort, set on twenty-two acres close to the center of Chatham, has undergone and is continuing a multi-million dollar complete refurbishing. Facilities and amenities include a golf course, clay tennis courts, a huge heated outdoor pool with a waterfall fountain, fitness center, croquet court, private beach, and seasonal launch service to Outer Bar Beach. Complimentary children's programs for different age groups operate mainly during the summer with some programs for families during school vacations. A spa building (completion May 2006) will include five wet and dry treatment rooms, a 4,000 square foot hydrotherapy pool, and twelve suites. The resort includes a large



*Chatham Bars Inn is set on twenty-two acres across from the water*

main building with four restaurants, lounges and guest rooms on the second and third floors, and twenty-nine cottages ranging in size from one to eight bedrooms with some directly on the bluffs with water views. The Boathouse, a function room next to the pool, was recently renovated. Next to this is the Beach House Grill, a casual seasonal restaurant. For groups there's new state-of-the-art conference facilities in a separate building.

The best accommodations are the cottages (most with multiple accommodations) with full front waterviews. One of the best and largest suites, where we stayed, is on the second floor of the Harbor Watch building with a deck and large new bath with two sinks, oversized shower, soaking tub, and separate toilet room. Mooncusser, an ideal choice for the summer, has a huge deck, sitting room, two fireplaces, 1½ baths including a bidet, over-sized soaking tub and shower with body sprays. Bayview Cottage, a stand-alone one-bedroom cottage, has gas fireplaces in both the bedroom and sitting room, large bath with a steam shower and double whirlpool tub, and a large patio with a full waterview. Ocean Spray units, more moderately priced newly renovated suites with fireplaces and wet bars, are by the croquet course and close to the pool and ocean. In the main building rooms 2 and 21 are standard priced but oversized ocean view rooms that are often requested. As of Fall 2005 80% of all the rooms and suites, including all of the ones with ocean views, will be totally renovated with modernized baths, many with gas fireplaces and new furniture.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**—225 rooms and suites, all with private bath. Summer \$350-\$1,600. Winter \$265-\$810. All meals available. Children welcome, no extra charge. No pets. 5 night minimum July, 7 nights Aug. 297 Shore Road, Chatham, MA 02633. (508) 945-0096; (800) 527-4884. [www.chathambarsinn.com](http://www.chathambarsinn.com)

## Carriage House Inn, Chatham

Located a half mile from the center of Chatham, this bed and breakfast is a good option as it offers more moderately-priced accommodations. Innkeepers James Meyer, who formerly worked



*Carriage House Inn*

at the Boston Harbor Hotel, and his wife Jill purchased the inn in October 2003.

The inn includes three rooms in the Main House, three in a newly converted Carriage House, and a suite, formerly the innkeeper's quarters. All have televisions with DVD players, coffee makers, and except the suite, have queen-size beds.

The favorite is the spacious newly decorated contemporary suite with a wood floor throughout, a large living room with a sofa bed, matching oversized easy chairs and an ottoman, a fireplace using a

durflame log, and a glass door opening to a large deck. The adjoining bedroom has a king-size bed. The Carriage House rooms have doors opening to private sitting areas and fireplaces. Room 4 has a sleigh bed and gas fireplace. Room 5, the middle room, has a higher ceiling, a canopy bed, and a fireplace that uses a durafume log. Room 6 has a fishnet canopy bed, gas fireplace, and the best view of the three rooms.

Of the three Main House rooms the favorite is room 1 as it was the most recently redone with white cottage furniture and a canopy bed.

Complimentary sodas and bottled water as well as fruit and snacks are left out in the dining room. At breakfast (served 8-9) guests sit in the dining room or on the sun porch. The buffet includes cereal, yogurt, fruit, and muffins or coffee cake. The day we stayed we were served chilled peach soup followed by baked French toast with orange sauce and sausages. Other hot dishes are baked eggs Florentine, apple cinnamon pancakes, and a pie of hashed browns, bacon, eggs and cheese.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**—Six rooms and a suite, all with private bath. May through mid-October \$140-\$240. Other times \$95-\$195. Breakfast included. Children over 10 welcome, third person \$25. No smoking. No pets. Three night weekend minimum in season. 407 Old Harbor Road, Chatham, MA 02633. (508) 945-4688, (800) 355-8868, [www.thecarriagehouseinn.com](http://www.thecarriagehouseinn.com)

## Wequassett Inn, South Orleans

This first class resort is situated three miles north of Chatham on Pleasant Bay. The facilities include four tennis courts with a tennis pro available for lessons, croquet, a heated outdoor pool and hot tub (ready for the 2006 season), fitness center, sailboats, kayaks, a deepwater dock and launch service to the Outer Beach. During the summer they offer a children's program for \$25. Guests enjoy golf privileges at the neighboring prestigious Cape Cod National Golf Club, where play is restricted to members and guests who are staying at Wequassett.

The Cottage style rooms, all newly renovated, have two queen-size beds or a king-size bed, a sitting area, and bath with marble floor and vanity, tub and separate over-sized glass enclosed shower. Gas fireplaces are in the rooms without water views. Each of the Cottage buildings has four units, two with water views and two that don't.

The more expensive Premier Cottage Style rooms have patios with a water view and the less expensive Cottage Style rooms have a view of the grounds. These are good options for families as the units can be connecting. Six of the Premier Cottage rooms have gas fireplaces on the outside sitting area rather than inside. We liked them a lot and thought it would be great to be able to sit outside on cool evenings yet get the warmth of the gas fireplace. A third type of Cottage room, not as newly renovated and with no fireplaces, have larger private decks with full front views of the water and a wide grassy area leading down the hillside.

The most moderately-priced units are called Garden View rooms, with a king-size bed, two queen beds, or a queen bed and a double sleep sofa, older style pine furniture and patio or private deck overlooking the gardens set with two Adirondack chairs. Those on the second floor, premier Garden View Rooms, are preferable as they have vaulted ceilings.

The most requested rooms, and the ones we like the best, are the newly renovated Premier Water View with a king or two queen beds. These are located the closest to the beach and have a view of Pleasant Bay. All have floor-to-ceiling windows that open to a private deck overlooking the water. Rooms 43 and 44 are the favorites. The most expensive accommodation are the Pleasant Bay Suites 46 and 47 with king-size beds, a large living room with

large screen television, spacious baths with oversized tubs and separate showers, and decks overlooking the water.

Their restaurant, 28 Atlantic (*see* Where to Dine), has superb food, good views and an upper and lower veranda for outside dining. Other dining options are Thoreau's, a bar with a lighter fare menu, Outer Bar and Grill, and the pool bar and grille.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**—Open April through November. 104 rooms and suites, all with private bath. June through September \$320-\$825, suites \$875-\$1,300. Off season \$160-\$495. All meals available. Meal plan including breakfast and dinner \$70, but must be for the entire stay. Children welcome. No pets. On Pleasant Bay, Chatham, MA 02633; (508) 432-5400, (800) 225-7125. [www.wequassett.com](http://www.wequassett.com)

## A Little Inn on Pleasant Bay, South Orleans

Panoramic water views of Pleasant Bay and manicured expansive gardens greet guests at this top bed and breakfast owned by Sandra and Bernd Zeller and Pamela Adam (Sandra's sister). All have a background in the hospitality field. The two sisters grew up in the restaurant and hotel business in England and Bernd went to hotel school in Germany and attended the Culinary Institute of America.



*A Little Inn on Pleasant Bay has panoramic water views*

This is a place to bring your books and enjoy the views especially in nice weather. The Main House has a lounge with a wood-burning fireplace and view of the bay, back gardens and cranberry bog. A smaller lounge on the second floor overlooks the bay. Outside you can relax on the front and back patios, sit in one of the Adirondack chairs set in a row to take in the water views, or you can go across the road to their private dock to relax by the water or go swimming in the bay.

