

Cape Cod and the Islands

October 14-20, 2023

Why is Cape Cod and the Islands so special? Perhaps it's the irresistible combination of the unique natural beauty - **miles of beautiful, white-sand beaches, dunes and lush, fascinating marshes teeming with wildlife** - its charming history dating back to the 17th century and its abundance of family-oriented activities, abundance of fresh seafood restaurants, and the beautiful Cape Cod architecture. Join us as we indulge in this good life adventure!

Day 1 Saturday – October 14, 2023 – Flight - Welcome to New England - Transfer to Providence, RI

Discover the natural beauty that lies along the shores of New England. Come to know its coastal charm, friendly people, and fresh-from-the-sea cuisine. We check into our Providence hotel for the next two-night stay.

OVN: Hilton Hotel Providence, RI

Day 2 Sunday – October 15, 2023 - Providence - Newport

Tour Providence, “**America’s Renaissance City.**” See prestigious Brown University and learn about the city’s vibrant art, cultural, and culinary scenes. Head to **Newport** and travel along Bellevue Avenue. Lined with extraordinary 19th-century summer “cottages,” this road is home to 7 mansions designated National Historic Landmarks. This afternoon, explore **The Breakers**, the grandest of Newport’s summer “cottages” and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family’s social and financial preeminence in turn of the century America. (BD)

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Day 3 Monday – October 16, 2023 – Cranberry Bog, Plymouth Plantation, Mayflower II & Rock

This morning we visit Stone Bridge Farm for a tour of a **cranberry bog**. We actually put on a pair of waders to walk out into a flooded field with cranberries floating around us to learn about the techniques of raising cranberries! Next, we’ll tour the **Plimoth Patuxet Museum**. This plantation is as it was in the 17th century: with a centuries-old Wampanoag home site, village buildings of the time period, costumed docents, the fragrance bluefish roasting slowly over a bed of hot coals the sharp smell of gunpowder during a military drill, and the sound of laughter around a glowing hearth. After exploring the village and grounds, we have an included theme lunch at Plimoth Plantation. Come aboard the **Mayflower II** for an extraordinary experience. The details of the ship from the solid oak timbers and tarred hemp rigging to the wood and horn lanterns and hand-colored maps, have all been carefully recreated to give you a sense of what the original 17th-century boat would have been. We’ll also learn about the 1620 voyage of the Mayflower, the perils of maritime travel, and the tools of 17th-century navigation. It is but a short walk to Plymouth Rock where the Pilgrims first set foot in the New World in their quest for religious freedom. Later, we arrive at our beachfront hotel for a 4-night stay. Enjoy a traditional New England experience as you indulge in a **seafood feast**. (BLD)

OVN: Red Jacket Beach Resort and Spa, Yarmouth, MA

Day 4 – Tuesday – October 17, 2023 - A Day on Martha’s Vineyard

Shaped like a triangle and 8 miles off the coast the island of **Martha’s Vineyard** is becoming a secret summer hideaway of the rich and famous. A “Hollywood East” reputation is building thanks to frequent visitors like President Obama, David Letterman and Bill Murray. But despite the all-star summer lineup, a laid-back lifestyle still rules the island. While you can find insanely expensive summer cottages and restaurants to match, the reality is this is a summer resort that evolved from an 18th and 19th century whaling heritage. You may spot a film star in Edgartown, but your guaranteed interesting sights in Oak Bluffs where the **Flying Horses Carousel (1876)** still spins, and the **Carpenter Gothic Cottages** at the Methodist Meeting Grounds where open-air Christian Revivals first started in 1835. The subtle nuances and diversity of island history, architecture, and culture hide in plain sight — our guide will explain on your morning tour. You’ll see the stately **Greek revival homes** built

by sea captain of years ago, hear stories of notable residents, religious leaders, and political activists, along with meeting houses, cemeteries, and other points of interest. We’ll have time to enjoy an Island lunch (on own) and find the island’s must-have souvenir — a Black Dog sweatshirt. Late afternoon, our group will ferry back to the mainland for a delicious group dinner at a local restaurant. (BD)

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Day 5 Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – Whale Watching Cruise

Enjoy a morning stroll in the fresh ocean breeze along the beach after breakfast! 10:00 AM, we depart the hotel for a **Whale Watching High Seas Adventure**. A naturalist narrates the cruise and describes the whales you may see, their behavior, and some of the other marine life common to the area. It has been said that “To have a huge, friendly whale willingly approach your boat and look you straight in the eye is without doubt one of the most extraordinary experiences on the planet.” Approximately 3:30 PM we return to our resort to enjoy the balance of the afternoon and evening; take a stroll on the beach, visit the shops and local restaurants, or relax, breath the sea salt air and listen to the waves! (B)

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Day 6 Thursday – October 19, 2023 - Hyannis Port/Kennedy Memorial/A Day on Nantucket – Storyteller & Dinner

