



Cape Cod and the Islands

It's whatever you want it to be: a secluded beach or a gallery browse or sport fishing boats or whale watching tours. If the sand isn't your scene, maybe it's antiques, a 72 par, or lobbing the ball over the net. Hike the National Seashore. Bike the Cape Cod Rail Trails. Or just lounge on a beach with a crossword after indulging in a lobster and steamers feast. Kick back or get revved up. But whatever you do, slather on the sunscreen. It's summertime. The Cape awaits.

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hether it's a well-deserved vacation, a business trip or a destination wedding, the clean ocean air welcomes you to the Cape and its neighboring islands. A room key is all you need to open up a relaxing paradise or an exciting adventure.

Where to Stay

Since 1914, Chatham Bars Inn has been an idyllic retreat with fine cuisine, beautiful surroundings and panoramic views of Pleasant Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Ninety years later, that same excellence was noted by *Boston* magazine, when it was named the best hotel on Cape Cod in the Best of Boston® issue. Located in charming Chatham, the resort's luxurious Cape Cod-style cottages naturally wind through 25 acres of beautifully landscaped grounds and vast beaches. Visitors can also choose to stay in the comfort of the historic main inn, sitting gracefully atop a bluff for spectacular ocean views. Enjoy an array of amenities, including an oceanfront pool, tennis, a new destination spa, and award-winning complimentary children's programs. The quarter-mile of private sandy beach beckons you for long walks, beachcombing, or just a lounge on a chaise with a paperback you can't put down.

Rated in 2005 by Condé Nast Traveler readers as one of best hotels in the country, Wequassett Inn Resort & Golf Club in Chatham sits atop an east-facing rise for breathtaking sunrises over the Bay and the Atlantic. With whitewashed buildings and tidy

clapboard cottages nestled into 22 acres of picturesque gardens, salt marshes, and woodlands, the resort is a secluded paradise. Manicured grounds and a private beach harmonize with the shoreline's natural beauty, while meandering brick paths lend themselves well to quiet evening strolls. A recent pool-area renovation features a striking Brazilian wood boardwalk that wraps

around the new pool and Jacuzzi. For the fitness enthusiast, the newly appointed glass wall on the expanded health center allows for gazes out on the ocean during your workout. Follow up with a waterside lunch at the new oceanfront bar, or maybe a well-deserved spa indulgence. Guests also enjoy coveted golf privileges at the Cape Cod National Golf Club. When rest is in your future, the ocean air is still within reach. Every room or suite boasts a deck, balcony, or patio and tiny touches of luxury—Molton Brown toiletries and room service, if you please.



The beauty and grace of Cape Cod in the summer can be enhanced only by a stay at yet another Chatham treasure—Pleasant Bay Village Resort. Begin your morning with a gourmet breakfast and complimentary newspaper in the lovely dining room. Everywhere you turn, you're met with elegance. Authentic 18th-century antiques, along with views of the outdoor pool and whimsical Oriental gardens, keep you company as you finish your meal and set off to enjoy paradise. Discover the exotic Oriental rock gardens and waterfalls nestled among six acres of private woodland, just seconds from the peaceful waters of

the namesake bay. In season, lunch is served poolside from the grill. Pleasant Bay Village's rooms, efficiencies, and suites are furnished in a contemporary style, with original art from some of Cape Cod's well-known artists adorning the walls.

A quick drive from Chatham brings you to the quaint seaside town of Brewster and a luxurious New England resort steeped in rich tradition. Built in 1890 as a summer residence for the Samuel Nickerson family, the original property of the Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club included a carriage house, stone tower and private game preserve, now known as Nickerson State Park. Nestled among centuries-old beachfront dunes, today's Ocean Edge encompasses 400 spectacular acres of Cape Cod excellence. The historic mansion and carriage house, situated on a private expanse of 700-foot beachfront, feature sweeping views of Cape Cod Bay and nearby Provincetown. Enjoy your stay in a stately guest room or spacious villa, decorated in contemporary and classic Cape country décor. Ocean Edge also boasts four restaurants and lounges, and a recent \$1 million renovation of the golf clubhouse with an 18-hole PGA Championship golf course, instructional programs, and a pro shop.