Rooms are named after boats that sailed in Pleasant Bay. In the Main House the top rooms are Knockabout with a king-size bed, pickled wood walls and peaked ceiling, and great views of the bay as well as the garden. Mercury on the first floor is a second favorite as it has a king-size bed and sliding doors opening to a private patio with a picture perfect view of the back gardens. Whistler with a view of the back garden and Daysailer with a view of the bay, each have queen beds.

Bay Rooms and the newly constructed Carriage House Rooms are in a separate building next to the main house. The top favorite with the best view and the only one with a fireplace is Wianno, a Carriage House Room, with a king-size bed, cathedral ceiling, and large picture windows with a view of the bay and garden. Baybird, the second Carriage House room, has a queen bed and sitting area with a large picture window along one wall. The Bay Rooms include two with two double beds and one with a queen-size bed.

In the late afternoon stop in the main house for a glass of sherry, port, or ginger wine. Breakfast served in the dining room or outside on one of two patios is a highlight. The dining room table is spread with lots of little plates of smoked fish and meats, cheeses, and pâtes that are shipped from Zabar's (a gourmet store in New York City) as well as a selection of fresh fruits, cereals, yogurt, pastries and breads. In addition Bernd offers a hot entrée which the day we stayed was eggs Benedict. This is definitely a meal to linger over and an inn

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— Closed December through mid-March. Nine rooms, all with private bath. Mid-May through early October \$225-\$300, other times \$200-\$275. Breakfast and sherry hour included. Children over 10 welcome, third person \$30. No smoking. No pets. Three-night minimum July and August. 654 S. Orleans Road, P.O. Box 190, South Orleans, MA 02662. (508) 255-0780, (888) 332-3351, [www.alittleinnonpleasantbay.com](http://www.alittleinnonpleasantbay.com)

## The Whalewalk Inn, Eastham

From this 1830s whaling captain's home located in a residential area of old well landscaped homes it is a five minute walk to Cape Cod Bay, a two-minute bike ride to the Cape Cod Rail Trail, and a ten-minute drive to the Cape Cod National Seashore. The three-acre property, owned since 2001 by innkeepers Elaine and Kevin Conlin, consists of the six buildings including the Main Inn, an attached converted Barn, a Guest House, Salt Box Cottage, Carriage House, and the Penthouse located over the new spa.

The main inn has two comfortable living rooms, one with the owner's Waterford collection, and both with fireplaces, two dining rooms and a patio where breakfast is served in the summer. The Spa building, completed in April 2005, has a resistance pool where you can adjust the current, a room with a large hot tub, massage room, sauna, and room with exercise equipment and weights.

All the rooms have televisions with VCR and they have a library of tapes. The most deluxe accommodation is the Spa Penthouse. This amazingly deluxe 1,000 square foot space includes a huge living room with a cathedral ceiling, kitchen, dining table, sitting area with a large-flat screen television, and fireplace. The bedroom has a high four-poster king-size bed and the bath has a granite-topped vanity, double whirlpool tub and glass block shower.

The Carriage House, built in 1997, has four rooms on the first floor and two suites on the second floor. Rooms have queen-size beds, gas fireplaces and outdoor seating areas. The suites have king beds, baths with corner whirlpool tubs for two and a



*The most deluxe accommodation at The Whalewalk Inn is the Spa Penthouse located on the second floor of the new Spa Building*

separate shower, a large sitting area by the gas fireplace, and balcony.

The Guest House has two suites and a room in the middle, each with a private entrance and newly renovated baths with skylights. Our favorite is the West Suite as it has a spacious living room with a cathedral ceiling, wood-burning fireplace, a full kitchen, small bedroom and a loft sleeping area with twin beds. The East Suite, also in this building, has a similar layout except it has a lower ceiling in the living room, no loft area, and a larger bedroom.

Barn Suite 1 has a living room with a gas fireplace and a soaking tub for two, and a separate bedroom with a four poster king bed. Barn Suite 2 has a living room with a gas fireplace off of which there's a kitchenette and a private deck area with a view of the meadows.

First floor room 1 in the main inn is a top choice with a particularly feminine feeling, a king-size four-poster bed, gas fireplace and a private entrance onto the inn's patio. The newly renovated bath includes a whirlpool tub as well as a steam shower.

Hors d'oeuvres are set out in the late afternoon (soft drinks complimentary, guests bring their own wine) and after dinner they set out cordials. At breakfast (served 8:30-10) guests sit at individual tables in one of the two dining rooms or on the patio. Granola and fruit is always available for those not wanting the entrée of the day. The day we stayed we were served Grand Marnier oatmeal pie, Canadian bacon, and a green salad with pears and blue cheese. Other dishes frequently served are three cheese Southwest pie served with chorizo, corn pancakes with a salmon rosette, and scrambled eggs on a portabello mushroom.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— Open March through December. Sixteen rooms and suites, all with private bath. Memorial Day through Columbus Day, \$205-340, spa penthouse \$450. other times \$175-\$285, spa penthouse \$395. Breakfast and hors d'oeuvres included. Children over 12 welcome; third person \$30. No smoking. No pets. 2-night minimum on weekends and during the summer. 220 Bridge Road, Eastham, MA 02642; (508) 255-0617, (800) 440-1281. [www.whalewalkinn.com](http://www.whalewalkinn.com)

## Fort Hill Bed and Breakfast, Eastham

This three-suite bed and breakfast in one of the prime locations on the Cape is at the end of a quiet road on a small knoll overlooking Nauset Marsh and the Atlantic Ocean in the Fort Hill Historic Rural District. Their three-acre property and the surrounding 100 acres of fields, forests, and walking trails are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Fort Hill Trails start across the road and meander on boardwalks through the woods and marshy areas with expansive views of the Atlantic Ocean.

Jean and Gordon Avery purchased the 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse in 1988 and after spending two years renovating have run it as a bed and breakfast since 1990. Jean is a recently retired high school teacher and Gordon is a retired real estate appraiser.

The prime accommodation and the one offering the most privacy is the 800 square foot cottage (completed 2002) which is next to the house. The first floor has a spacious cathedral-ceilinged living room with a gas fireplace and oil paintings by a local artist, full kitchen with a microwave (no stove), bath with a tiled shower, and glass doors opening to a private garden. The loft bedroom with an angled ceiling has a queen-size white wrought iron sleigh bed. The other two suites are in the main house. Emma Suite, on the first floor, has a sitting room with a mahogany piano and a wall of books. French doors open to the bedroom which has a queen canopy bed and the large bath has a window seat and an oversize cast iron soaking tub. Lucille Suite, on the second floor, has gold-colored walls, a queen-size wrought iron bed, a high angled ceiling, and a dressing room.



Fort Hill Bed and Breakfast

The common living room with a working wood-burning fireplace is popular especially for guests staying in the two suites in the main inn. Breakfast, served in the dining room, includes fresh squeezed orange juice, cereal with

yogurt, homemade muffins or pastry, and a different fruit and hot course daily. The fruit course could be a fruit cup, poached pears with cream or raspberry-glazed baked apples followed by zucchini quiche, Grand Marnier-cinnamon French toast or cheesy-chive egg soufflé.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**—Two suites and a cottage. Late-May to mid-October \$215-\$300, other times \$185-\$275. No taxes added. Breakfast included. Rooms are double occupancy only. Not appropriate for children. No smoking. No pets. 3 night minimum July-August. 2-night minimum September-June. No credit cards, 75 Fort Hill Road, Eastham, MA 02642. (508) 240-2870, www.forthillbedandbreakfast.com

## Watermark Inn, Provincetown

Watermark Inn, located in the quiet residential East End, is perfect if you want to stay directly on the water, watch the sun rise, or listen to the rhythmic pounding of the sea. At high tide the water comes to the edge of the decks outside the rooms, and at low tide the inn has a private sand beach.

The inn is owned by Kevin Shea and Judy Richland who live and work in Cambridge during the week. A resident innkeeper is at the inn.