After breakfast, enjoy a brief tour of **Hyannis Port**, home of the Kennedy clan. You will have a special ‘group photo’ op at the **Kennedy Memorial and Korean War Memorial** overlooking Veteran’s Beach, then board the **High-speed ferry for a cruise to Nantucket**. The sight of the island coming into view from the bow is a stirring one, long lines of foaming breakers crash against vast stretches of sands on the south shore, while church steeples dot the downtown horizon to the north. This Island is 30 miles south and to the east of Martha’s Vineyard. Fondly known as “The Gray Lady” it is a place of windswept beaches, blinking lighthouses and hosts a charming way of life. Once the world’s top whaling port it is now designated a National Historic District. Her downtown architecture has changed little since the 17th century and never fails to captivate visitors with its cobblestone streets, stately facades and quaint wharf cottages intertwined with fragrant roses and dense clusters of colorful hydrangeas. You will have some free time to explore the island, enjoy lunch on our own, and browse among the many charming shops. Later this afternoon, we cruise back to the mainland and our seaside resort. Tonight, we enjoy a delicious dinner and Cape Cod specialty dessert along with an entertaining **Storyteller** who will share stories of Cape Cod’s mysteries, legends and lore! (BD)

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Day 7 Friday – October 20, 2023 - Historic Sandwich Tour – Welcome Home

This morning we arrive at Cape’s oldest town, **Sandwich, Massachusetts**. We’ll visit the Sandwich Glass Company and watch molten glass, drawn from the furnace, blown and pressed into exquisite shapes. Learn why the Boston & Sandwich Glass Company led the world in the manufacture of glass during the early 19th century. Our glassblower will select someone from the audience to press an actual piece of glass! Enjoy lunch on our own and free time to shop downtown village before departing for the airport and our flight home. (B)

Your Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation & Airport Transfers
- Round Trip Coach Class Airfare Chicago/Boston/Chicago (subject to increase)
- Six Nights Deluxe Hotel Accommodations w/Hotel Luggage Handling
- All Attractions as highlighted in the itinerary
- 11 Meals and one reception
- Tri-State Travel Tour Director
- Taxes & Gratuities on Included Accommodations, Attractions, Meals, Cape Cod Motorcoach Driver, and Local Step On Guide(s)

Not Included:

- Travel Protection Plan
- Luggage Fees Assessed by Airlines
- Items of a Personal Nature
- Gratuities to Tri-State Travel Tour Director

\$4,045.00 per person – 4 to a room	2 beds
\$4,065.00 per person – 3 to a room	2 beds
\$4,395.00 per person – 2 to a room	1 or 2 beds
\$5,165.00 per person – Single	1 or 2 beds

Payment Policies:

- *\$750.00 per person deposit is due with reservation.
- *Balance of payment due on or before July 1, 2023
- *Final date for sign up (subject to availability) is July 1, 2023

Cancellation Policies:

- *Cancellations received prior to July 1, 2023, will receive a full refund less a \$250.00 administrative fee
- *Cancellations received after July 1, 2023, and prior to July 15, 2023, will be assessed 50% of the perperson tour price
- *Cancellations received after July 15, 2023, and prior to August 1, 2023, will be assessed 75% of the per person tour price
- *Cancellations on or after August 1, 2023, will forfeit the full price of the tour

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL BE ASSESSED A 4.0 % CONVENIENCE FEE

Travel Protection Plan:

The Travel Protection Plan is not included but is available and strongly recommended. There are two plans available.

#1 sign up for insurance and pay the premium at the time you register for the tour and the pre-existing condition waiver is included.

#2 signup for the travel insurance any time after your initial trip deposit and prior to the final date for trip registration and receive the same travel insurance inclusions except the pre-existing waiver will not apply.

The trip interruption and medical cancelation Insurance Premium is non-refundable unless the entire tour cancels. We offer a travel protection plan through Trip Mate Travel Insurance/a division of United States Fire Insurance Company Eatontown, NJ. Any surcharges and/or tax increases received from suppliers for this package (Airlines, Cruise Companies, Hotels, etc.) may result in an increase in the per person price of your tour package. For those individuals who may have purchased the Travel Protection Plan, this may also result in an increase in your Travel Protection Plan Premium. Please refer to www.tripmate.com/Plan TPG013 for information regarding detailed coverages and limitations to the insurance policy. Waiver of Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion. The exclusion for pre- existing condition will be waived provided (a) your payment for this plan is received with your deposit and (b) You are not disabled from travel at the time your plan payment is paid.

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*Tri-State Travel cannot guarantee luggage handling due to hotel staff shortages

To assist the traveler in understanding the general physical activity levels associated with a tour, we have assigned a Physical Activity Rating LEVEL 3 to this program (Walking two or more city blocks, possibly climbing a flight of stairs and some standing during tours and handling your carry-on bag.)

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