You're a boat ride away from nearby Nantucket Island with its unparalleled scenery and unchartered lands. Nearly 40 percent of Nantucket is protected conservation land, so several areas and habitats are rare to the region (and even the world). Swim in the still, sparkling waters of Nantucket Sound or brave the booming waves of the Atlantic. From a historic B&B to a luxurious, full-service hotel, the official guide of the Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce helps you find the perfect place to stay on this popular destination Cape island. Available every March, this guide helps you discover an

exciting world—cultural events, recreation, arts, antiques, restaurants, accommodations, and even real estate options, should you decide that you never want to leave.

Your home by the Sea

Bring a bit of the Cape home (minus the sandy left-behinds) with local designers and home furnishings.

Claire Murray's newest Cape Cod store is nestled in the heart of Olde Sandwich Village, the Cape's oldest town, adding to her 14 other company-owned stores. Her popular seaside and botanical designs complement the ambience of the village perfectly. Claire Murray is known worldwide for her signature designs and rich color palettes, and her hand-hooked rugs are quintessential Cape. Delight in the many fanciful designs showcased—rain forest, animal kingdom, children's fantasy, cottages, gardens and floral, holiday, nautical, Our Nation's Pride, and polo. Claire Murray also offers hand-tufted rugs, bedding, bath accessories, dinnerware, home accents, and kits, and crafts (perfect for those do-it-yourself rug-hooking and cross-stitch enthusiasts). Claire Murray's Signature Collection rugs are an elite selection of her classic, original designs. When you want a little something for yourself, rather than for your home, shop her fine apparel selection—silk scarves, pajamas, sweaters, hats, shoes, and T-shirts.



Courtesy of Claire Murray



Courtesy of Margo's

Margo's Practically Unusual started out as a small interior-design business nearly 10 years ago in the small village of Osterville. To this day, design still remains the company's focus, but Margo's has grown into a creative home-furnishings store—where gifts, art, and home furnishings come together in an unusual yet practical way. Whether a customer is designing a house from the ground up, remodeling just one room, or simply needs a finishing touch, the design professionals can help with ideas and a selection of home items. While the store includes favorites such as Mariposa, Simon Pearce, Match, and Vietri, you'll also find special one-of-a-kind gifts. For your home, discover spa products, linens, rugs, lamps, art and accessories, along with many lines of fine furniture, including JM Paquet, Barclay Butera, and Bausman & Company.

Let a handcrafted piece of jewelry from Ross Coppelman Goldsmith find a new home around your neck, finger, or wrist. Ross Coppelman's attention to detail and exquisite craftsmanship have garnered him the international reputation of a master goldsmith. From funky and chunky to classic and refined, his selection of high-karat gold, platinum, and sterling-silver jewelry has been providing adornment for men and women alike for more than 35 years. Coppelman's unique collections are a sight to behold, particularly the Cape

Cod landscape-inspired Ocean Wave Collection. Making its debut in summer 2004, this series is available in different metals and with unique stones, and is sure to make a splash wherever you wear it. Adorned by Coppelman's famous gardens, his showroom has a reputation as one of the most beautiful buildings on East Dennis's historic main street.

No one can argue the Cape's beauty and allure—sand dunes, sailboats, and seagulls. Now it's up to you how you enjoy it.

Resources

Chatham Bars Inn

Shore Road, Chatham, MA 02633
800.527.4884
chathambarsinn.com

Claire Murray

14 store locations, 866.868.7001
clairemurray.com

Margo's Practically Unusual

27 Wianno Avenue, Osterville, MA
508.428.5664
margoshome.com

Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce

48 Main Street, Nantucket, MA 02554
508.228.1700
nantucketchamber.org

Ocean Edge Resort & Club on Cape Cod

Route 6A, Brewster, MA 02631
508.896.9000
oceanedge.com

Pleasant Bay Village

1191 Orleans Road
Chatham, MA 02633
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pleasantbayvillage.com

Ross Coppelman Goldsmith

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Wequassett Inn Resort & Golf Club

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wequassett.com