The sleek, spacious, contemporary suites feature skylights and angled ceilings. Furnishings follow crisp, uncluttered Scandinavian style lines with colorful fabrics, white walls and furniture. Six of the ten suites have sliding glass doors opening onto private decks. Two have fireplaces that use duraflame logs. All these offer full front views of the water. One suite has a full kitchen; the others have kitchenettes.

We favor suites with decks that look out over the water. Our favorite first-floor suite, #3, is the largest suite and is popular with guests who do not want to climb stairs. Its living room has twelve feet of glass opening onto the deck with a full front water view. Furnishings include a king-size bed and a fireplace.

The second-floor suites have particularly spectacular water views because of their wider panorama, but the rooms are slightly



Watermark Inn

smaller than those on the first floor. The second-floor deck is set back farther from the water to prevent shading the deck below it. Suite 7, a corner suite, looks west out over the Provincetown Harbor. It has a full kitchen and a king-size bed. Suite 8 is a favorite with honeymooners for its working fireplace is located directly across the room from the queen-size bed. Suite 10, a corner suite with a queen-size bed, faces east—perfect for watching the sunrise. If lying in bed and listening to the waves appeals to you this is the suite where ocean sounds are loudest.

Other suites with full front water views and decks are #4 (first floor) and #9 (second floor). Lower-priced suites 1 and 2 do not have water views; #5 and #6 have partial water views.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**—Ten suites, each with private bath. Memorial Day through Labor Day, \$135-\$310. Other times of the year, \$85-\$240. Children welcome, ½ price of third adult \$50-\$60 depending on the season. July and August, there may be a one-week minimum stay, 3-4 night minimum on holidays. Meals not included. No pets. No smoking. 603 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657; (508) 487-0165. www.watermark-inn.com

## Crowne Pointe Historic Inn & Spa, Provincetown

This compound located a block off the main street in the middle of Provincetown is the most deluxe place to stay in Provincetown. Owners David Sanford and Tom Walter have totally redone all the rooms in their six buildings since purchasing the property in 1998. All are decorated with new traditional mahogany furniture. Many of the rooms have private entrances and outdoor sitting areas. The lushly landscaped inner courtyard areas around the heated pool and two outdoor whirlpool tubs tucked in more secluded areas add to the feeling of privacy. Robes are provided so you can slip one on to sit out on your deck, relax in the hot tub or pool, or go to the Shui Spa, by far the most deluxe day spa in Provincetown, an addition that was added in 2004. After crossing a small bridge with a waterfall and viewing the koi pond you enter the calm spa with five treatment rooms for massages, facials, wraps, manicures and pedicures. Unlike many spas with separate facilities for men and women this one is ideal for couples as the relaxing lounge with a large mineral therapy tub, the steam room, and the sauna are all coed.

The most deluxe accommodations are the two story penthouse suites with two bathrooms, one with a double whirlpool tub and one with a shower, a living room, kitchen, and spiral staircase leading to the second floor bedroom with a queen bed that overlooks the fireplace and sliding doors opening to a balcony. The deluxe suites, where we stayed, have a bedroom with a king-size bed and gas stove, bath with a double whirlpool tub, living room with a second fireplace, and kitchen. Some have a balcony and some as in our first floor suite are close to one of the outdoor sitting areas. Executive suites are a large room with a kitchen/dining area, sitting area, fireplace, deck, and bath with a double whirlpool tub. Junior suites include some with fireplaces and whirlpool tubs for two. Rooms are classified as Pamper me Three/Two or One Times. This refers to three/two or one extra amenities - king-size bed, fireplace, private deck, or whirlpool tub for two. All the rooms have a television with a DVD and use of the DVD library, refrigerator, and coffee maker.

In the late afternoon they serve complimentary wine and beer along with cheese and crackers. Our suggestion is to skip the complimentary wine and get a glass or bottle from their outstanding wine selection they serve in the bar as well as for dinner at the intimate 32-seat bistro restaurant (*see Where to Dine*).

At breakfast (served from 8-11) guests take a tray and help themselves to the buffet of cereal, yogurt, fruit, juices, pastries,



*Crowne Pointe Historic Inn & Spa*

and a changing hearty hot dish such as scrambled eggs with hash browns and bacon, pancakes, waffles, or French toast. Take your tray and sit at individual tables in the bistro, outside by the pool, or return to your room to sit on your deck.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— 40 rooms and suites, all with private bath. Mid-May through mid-October \$139-\$469, other times \$100-\$379. Breakfast and afternoon refreshment included. Dinner served Tues. – Sun. in season, Thurs. – Sun. off season. Children over 16 welcome, third person \$100. No smoking. No pets. 2 night weekend minimum and 2-5 nights in season. 82 Bradford Street, Provincetown, MA 02657. (508) 487-6767, (877) 276-9631, www.crownepointe.com

## The Brass Key Guesthouse, Provincetown

This inn, owned by Michael MacIntyre since 1992, is a compound made up of six houses and three cottages surrounding a courtyard with a large heated pool and hot tub. It is located in the middle of Provincetown a block off the main street.

The rooms have various styles with no two being alike. Many have a few antique pieces and all have designer fabrics and wallpaper. Half have queen and half have king-size beds, all have down pillows, robes, TV/DVD and use of their DVD library, refrigerators, and safes. Many have gas fireplaces, balconies and private decks.

The top rooms are in the deluxe category. Most of these have king-size beds, many have gas fireplaces and/or whirlpool tubs and some have private decks. Of the four cottages #11 with a queen bed, gas fireplace, and oversize shower with wall jets and #12 with a king-size bed and oversize whirlpool tub are popular as they are stand-alone cottages. The third deluxe cottage



*The Brass Key Guesthouse*

includes two units - #14 on the lower level with a shower with wall jets and #15 on the upper level, the most popular room as it has a high cathedral ceiling, bath with an oversize whirlpool tub and private deck. Room 38, where we stayed, is a summer favorite as it has a large deck with chaise lounges that overlooks the pool area. It has a double whirlpool tub but a small bedroom with a king-size bed. Another room with a great balcony is #42 with a gas fireplace and oversize whirlpool tub.

Superior rooms generally have showers with wall jets or smaller whirlpool tubs and standard rooms are smaller with standard baths.

In the late afternoon they set out complimentary wine, beer and Pellegrino as well as trays with assorted cheeses, fruit, olives, nuts, crudities and crackers. The night we stayed we were impressed with the variety and the attractive way it was served. They also have an espresso/latte/cappuccino machine with regular and decaffeinated coffee so you can get a cup at any time you want.

Breakfast is a buffet of muffins, sliced fresh fruits, juices, pastries and muffins, breads for toasting, cereal, yogurt and hard-boiled eggs. Guests can eat in the lounge, by the pool, in your room or on your deck.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— Closed January through March. 42 rooms, all with private bath. June weekends and July-Labor Day \$160-\$465, other times \$90-\$365. Breakfast and afternoon refreshments included. Children over 16 welcome. No smoking. No pets. Minimum stay during certain times. 67 Bradford Street, Provincetown, MA 02657. (508) 487-9005, (800) 842-9858, www.brasskey.com

## Land's End Inn, Provincetown

Sitting on a hilltop at the far west end of Provincetown, with panoramic views of the harbor, the bay, and the dunes, this is a one-of-a-kind seaside turreted Victorian bungalow. The common areas are decorated with an especially fine glass and art collection. In 2000 the inn was purchased by Michael MacIntyre who also owns The Brass Key. Common areas include the solarium with a curved picture window overlooking the bay and the atmospherically lit living room with a stone fireplace, overstuffed easy chairs, Tiffany-style lamps, stained glass window, and exotic wood carvings. The walls throughout the inn are covered with lots and lots of paintings.

