

Cape Cod, The Islands & Newport

From the earliest Pilgrims at Plymouth to the whaling era on Nantucket and the age of the Great Gatsby in Newport, step back in time on this memorable New England vacation. Experience 17th-century life first-hand at Plimoth Plantation; tour Newport's most extravagant mansion; visit the homesteads of two U.S. presidents, and the largest whaling museum in America. Watch whales surface on a cruise from Provincetown, and explore the rich heritage of Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod, and Newport – including two nights on the Vineyard and a scenic flight to Nantucket.



2007 Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Pilgrim heritage

Your New England vacation begins at the Sheraton Boston at 8:30 a.m. Travel to Plymouth to see Plymouth Rock marking the Pilgrims' 1620 landing site. Step back in time at Plimoth Plantation, a re-created 17th-century village with costumed role players who bring early American history to life. Lunch at Falmouth Harbour, and then take a ferry to Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard.

Meals: Lunch, dinner

Lodging: Harbour View Hotel, Edgartown, MA

Day 2: Explore the Vineyard

Admire the historic stately homes in Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven. Take in the salt marshes, long beaches, and picturesque yacht harbours. In your free afternoon, bird watch at the bluffs, watch the lobstermen pull up their traps offshore, or hang out at the fishing pier.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Harbour View Hotel, Edgartown, MA

Day 3: Whaling days on Nantucket

Take a 15-minute flight to the island of Nantucket, one of the country's most important whaling towns two centuries ago. Admire the Colonial architecture, winding cobbled streets, and historic taverns in the quaint harbour-side town, a National Historic Landmark District. See the coastal heathlands and long barrier beaches; approximately 40 percent of Nantucket is preserved as conservation land. Take a ferry to Cape Cod to spend the next two nights.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Chatham Wayside Inn, Chatham, MA

Day 4: Whale watch cruise

Visit the Cape Cod National Seashore on the outer Atlantic side of the Cape with massive sand dunes above crested seas. Arrive in Provincetown on the tip of the Cape, another historic whaling town due to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary offshore, the summering grounds for a number of whale species. Weather permitting, take a guided whale watch cruise to see them roll, flip their tails, and blow through their blowholes – a true highlight of your New England vacation.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Chatham Wayside Inn, Chatham, MA

Day 5: History in New Bedford & Newport

Your New England vacation continues in New Bedford, a historic seaport on the Atlantic coast, where you'll visit the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the nation's largest museum devoted to the history of whaling. Arrive in Newport, Rhode Island, a long-time haven for yachting enthusiasts and former home of the America's Cup. Drive past some of the ostentatious mansions that served as summerhouses for affluent socialites during the Gilded Age, and travel the celebrated Ten-Mile Drive.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Lodging: Hyatt Regency Newport, RI

Day 6: A day in Newport

Take a guided tour through The Breakers, a 70-room Italian Renaissance mansion inspired by the 16th-century palaces of Genoa and Turin. Built by Cornelius Vanderbilt, it's now a National Historic Landmark. Explore Newport on your own, watching the bustle on Bowen's Wharf, or strolling the oceanfront Cliff Walk between the sea and mansions. Enjoy the farewell dinner in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Lodging: Hyatt Regency Newport, RI

Day 7: Presidential legacy

En route to Boston and the conclusion of your memorable New England vacation, visit the Adams National Historical Park in Quincy, the former home of John Adams, the second U.S. president, and John Quincy Adams, the sixth U.S. president. Tour ends at Boston's Logan International Airport at 12:30 p.m., or the Sheraton Boston at 1:30 p.m., traffic permitting.

Meals: Breakfast

Travel to the earliest days of America on a very special New England vacation book this heritage tour today!

Price on request

Airfare is additional – We can book your air to and from Boston, for travel originating in the U.S., subject to availability; inquire upon booking for special airfares that may be available.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before your tour begins.

Please note to avoid overcrowding when two tours depart on the same date, one tour operates in an alternate direction.