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Cape Cod. Where vacation memories are made.

Cape Cod. Warm sea breezes, 559.6 miles of unspoiled coastline and breathtaking scenic vistas. Generations of families return year after year to reclaim memories of sandcastles and seashells, flip flops and fried clams. Others come for the world's finest beaches or to explore one of the nation's top 25 arts destinations. Enjoy 15 distinctive towns, arts & culture, quaint shops, fine dining, superior accommodations, New England's best golf and an endless array of land & sea activities.

Location & History

Cape Cod is situated at the southeast corner of Massachusetts, stretching approximately 70 miles from the Cape Cod Canal to Provincetown's Race Point. The Cape is 20 miles at its widest point and completely surrounded by water: Cape Cod Bay on the north, Buzzards Bay on the west, Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds on the south and Atlantic on the east. Countless historic sites and landmarks tell the proud role that Cape Cod has played in American history, beginning with the landfall of the Mayflower in Provincetown in 1620. The homes of long-ago sea captains dot the historic Old King's Highway, the largest contiguous historic district in the United States. Historic lighthouses have lined the Cape shorelines for centuries, guiding ships to safety through dangerous sandbars and treacherous shoals. The John F. Kennedy Museum in Hyannis celebrates the life and times of President Kennedy and his family on Cape Cod. And, at the tip of the Cape, Provincetown proclaims its living history as an artist's colony and fishing village.

Cape Cod by the numbers

- 115 public beaches
- 83 museums and 475 galleries
- 2,400+ places to shop
- 106 miles of bike paths
- 42 premier golf courses
- Over 1,000 dining experiences, from upscale eateries and elegant oceanfront restaurants to old-fashioned Cape Cod cooking and seafood shanties
- 19,000 guest rooms
- 250 B&Bs and Inns



About Cape Cod:

Cape Cod comprises 15 towns, each with a constellation of villages. There are four regions—Upper, Mid, Lower and Outer Cape. Upper Cape towns comprise Bourne, Sandwich, Falmouth and Mashpee; Mid-Cape towns comprise Barnstable, Yarmouth and Dennis; Lower Cape towns comprise Harwich, Brewster, Chatham and Orleans; Outer Cape towns comprise Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown.

Population:

Approximately 225,000 year-round residents. That number nearly triples in the summer months of July and August.

Climate:

Cape Cod's maritime climate is changeable from day to day. It is more temperate than surrounding areas (cooler in summer, warmer in winter.)

Cape Cod beaches:

Cape Cod has 115 pristine beaches—from the calm and refreshing Vineyard and Nantucket Sound beaches to the glorious, beautiful beaches of the Cape Cod National Seashore. And with 559.6 miles of coastline and 365 ponds, even in the height of the summer season, one can almost always find some waterfront real estate to be alone. Visitors can sail, motorboat, wind and wave surf, canoe, kayak, fish or water ski.

The Golf Coast:

There are few areas in the world that can rival Cape Cod when it comes to quality golf. Cape Cod has produced some of the best golfers in the world, including Nationwide Tour player Jason Caron, as well as past standouts Jim Hallet and Jeff Lewis and LPGA Tour members Sally Quinlan and Carri Wood. Cape Cod has four of the Top-10 courses in Massachusetts (according to Golf Digest) and one of the Top-four Par-3 layouts in the country. A few of the most widely renowned golf course architects in the world have had a hand in sculpting Cape Cod's most scenic golf vistas, including Donald Ross, William Mitchell, Geoffrey Cornish and Brian Silva, the 1999 *Golf World Magazine* Architect of the Year. And Cape Cod's courses have hosted some of the world's greatest personalities, from President John F. Kennedy to Arnold Palmer and Chi Chi Rodriguez.

Cape Cod lighthouses:

Lighthouses are as much a part of Cape Cod as the sea. There are eight working lighthouses on the Cape, mile-for-mile one of the largest concentrations of working lighthouses in the world. For centuries, our lighthouses have guided mariners to safety through treacherous shoals. Sweeping far out into the ocean, the Cape is a substantial obstacle to navigation. In the last 300 years, there have been more than 3,000 documented shipwrecks along Cape shores.

Arts & culture:

Cape Cod has been recognized as one the 25 top arts destinations in the country by *AmericanStyle* magazine. Starting at the Canal and extending to Provincetown at the Cape's tip, visitors will find an array of arts & cultural pursuits—everything from symphony concerts, galleries and fine art museums to historical sites and America's oldest theater. The thriving arts community on the Cape Cod and the Islands was further confirmed by a 2005 study that found there were 2,471 self-employed artists on the Cape and Islands, together with 103 cultural organizations. This subsector represented a total economic impact of \$128 million in payroll and 2.8% of total private sector employment on the Cape and Islands. A unique way to explore the arts and culture of Cape Cod is the "Arts & Artisans Trails Guide to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket," featuring self-guided driving and walking itineraries to over 200 artists, artisans and galleries on and off the beaten path. These beautiful color guides are available for sale at the Cape Cod Chamber visitor center, local bookstores and online at www.CapeAndIslandsArtsGuide.com. Cape Cod also offers a way for visitors to experience twice the culture on Cape Cod at half the price with the *Arts Passport to Cape Cod*, with discounts to select arts & cultural venues (visit www.artsfoundation.org!).

The Kennedy Connection:

The Kennedy family has been connected to Hyannisport on Cape Cod since the 1920s, when family patriarch Joseph Kennedy bought a summer home here. The 1960 presidential election, during which John F. Kennedy was elected the 35th US President, helped land Hyannisport on the world map. The Kennedy compound is still a tourist draw today, and the JFK Museum and JFK Memorial in Hyannis remain among the most popular Cape Cod attractions.

Travel & tourism information:

Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

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Websites: www.CapeCodChamber.org, www.CapeCodTravelGuide.com

Visitor Information Centers:

John C. Davenport Welcome Center, Patti Page Way (Junction of Route 6 & 132 in Hyannis)

Route 3 South (exit 5) Plymouth

Route 25, Plymouth (approx ½ mile before Bourne Bridge)

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