Rooms are elaborately and uniquely decorated. Many have private decks or patios. Our favorite rooms with the best views are those on the upper levels. The Schoolman Suite with an expansive deck is the ultimate. The lower level is a large living room with picture windows and queen-size bed; the huge bathroom has a high ceiling and both a whirlpool tub on a raised platform and a stall shower. A spiral staircase leads to the upper-level sleeping loft which has a queen-size bed and fantastic harbor views. In the Bay Tower Room, with almost a three-hundred-sixty-degree view, the king-size bed is situated under a domed ceiling lined with rare African wood and blue glass with a cupola on top. A wraparound deck off this room affords a fabulous view. The Library, a large room on the main floor with a great view and private balcony, is another favorite. The Moroccan Room has an exotic feel with a king-size bed, Oriental rugs, and Turkish brazier which hangs from the peaked dark wood-paneled ceiling. The Higgins Room, a standard room, has lots of odd angles, a huge bath, and a large deck with a view of the harbor. All the rooms are highly decorated with a great deal of visual appeal and are wonderfully eccentric. There are no phones or televisions in the rooms.

From 5:30-6:30 they serve wine and cheese. Breakfast is a continental buffet of fresh-squeezed orange juice, muffins and breads, fresh fruit and berries, cereal and yogurt that guests can eat on the porch, by the fireplace, in the solarium, or outside to enjoy

the view. Don't forget your book, your sketch pad, or your paint brushes: You won't find another inn even remotely like this.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— Open mid-April-October. Sixteen rooms including one efficiency apartment, all with private bath. \$135-\$495. Continental breakfast included. Children welcome. Pets permitted in a couple of rooms. No smoking. Minimum stays at certain times. 22 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657; (800) 276-7088, (508) 487-0706. [www.landsendinn.com](http://www.landsendinn.com)

## The Red Inn, Provincetown

The inn and restaurant (*see* Where to Dine), painted red as you would suspect, is on the water at the far West End of Provincetown. What makes this inn special is that it is directly at the water's edge. Look out your room's glass doors or sit on the deck that runs the length of the building for a panoramic view. At high tide the water comes to the wall of the inn providing a show, which it did on the stormy night we were here. Depending on the room you choose you can get a sunrise or sunset view over the water.

This house was built in 1805, with subsequent additions, and has been an inn since 1915. Since 2001 when the inn was purchased by new owners all the rooms have been totally renovated. All rooms now have wood floors and queen-sized beds with goose down comforters and pillows. The first floor rooms have sliding doors opening to decks with direct water access. The largest accommodations are the two residences with full kitchens and separate living rooms. The larger is Delft Haven with a living room with a wall of windows letting you really feel the water, a baby grand piano and sofa set to take in the great views. It has a separate bedroom and bath with a shower and whirlpool tub. The Chauffeur's Cottage, the smaller residence, was recently renovated to include a gas fireplace, open plan kitchen and bath with an oversized shower and whirlpool tub.

Rooms and suites on the second floor have great water views and decks. From Monument View, accessed by a narrow staircase, you get a spectacular view of the moon rising over the harbor and a view of Pilgrim's Monument. Sunset View is a large quiet room at the west end of the second floor. Pilgrim's Landing Suite, the largest of the second floor accommodations, has a separate living room, wet bar, and five windows with water views.

First floor rooms and suites include Harbor's End Suite, an oversized room with a sitting area, Long Point Light Room, and Cape Light Room all with baths with over-sized showers and pedestal sinks. And best of all they open to the deck which is directly overlooking the water.

Continental breakfast of coffee and muffins is included.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**— Eight rooms and suites, all with private bath. Mid-June through mid-September \$220-\$495. Other times \$165-\$325. Continental breakfast included. Guests over 18 welcome. No pets (kennel nearby). No smoking. Minimum stays required in season. 15 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657. (508) 487-7334, (866) 473-3466, [www.theredinn.com](http://www.theredinn.com)

### Vacation Rental Homes.

Instead of staying at an inn another option is renting a cottage or a large house. This company has a database of over 2,700 listings for vacation rentals in Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket as well as Florida. They don't book the properties. They help the owners advertise and they do all of the bookings directly. In season the minimum stay is generally a week (Saturday to Saturday on the Cape) and off-season you can rent for a long weekend. [www.WeNeedaVacation.com](http://www.WeNeedaVacation.com). To contact the owners of the company, Joan and Jeff Talmadge, (781) 239-1469, [info@weneedavacation.com](mailto:info@weneedavacation.com)



Cape Cod restaurants are arranged geographically from West Falmouth to Provincetown.

## Chapoquoit Grill, West Falmouth

Located six miles north of Woods Hole on Rt. 28A this restaurant is a locals' favorite as prices are moderate and portions are large. As no reservations are taken be prepared for a long wait during the peak times. On a Saturday in early October the place was packed. This is a family friendly large restaurant with glass topped tables with Windsor chairs, blackboard specials, and a somewhat Caribbean feeling with coral colored walls and palms. The favorite dining area is by the gas-fired stone fireplace.

Start with a shared appetizer or two for the table. The house salad was leaf lettuce, mushrooms, croutons, and roasted peppers (enough for two or more) and the more creative bibb salad came with toasted walnuts, apples and provolone. From a list of thin crust pizzas cooked in a wood fired brick oven we selected the shrimp diavolo pizza loaded with whole shrimp. Entrée choices, both from the specials list, were lamb lollipop chops crusted with horseradish and herbs sprinkled with aged balsamic cider reduction served over mustard mashed potatoes. The second choice was roasted red snapper with mild key lime chipotle glaze over a rice pilaf flavored with ginger. There is no charge for splitting if you do it at the table.

If you have the room for dessert we suggest the apple crisp with layers of apples topped with vanilla ice cream. The regular wine list has about 30 selections in the under \$30 range and a reserve list. We selected a 2001 Marcel Deiss Alsatian Riesling, a good value at \$36.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Dinner nightly. Entrées \$11-\$26. 410 W. Falmouth Hwy. (Rte. 28A), West Falmouth, (508) 540-7794.

## The Belfry Inne & Bistro, Sandwich

A former church, built in 1900 in the center of the historic town of Sandwich, is one of the most impressive dining spaces we've seen. Tables are linen covered and the chairs have white slipcovers. Your eyes will be drawn upward to the high peaked ceiling with exposed beams, the massive flying buttresses and the stained glass windows. The raised altar is now a piano bar with four seats. An intimate side room with a lower ceiling has one table, good for a small group.

The presentation of the dishes is a work of art. Three pan seared sea scallops were served over a crispy chorizo flavored polenta cake with sautéed spinach topped with roasted pepper salad and decorated with dollops of yellow and orange pepper emulsion. An unusual salad consisted of baby bok choy mixed with duck confit tossed with a pear ginger sauce which was molded into a round shape and topped with pea greens.

The most popular entrée is three sea scallops and ½ of a lobster tail and a claw surrounding slivered sliced thin potatoes, spinach, asparagus and carrots. A second selection was roasted halibut served over roast potatoes with caramelized oyster mushrooms and sliced baby artichokes. Also on the menu was pan seared lemon sole filet with a shrimp risotto cake and roasted pork tenderloin served with barbeque pork confit, sweet potato cakes and hush puppies. The well chosen wine list included a 2003 Acacia Vineyard Pinot Noir Carneros which we enjoyed.



*Belfry Bistro is in a former church*

For dessert we shared a crème brûlée topped with raspberries, strawberries and spun sugar.

The Painted Lady Bistro in the Victorian manse next to the inn has an informal feel and serves casual fare such as chicken pot pie, baked macaroni and cheese, Brie cheese burger, roast chicken and gravy, and flat iron steak and fries.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Dinner Tuesday through Sunday, entrées \$20-\$32. Painted Lady, lunch and dinner Tuesday through

Sunday, \$8-\$25. Fewer days in the off-season. 4-8 Jarves Street, Sandwich, (508) 888-8550, [www.belfryinn.com](http://www.belfryinn.com)

## Abbicci, Yarmouth Port

Long time restaurateur Marietta B. Hickey runs our favorite high end Italian restaurant on Cape Cod. Recently she changed the menu to include a large tapas menu and the option of smaller or larger portions of main courses, which we really loved as it gave us a chance to try many different flavors. We could eat here every night. The interior of this bright mustard-colored clapboard roadside building is strikingly contemporary. The four intimate rooms have white walls painted with historic outline maps of parts of Italy, track lighting, black chairs and white table cloths.

The menu features 22 different tapas and antipasti. We shared three. Roasted fresh dates were stuffed with chèvre and wrapped with smoked prosciutto. Six tender Wellfleet littlenecks came with a flavorful broth of white wine, garlic, ginger, Serrano chilies and tomato. Next was a plate of grilled baby artichokes with lemon-white truffle vinaigrette, local cherry tomatoes and Belgian endive. From the nine pasta selections we chose orecchiette sautéed with duck sausage and broccoli rabe. One of the seven meat dishes was an Italian boneless loin veal roast stuffed with Salame Toscano (course ground beef and pork with whole peppercorns) served with a roasted garlic Madeira sauce.

We really enjoyed the robust flavors of the Livorno fish stew with baby shrimp, littleneck clams, mussels, monkfish and calamari simmered in a lobster and tomato broth served with roasted garlic aioli and tomato romesco crostini. Meltingly delicious sautéed fillet of yellowtail flounder covered with a sliced preserved lemon and caper berry sauce came with haricots verts and whole baby carrots.

For dessert we selected three cheeses (gorgonzola from Lombardy, Cypress Grove goat cheese from California and a special reserve Parmigiano served with four types of crackers, sliced apples, pears, grapes and two jams.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Lunch and dinner daily. Lunch \$12-\$15. 3-course dinner 3:30 to 5:30 P.M \$18 -\$23. Dinner entrées small plates \$9-\$24, larger size plates \$19-\$34. 43 Main Street (Route 6A), Yarmouth Port, (508) 362-3501, [www.abbicci.com](http://www.abbicci.com)

## Inaho, Yarmouth Port

This fine Japanese restaurant, a longtime favorite that's been here for many years, had a major facelift in 2005. If you like to watch the action ask to sit at the sushi bar or in one of the booths in the same room. The owners Alda and Yuji Watanabe visit the markets twice a week and it is they whom you will see behind the sushi counter preparing the sushi and sashimi.

After starting with a selection of tuna sashimi - the standard maguro, the fatty tuna chu-toro, and the ultimate bluefin o-toro - we knew they had good sources for the top fish. Next we had a generous portion of seaweed salad followed by tasty tender grilled whole squid served sliced with a soy ginger sauce. For a main dish we continued with a sushi - sashimi plate, a chef's choice, that includes nine different seafood selections.

The large menu also has items for those who are not inclined to eat raw fish. Chicken or beef teriyaki, shrimp and vegetable tempura, and a whole fried fish served with spicy soy seasoned vegetables.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Entrées \$14-\$27. 157 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port, (508) 362-5522.

## The Brewster Fish House, Brewster

Since this small popular restaurant with a single room serves some of the best fish around at moderate prices it's no wonder that there's often a wait to get in. There's a small bar area in one corner and ten glass-topped tables. We came with locals who immediately steered us to their favorite starter - fried calamari with red pepper aioli. Grilled swordfish and sea scallops (our two choices) were both well prepared without sauces so the flavor of the fish was not obscured. For more creative combinations try baked pollock under a horseradish crust; grilled salmon with spinach, prosciutto and mustard sauce; linguine with sautéed shrimp with spicy sun-dried tomato pesto; baked cod with stuffing; and walnut crusted catfish.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Open April through December. Wednesday through Sunday, lunch and dinner. Lunch entrées \$10-\$15, dinner entrées \$17-\$35. No reservations. 2208 Main Street (Route 6A), Brewster. (508) 896-7867.

## Chillingsworth, Brewster

The dining options at this well-known acclaimed French restaurant owned by chef/owners Nitzzi Rabin and his wife Pat include the main restaurant offering an elaborate seven course menu or the contemporary Bistro offering a lighter a la carte option. In the over 30 years that the Rabins have owned the restaurant we have enjoyed meals in both the main restaurant and in the bistro. The price of the entrée determines the price of the dinner. Choices include at least eight appetizers, entrées, and desserts as well as a couple of choices of soup. Salad, sorbet, and coffee or cappuccino are included. From a current menu starters include seared scallop with asparagus risotto, seared foie gras with grilled brioche, and spicy grilled shrimp with guacamole and salsa. Main course options include seared king salmon, roasted tenderloin, and seared sea scallops with different creative accompaniments.

Bistro meals are served in the cathedral-ceilinged greenhouse lounge. Dinner choices could be seared halibut with roasted tomato, grilled veal porterhouse chop with wild mushroom risotto, and roasted pork chop with garlic polenta. For lunch you could have penne with rock shrimp and artichokes, seared lamb sandwich with roasted yellow pepper, or grilled flatiron steak with truffle fries.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Mother's Day through November. Lunch, Sunday brunch, and dinner. Days vary with the season. Bistro entrées lunch \$13-\$17, dinner \$17-\$37. Main restaurant 7-course dinner \$60-\$70. Route 6A, Brewster. (508) 896-3640, [www.chillingsworth.com](http://www.chillingsworth.com)

## Eldredge Room at Queen Anne Inn, Chatham

Chef Toby Hill, who took over the 30-seat restaurant at the Queen Anne Inn in May 2005, has one of the most interesting and

creative menus on Cape Cod. The ingredients are almost exclusively from outstanding sources in the United States and the wine list is all American. The room has dark wood walls and little candles on the chair rail surrounding the room.

To get the full breadth of this restaurant we suggest the six or eleven course tasting menus with paired wines rather than just the a la carte menu. If you are a fan of caviar the menu includes a selection of eight American caviars served with potato blini and traditional accompaniments. Appetizers continue with a delicious parsnip soup with lobster, oyster mushrooms and thyme brown butter. Another was a combination of seared scallops with a BBQ Niman Ranch pork butt served over corn puree topped with corn emulsion. Entrées include Toby's creative fish & chips, stacked thick potato logs topped with a piece of truffle-crust Chatham cod. Chatham monkfish is wrapped in Smithfield ham and served with roasted carrot consommé, Yukon Gold potato puree and caramelized brussel sprouts and shallots. A fork tender cube of venison was served with a bourbon whiskey sauce. Muscovy duck breast came with grape and shallot puree and seared foie gras.

Desserts included a soda float made with caramel soda, mulled apple cider ice cream and Granny Smith apple foam. The chocolate soufflé was made with Hawaiian chocolate, chocolate-peanut butter ice cream and shaved chocolate. From the selection of American cheeses we had Twig Farm raw milk tome. This was a superb meal we will long remember, a rare find.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open April to New Years. Daily in season. Entrées \$25-\$37. Tasting menus 6-course \$65, 11-course \$100. 70 Queen Anne Road, Chatham. (508) 945-2990, [www.eldridgeroom.com](http://www.eldridgeroom.com)

## Vining's Bistro at Chatham

This small 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restaurant on Main Street in Chatham is a place to come if you like different beers and ales and wood grilled food with a heavy emphasis on multi-ethnic fare and complex flavorful spice blends. Appetizers include a skewer of grilled shrimp and chorizo, Thai-style crab cakes, and roasted peppers stuffed with smoked mozzarella, pistachio pesto with soppressata. Entrées include spit roasted cider brined pork loin and grilled Wolfneck Farms (near Freeport, Maine) rib eye steak rubbed with espresso spice served with truffle roasted shiitakes and barbecued red onions. Other dishes are spit roasted chicken and a clay pot filled with shrimp, scallops and calamari simmered with a Thai green curry coconut sauce with Asian vegetables.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open May – mid-January. Dinner entrées \$19-\$29. No reservations. 595 Main St. (upstairs at the Gallery building), Chatham. (508) 945-5033, [www.viningsbistro.com](http://www.viningsbistro.com)

## The Impudent Oyster, Chatham

Closely-spaced tables surround the edge of the room at this popular informal eatery. Mussels with sliced chorizo sausage in a spicy tomato broth was an ideal lunch on a cold day. The pesca fra diablo, a bowl of fettuccine topped with shrimp, scallops, mussels, clams, and pieces of fish in a spicy sauce, is more than ample. Pan roasted Chatham cod with littlenecks, chorizo sausage and lobster in a tomato garlic and herb broth, half a roast duck, and grilled tenderloin and ½ of a lobster tail are other dinner choices.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Daily, lunch and dinner, entrées, \$18-\$26. 15 Chatham Bars Avenue, Chatham. (508) 945-3545.

## Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham

The resort has four dining options: the large formal dining room, the Tavern, Beach House Grill and the Chef's Table.

The main dining room has sweeping views of the water and is a quiet refined setting. Yellow fin tuna tartare Napoleon and pan

seared Maine crab cakes are favorites. The tour de force is sautéed lobster meat served with sautéed scallops, sweet potato and celery root puree. In the summer there are dinner dances every Saturday night. On Sunday they serve a grand buffet brunch.

In cooler weather we prefer the Tavern when we want an informal meal. There are fireplaces in both rooms which have dark wood paneling, mounted ship models and sea prints. We started with Wellfleet oysters on the half shell served on crushed ice. Main courses include items such as grilled swordfish, baked Chatham cod and grilled pork chop.

The Beach House Grill across the road is a casual restaurant with water views. It features their signature lobster roll.

The Chef's Table and Wine Cellar, located just off the Main Dining Room, is a demonstration kitchen that seats 24 guests who watch the chef prepare a tasting menu. Two large flat panel televisions over the cooking area let you see in detail the chefs at work. The three hour seven-course dinner begins in the wine cellar with a glass of champagne. Check on reservations for this room as it frequently gets booked by groups.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Lunch and dinner daily in the Tavern and Beach Grill, entrées \$10-\$25. Main dining room, entrées \$24-\$59. Chef's Table \$120/\$170 with wines. 297 Shore Road, Chatham. (508) 945-0096. [www.chathambarsinn.com](http://www.chathambarsinn.com)

## 28 Atlantic, Wequassett Inn, Pleasant Bay

The large newly redecorated formal-feeling dining room, one of the grandest on Cape Cod has a magnificent view of Pleasant Bay. Tables by the large picture windows are of course the prime seats.

Creative appetizers include a duo of foie gras seared with coffee and fig-French toast and a torchon of foie gras, lobster egg foo young or black truffle risotto. Interesting entrées in early



28 Atlantic in the Wequassett Inn has a magnificent view of Pleasant Bay

October were beef tenderloin, oxtail ragout and exotic mushrooms with porcini cream with an optional seared Hudson Valley foie gras. Crispy trout comes with caviar butter and ratatouille; braised short rib is served with caramelized root vegetable hash and cauliflower sauce; and butter poached lobster comes with Yukon gold potatoes, corn pudding and asparagus.

During the summer the ideal breakfast or lunch spot is outside on the veranda at one of the umbrella topped tables with a water view. Lunch choices include fried clams, chicken quesadilla, Caesar salad with additions of grilled chicken, fried oysters or grilled shrimp, lobster roll, baked macaroni & cheese or fish n' chips.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open April through November. Lunch entrées, \$11-\$21. Dinner entrées \$24-\$47. Jackets requested at dinner. Route 28, Pleasant Bay, Chatham. (508) 432-5400. [www.wequassett.com](http://www.wequassett.com)

## Abba Restaurant, Orleans

Take an Israeli and a Thai, combine their talents and cuisines, and you have a menu of exciting flavorful additions to the Cape Cod dining scene, a place we'd like to visit frequently. The restaurant is owned by husband and wife team Chef Erez Pinhas and Christina Bratberg who runs the front of the restaurant. The seating in the two very attractive intimate rooms is either on banquettes covered with layers of pillows or black ladder back cane chairs. We started with marinated eggplant served with three grilled sea scallops, a different flavor combination so interesting that we asked for the eggplant recipe (*see* Recipe) and have made it at home. A second outstanding appetizer was grilled cubed rare tuna marinated in lime juice served on a bed of watercress, cilantro and chopped tomatoes. Mussels from Brewster steamed in coconut milk with Thai spices, pineapple and basil and falafel with Israeli salsa served in a tahini amba sauce (made from pickled mangoes) are other starters.



*The seating in Abba Restaurant is either on banquettes covered with layers of pillows or black ladder back cane chairs*

As we like spices and strong flavors we selected the pad Thai, the best we have ever had. Here they use whole scallops and large shrimp and make their own tamarind sauce. A second truly memorable entrée with a delicious kick was Thai seafood stew made with spicy coconut broth, mussels, scallops, clams, fish, shrimp and jasmine rice. For milder flavors get the rack of lamb crusted with herbs served on a bed of Swiss chard, leeks, and chick peas; local cod served with a garlic sauce and fresh tomato salsa; and duck breast with a satay sauce, gnocchi and broccolini.

Following our waiter's suggestions we enjoyed the walnut date pudding cake served with ginger ice cream and a toffee sauce and sticky black rice pudding with coconut pineapple ice cream and wedges of fresh pineapple. The excellent wine list includes 53 reds with 29 of them over \$100.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Entrées \$18-\$32. West Road & Old Colony Way, Orleans, (508) 255-8144. [www.abbarestaurant.com](http://www.abbarestaurant.com)

## Joe's Beach Road Bar & Grille, East Orleans

Joe's baseball caps in a rainbow of colors are lined up along the top of the long bar at this large friendly place that has something for everyone - individual thin crust pizzas, chicken wings, spring rolls, crab cakes, whole belly fried clams (which were delicious), Greek or spinach salad as well as entrées. We had the braised lamb shank, the dish they're known for, and the sliced veal cutlet served over angel hair pasta with prosciutto, mushrooms, and sundried tomatoes. Salmon pistache with a crust of pistachio and pine nuts is another of the dishes that doesn't leave the menu. There is lobster pasta, lobster pizza, lobster quesadilla and lobster steamed and cracked. If fine wines are your thing, the list here is exceptional and if you happen to be in the area in October stop in for the half price sale. The red wine list included five different Turley zinfandels as well as twenty pinot noirs from California and France.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Dinner daily. Entrées \$15-\$30, pizza and sandwiches \$9-\$15. Main Street at Beach Road, East Orleans. (508) 255-0212. [www.barleyneck.com](http://www.barleyneck.com)

## Sir Cricket's Fish 'N Chips, Orleans

This small take out has four tables for eating in. The fish is as fresh as it gets as it comes from the attached Nauset Fish & Lobster Pool fish market. We stopped for lunch several times enjoying lobster rolls, fried clams, and clam chowder so good we took home a couple of quarts of the base. Notice the chair seats of local personalities painted by Dan Joy.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Daily, 11-8 \$4-\$17. Fish market daily 9-6. Route 6A, Orleans, next to the Bird Watcher's General Store. (508) 255-4453

## The Wicked Oyster, Wellfleet

Under new ownership since 2004 this large popular restaurant has a creative menu and casual atmosphere. Dishes made using local oysters include a rich oyster stew with thyme and fennel, raw oysters, grilled oysters, and Caesar salad topped with buttermilk fried oysters. Local mussels are served in a broth with bacon, cilantro and jalapeno peppers. Lobster is mixed with penne pasta, artichokes, feta cheese and fresh mint. Other fish dishes include pan fried sole served over whipped root vegetables and poached halibut in a curry and coconut milk broth served over roasted vegetables. For beef eaters they have burgers, half rack of lamb crusted with rosemary and scallion, tenderloin with a Bourbon caramel sauce, and braised short ribs in a tomato and bean ragu served over fresh pappardelle.

At lunch they serve most of the same appetizers, salads and burgers and other choices such as roasted vegetable wrap with pesto and Swiss cheese, blackened fish sandwich, fresh tuna salad and tandoori chicken.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Breakfast and lunch daily. Lunch \$6-\$10. Dinner Thursday through Tuesday, entrées \$16-\$22. 50 Main Street, Wellfleet. (508) 349-3455.

## Bookstore & Restaurant, Wellfleet

We come here as this is one of the best places on Cape Cod to get Wellfleet oysters right from the source. Located across the road from Wellfleet Harbor with views of the water and Great Island, it has been family owned for over 40 years. In fact they raise their own oysters and clams for the restaurant. Crab cakes, steamed soft or littleneck clams, fried calamari, and smoked salmon are some of the other appetizers. They have the usual fried seafood and other entrées such as mussels & littlenecks steamed in a spicy tomato sauce served over linguini, baked Chatham scrod or sea scallops,

shrimp scampi, and cheese tortellini sautéed with lobster meat and scallops. Do check out the book section for Cape Cod titles.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open mid-February to mid-December. All meals. Entrées \$15-\$20. Lobsters at market price. Wellfleet oysters \$17/dozen, Wellfleet clams \$13/dozen. 50 Kendrick Ave., Wellfleet. (508) 349-3154. [www.wellfleetoyster.com](http://www.wellfleetoyster.com)

## Fanizzi's by the Sea, Provincetown

At high tide you can practically feel the water as it slops against the pilings. Though we prefer the window tables, you get a view of the water from any seat in the back dining room. This is a thoroughly casual restaurant with solid, reasonably priced American food. Residents at the East End like it as it's far enough from the center of town that the majority of day-trippers never find it. The menu is large and varied. Sandwiches include pastrami, grilled portabella wrap, Philly steak, and turkey, beef and veggie burgers. Entrées include meatloaf, mustard nut crusted cod, a fried fisherman's platter, and fish and chips. The Sunday brunch buffet 10-2 is all you can eat.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Daily, lunch and dinner. Lunch \$9-\$15, Dinner entrées, \$10-\$24. Sunday brunch \$13. 539 Commercial Street, Provincetown. (508) 487-1964. [www.fanizzisrestaurant.com](http://www.fanizzisrestaurant.com).

## The Mews Restaurant and Café, Provincetown

Located on the water in the East End art district they offer a continental menu in the beach-front dining room, a second floor café serving an American bistro menu as well as the continental menu, and a bar featuring martinis using their collection of 175 different kinds of vodkas from 27 countries. The few tables along the windows are the desired ones but these can not be reserved.

Appetizers on the fine dining menu include panko coated fried calamari with Szechuan sauce, fried wontons filled with duck breast and smoked Gouda, and lobster dumplings in a miso broth. For entrées there's scallops in a mirin soy broth, almond crusted cod served with horseradish mashed potatoes, flatiron steak and scallops served with bacon and mushroom bread pudding, and filet mignon with béarnaise sauce. The café menu has the same starters and main courses such as roasted half chicken with a mushroom cream sauce, burgers and pasta with basil pesto.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Dinner nightly. Lunch/Sunday brunch late May through September. Dinner entrées \$18-\$32. Café entrées \$10-\$22. 429 Commercial Street, Provincetown. (508) 487-1500, [www.mews.com](http://www.mews.com).

## Chester, Provincetown

Located in an 1800's Greek Revival captain's house in Provincetown's East End arts district, this delightful dining room has gold-colored walls decorated with art from the well regarded Addison Gallery in Orleans.

The dining experience here is at the top of Provincetown restaurants. We started with a trio of beets - a Napoleon of red and golden beets with pistachios and chèvre, a beet tartar made with layers of fine chopped red and golden beets, and beet micro greens. The delicious Chester chowder included local sea scallops, linguica sausage, potatoes, kale and leeks.

For entrées one of us had the surf and turf combination of two grilled diver scallops dusted with Chinese 5-spice served over parsnip puree and roasted duck breast with a sauce à l'orange. The second dish was an incredibly tender small lobster claw and tail taken out of the shell served over chicken-of-the-wood mushroom risotto. To finish we had the tarte tatin served with gingersnap ice cream.

From the list of over 160 wines featuring vintages from smaller producers worldwide we enjoyed a 1997 MacRostie, Chardonnay from California which had the flavor of a fine French burgundy.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open late April through October. 404 Commercial Street, Provincetown, (508) 487-8200, [www.chesterrestaurant.com](http://www.chesterrestaurant.com)

## Ciro and Sal's, Provincetown

Patrons have been making their way to the quiet East End of Provincetown and down the alley through a small garden to enjoy the exceptional northern Italian cooking at *Ciro and Sal's* since 1956. The restaurant is particularly inviting in the cooler months, when the warmth from a large wood-burning fireplace, the candlelight, and the coziness imparted by the low exposed beam ceiling are most welcome.

They have a large wide-ranging menu. The night we dined we had veal marsala with mushrooms and calamari sautéed with anchovies, lemon, garlic, and cream served over pasta.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Dinner daily in season, Fri.-Sun. off season. Entrées \$14-\$30. 4 Kiley Court (430 Commercial Street), Provincetown, MA; (508) 487-0049, [www.ciroandsals.com](http://www.ciroandsals.com)

## Cafe Edwige, Provincetown

One of the joys of staying in Provincetown is taking a walk in the morning and going out for breakfast. Our first choice (if we can get in) is this small second floor high-ceilinged A-frame with local art work and creative food. Broiled sole served with stir-fry veggies, tofu and veggies, scrambled eggs with Linguica sausage and cheddar cheese, and omelettes are some of the options.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open April through October. Daily, Memorial Day through September for breakfast and dinner. Breakfast \$8-\$11. 333 Commercial Street, Provincetown. (508) 487-2008.

## Ross' Grill, Provincetown

This is a great place to dine with a view of Provincetown harbor. Located in the middle of Provincetown on the second floor of Whaler's Wharf, a shopping and entertainment center, this contemporary casual restaurant is a large room with a wall of windows and dining deck over the water. The food is American. They have a raw bar; Caesar salad with grilled chicken, scallops, blackened shrimp or fried oysters; burgers; lobster salad on a baguette; and grilled portabello mushroom with melted mozzarella. Dinner entrées include strip steak and fries, herb crusted New Zealand lamb, shellfish risotto, crab cakes, half roasted chicken, and scallops served over linguine.

**Hours, prices, etc.**—Lunch and dinner daily in season, closed Tuesday and Wednesday off-season. Lunch \$9-\$15, dinner entrées \$16-\$30. 237 Commercial Street at Whaler's Wharf, Provincetown. (508) 487-8878.

## Napi's, Provincetown

This visually stimulating restaurant is filled with the works of local artists. Be sure to notice the three-dimensional sculptural brick wall next to the bar as well as the carousel horses and African masks and sculptures.

Our recent visit in October happened to coincide with the short local season for whiting, a delicate white fish caught off the cape. The preparation which was much like Japanese tempura just melted in the mouth. Of all the different fish stews we tried in Provincetown, our favorite variation was the Portuguese platter with half a lobster, littleneck clams, mussels, fresh fish, and linguica sausage smothered in a thick spicy sauce served here.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open year-round. Lunch September through April. Dinner daily. Early bird menu 5-6 P.M. Lunch, \$7-\$18, dinner entrées \$14-\$25, lower-priced tavern menu. Free parking available. 7 Freeman Street, Provincetown. (508) 487-1145; (800) 571-6274. [www.napis-restaurant.com](http://www.napis-restaurant.com)

## Front Street, Provincetown

Chef/owner Donna Aliperti's downstairs bistro, a local favorite for more than fifteen years, includes high-backed wooden booths, glossy wood table tops, and exposed brick walls decorated with the work of local artists.

The restaurant has two menus. The full Italian menu stays the same with close to 70 items -14 pasta, 8 chicken, 6 veal, as well as eggplant, seafood and more. A second menu of specials changes weekly. The recent fall menu included panko crusted chicken livers, beef & arugula spring roll, shellfish cioppino, adobo grilled snapper, mixed game plate, Madeira braised rabbit and duck strudel. Coffee toffee pie is a Front Street tradition. The moderately-priced wine list includes 135 different bottles, 20 wines by the glass and 22 half bottles.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open the week before Easter through New Year's. Dinner: Wednesday through Sunday; daily during the summer. Entrées, \$21-\$28. Italian menu most entrées in the teens. 230 Commercial Street, Provincetown. (508) 487-9715. [www.frontstreetrestaurant.com](http://www.frontstreetrestaurant.com)

## Crowne Pointe Historic Inn & Spa, Provincetown

The owners of this premier inn added a small 32-seat bistro in 2005. In keeping with the rest of the property, the dining is first class. Dine at closely spaced tables on the enclosed porch or in the living room which has a fireplace. Appetizers include a large lobster ravioli, vegetable spring rolls or crepes filled with roasted eggplant, artichokes, almonds and feta. Salads include Asian pear and endive with tamari walnuts and chèvre or Thai garlic chili beef salad. If you want a light meal you can have a larger salad, a tuna steak burger or a vegetable burger. Entrées on the menu in mid-October included Moroccan spiced rack of lamb with red cous cous and apricot and pistachio tapenade; Thai peanut spiced stir fry with Asian vegetables with a choice of tofu, shrimp or scallops; and lobster tails with a shrimp and crab stuffing. All the entrées have a suggested glass of red or white wine. The wine cellar currently has more than 2,500 bottles.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Dinner, Tues. - Sun. in season, Thurs.-Sun. off-season. Entrées \$11-\$32. 82 Bradford Street, Provincetown. (877) 276-9631, (508) 487-6767. [www.crownepointe.com](http://www.crownepointe.com)

## Clem & Ursie's, Provincetown

This casual seafood hall and market is an art lover's paradise that epitomizes the art scene in town. It is owned by brother and sister Clem and Debra Silva and named after their parents. Local artists creatively painted every table and chair. The walls are covered with art work and family photos are embedded in the 17' mahogany bar.



*Debra Silva holding a 10-pound lobster at Clem & Ursie's*

Diners place their order at the counter or

make a selection from the tank with lobsters up to 10-pounds! Fourteen lobster preparations include lobster and shellfish fra diavolo, lobster pot pie and even Jamaican curry lobster. The large menu includes a large variety of broiled and fried fish, deli sandwiches, BBQ chicken, pork and beef.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Open early spring to late fall, lunch and dinner. \$7-\$32. 85 Shank Painter Road, Provincetown. (508) 487-2333, [www.clemandursies.com](http://www.clemandursies.com)

## Lorraine's, Provincetown

This small year-round bistro in the quiet West End serves new American and Mexican cuisine and has over 100 tequilas on the menu. Appetizers include Chile relleno, baby back ribs brushed with bourbon molasses, Argentinian fish cakes, blackened seafood tostada, and steamed littleneck clams. Entrées include crab enchiladas, poblano chile stuffed with grilled corn, vegetables, jack and feta cheese; slow roasted duck; slow cooked pork tenderloin served with guacamole, salsa, and sour cream; and porterhouse steak topped with gorgonzola cheese and caramelized onions.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Dinner daily April-December, Wed.-Sun January-March. Entrées \$16-\$26. 133 Commercial St., Provincetown. (508) 487.6074. [www.lorrainesrestaurant.com](http://www.lorrainesrestaurant.com)

## The Red Inn, Provincetown

Try to snag a window seat at this restaurant that's located on the water at the far west end of Commercial Street. At night the waterfront is lit so you can see the waves coming in. In fact the room is so close to the water that at high tide during a storm you may feel as though you're on a boat! The dining room has a brick fireplace, wide plank hardwood floors, and a beamed ceiling. There is even a parking lot across the street which makes this restaurant unique in Provincetown.

At an October dinner we started with salads of fresh mixed greens, chèvre, nuts and sliced apples. We continued with seared local scallops served with orzo and two large pieces of pan roasted cod served on a bed of rosemary potatoes. The split and grilled lobster was tempting. A double thick pork chop, 16 oz. center cut sirloin with fried onion rings, and pepper crusted filet mignon offer plenty of options for those not wanting fish.

**Hours, prices, etc.**— Dinner daily May - Oct., Thurs.-Sun. Nov., Dec., April. Entrées \$23-\$42. Lunch Thurs.-Sun. late June - Sept., \$8-\$20. 15 Commercial Street, Provincetown. (508) 487-7334, [www.theredinn.com](http://www.theredinn.com)



*Window seats at The Red Inn are so close to the water that at high tide you feel like you are on a boat*

## Marinated Eggplant with Grilled Scallops

Abba Restaurant in Orleans is one of our favorite restaurants on the Cape. In this appetizer chef/co owner Erez Pinhas cooks eggplant and then marinates it in a mixture of fresh chopped herbs, lemon juice, vinegar, roasted peppers and pickles. To serve it he places the eggplant topped with the salsa mixture on a plate with 3 or 4 grilled local sea scallops and adds watercress as decoration. Alternatively he uses grilled calamari. We particularly liked the contrasting flavors and textures. The eggplant can be stored in the refrigerator for a few days. Put the salsa atop the eggplant and cover tightly.

1 or 2 eggplants sliced 1 1/2" across  
 1 2/3 cup olive oil  
 1 1/2 cup lemon juice  
 2 Tbl red wine vinegar  
 1 red pepper, roasted & diced  
 1 large half sour pickle, diced  
 1 cup chopped flat parsley  
 4 Tbl chopped mint  
 1 1/2 Tbl chopped garlic  
 Salt & Pepper

1 lb Scallops  
 Olive Oil  
 Salt & Pepper

Salt and pepper the sliced eggplant. Using about 1 cup olive oil cook eggplant in an uncovered pan on both sides using a moderate flame until tender. Drain eggplant on paper.

Mix the rest of olive oil with the lemon juice, vinegar, red pepper, pickle, herbs, garlic, salt & pepper.

Mix scallops with a little olive oil, salt & pepper. Grill scallops medium rare.

On a large platter arrange the eggplant, put some of the salsa on each of the eggplant, place scallops and drizzle with olive oil.

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Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. Junction of Route 6 and Route 132 (888)-33CapeCod, www.capecodchamber.org

Mid-May. **Cape Cod Maritime Days.** Lighthouses, historic seaports, kayaking, museums, exhibits, walking tours, (508) 362-3225. www.capecodmaritimedays.com.

Mid-June through mid-August. **Cape Cod Baseball League** since 1885. Ten teams play 125 games, www.capecodbaseball.org

Last weekend in June. **Provincetown Portuguese Festival** including **Blessing of the Fleet.** Provincetown; www.provincetownportuguesefestival.com (508) 487-3424.

Fourth of July. **Independence Day Parade:** floats, sailboat races, pancake festival, strawberry festival. Provincetown; (508) 945-5199.

July-August. **Band concerts.** Friday evening, 8 P.M., Chatham; (508) 945-0474.

Mid-August. **Festival of the Arts.** Juried arts and crafts show featuring local craftspeople. Chatham; (508) 945-3583.

Third Week in August. **Carnival.** Better than Rio! Provincetown; (800) 637-8696. www.ptown.org/happenings/carnival

Weekend after Columbus Day. **Wellfleet OysterFest.** Three-day celebration of the town's famous oysters www.wellfleetoysterfest.org

Wednesday before Thanksgiving **Lighting of the Pilgrim Monument** 5-7 P.M., lights shine through New Year's Day. Provincetown; (508) 487-1310. www.pilgrim-monument.org

December. **Spectacle of Lights.** Heritage Museum & Gardens, Sandwich, (508)888-3300, www.heritagemuseumsandgardens.org

Mid-December. **Christmas by the Sea:** stores open late, hayrides, bell ringers. Events throughout the month. Chatham; (508) 945-5199.

December 31. **First Night Chatham** - non-alcoholic, family-oriented celebration of the arts. (508) 945-1122

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