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Charming Cape Cod

Enjoy 5 nights on the Cape, at a wonderful oceanfront resort! Visit Provincetown, Plymouth, Martha's Vineyard, and more June 24-29, 2018

Sunday, June 24 – Escape to the Cape!

Meet Dea and Declan at the Saint Louis Airport for our non-stop flight to Boston on Southwest Airlines. We meet our coach at the airport before heading to Sandwich, the oldest town on Cape Cod. One of the most famous resort areas



in the US, people have come to Cape Cod for decades to escape the hustle and bustle of the East Coast. We visit **The Heritage Museum and Gardens**, where we enjoy an included picnic lunch before exploring the largest public garden in Southern New England. With 100 acres of magnificent gentle hiking trails on the banks of the Shawme Pond, Heritage also serves as the North American Hydrangea Test Garden, the most comprehensive in the US.

Witness the abundant Hydrangeas, as well as Hostas, Dahlias, and summer perennials galore. The Heritage Museum spans three gallery buildings and houses permanent exhibits of world-class automobiles, a working vintage carousel and American folk art.

We depart the museum and travel to our waterfront Yarmouth resort boasting one of the best ocean views on Cape Cod and the closest walk before your feet touch sand, **The Blue Water Resort**. Take time to settle in, as we will be staying here for the entire tour. Enjoy a walk along the spectacular white sand beach, look for sea shells, or just enjoy the sounds of the ocean waves crashing just steps from your door. The resort also has lounge chairs that overlook the ocean, as well as indoor and outdoor pools. After you have recharged, gather in the hotel's restaurant for your **Welcome to Cape Cod Dinner**. Then it is only a short walk back to your hotel room, where you can relax before our incredible week on the Cape (**L, D**)



Monday, June 25 – Lights, Radio, and Dune Action!



After breakfast in the resort, we meet our local guide and set out for a day to catch the highlights of the Cape. We begin with a visit to **Nauset Beach Light**, a restored lighthouse first erected in 1923. The tower dates back even further to 1877, from another lighthouse called the Chatham Light. The 48-foot tower is a cast iron plate shell lined with brick, while the adjacent oil house is made of brick. Now fully automated, the beacon still provides aid to navigation.

Our next site is the **Marconi Radio Station**, the site of the first transatlantic wireless communication between the United States and Europe. Founded by Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the radio, the Marconi Company set up numerous locations around the world, including Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and even Australia! Built in 1902, some of the transmissions received at this station included news and telegrams for passengers of the RMS Lusitania, distress calls from the RMS Titanic in 1912, and a message between the American president and the British king in 1903. The original tower still stands to this day and is used for the antennas for local police/fire telecommunications. While we travel, our guide will share tales about the region's rich history as you travel to the tip of Cape Cod to explore Provincetown. Enjoy lunch on own in one of the quaint local eateries with time to explore the shops and galleries that have given Provincetown recognition as a haven for artists.

This afternoon we head to the **Cape Cod Sand Dunes**, which stretch as far as the eye can see, with wispy beach grass, dark green pine trees and deep red beach plums nestled in hollows brought together by a silhouette of blue sky. We climb aboard **dune buggies** for an hour long narrated tour, seeing the dune shacks where famous artists and writers like Eugene O'Neill and Harry Kemp were inspired. You will also pass the remains of the Peaked Hill Life Saving Station and learn how the brave lifesavers enacted their heroic efforts to save the lives of thousands from doomed shipwrecks.



Later this afternoon, return to the hotel and say goodbye to your guide. There will be time to refresh, stroll along the beach or take a dip in the pool before we head out to dinner, a traditional **New England Clam Bake with whole Lobster**, overlooking the beautiful Swan River. A traditional New England Clam Bake features steamah's (mussels), chowdah (New England Clam Chowder) and fresh, steamed lobster. Don't worry if you have never eaten a whole lobster, Dea and Declan will be on hand to help you out. And if you would prefer, there is a selection for the landlubbers. We return to our hotel and fall asleep to the sounds of the sea. **(B, D)**

Tuesday, June 26 – Martha's Vineyard

After breakfast in the resort we board the coach and set out for a day discovery. Arrive at the **Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**, the world's leading, independent, non-profit organization dedicated to ocean research, exploration and education. Explore the Ocean Science Exhibit Center and learn about the Institution's ocean science research as well as the vessels and the tools developed by WHOI engineers and scientists for use in their research. Learn about the whale and dolphin research and the discovery and exploration of the Titanic in 1985 by a group of people working out of Woods Hole.

We then head to the Woods Hole Ferry terminal and board the 11:05 am ferry for a 45-minute cruise to **Martha's Vineyard**. Upon arrival in the town of Oak Bluffs, we enjoy an included lunch at a top rated restaurant. After lunch, there will be time to visit the shops and galleries in Oak Bluffs before our 2-hour tour of this beautiful island. Our guides are both local islanders and will inform you of the island's history, its current residents and how it became one of the most sought after destinations on the east coast.



During our tour, we experience the unique, brightly colored gingerbread cottages of Oak Bluffs and learn the history of the Methodist campground cottages. Then it's off to Edgartown, where pristine whaling captain's homes align themselves with the Edgartown harbor. We will see the oldest known working carousel in the country and see where scenes from the movie *Jaws* were filmed, plus visit the famous Field Gallery in West Tisbury, a barn-like structure that was constructed in 1970 by friends, passersby, summer house guests, and curious day trippers, all volunteering their time. Housing three galleries, the Field Gallery presents rotating exhibits of contemporary paintings, sculpture, photography and more. Travel along country roads for a different view of island life as we wind through the town of Chilmark. After our tour, there will be some additional time to explore Oak Bluffs before we embark on our return ferry. During our cruise back to the mainland, each traveler will receive a Martha's Vineyard souvenir. Board your motor coach and begin your travels back to the resort. The evening is yours to enjoy the resort facilities, with dinner on your own at the resort's restaurant, or take a cab to one of the other charming places nearby. **(B, L)**

Wednesday, June 27 – Enjoy the Day Your Way!

Beach life is all about relaxing, so today is your day to do what you wish. So after breakfast, take a swim in the ocean, enjoy the resort amenities, or just relax on the beach. For those who want to head into Hyannis, we will have the coach take you into town. Today just enjoy the day your way! **(B)**

Thursday, June 28 – Plymouth Rock and Cranberry Bogs

After breakfast, we travel to the oldest municipality in New England and one of the oldest in the United States, Plymouth. Take a trip back in time to experience the Pilgrim way of life at **Plimoth Plantation**, a re-creation of the 17th century village, watching Pilgrims go about their daily chores. We will enjoy an afternoon of entertainment and hospitality as we sit down to a delicious **English Luncheon** in the traditional style, where our Pilgrim host will enthrall us with tales of England old and new. Discover the table manners and recipes that traveled across the Atlantic with the Pilgrims, and find out about what happened at the famous harvest celebration of 1621. After lunch, we embark on a walking



& windshield tour of Plymouth, with tales of struggles, survival and faith that set the cornerstones of our country. Along the way, stop at the largest, solid, freestanding granite monument in our country, the *Forefathers Monument*, as well as the most famous landmark in town, *Plymouth Rock*.

Next, we enjoy an Are We There Yet? first, a **cranberry bog tour**, where we learn about the history, harvest and commerce of cranberries. You will even get a taste of these wonderful fruits ending our visit with a small jar of cranberry honey. We end our day with a Farewell Dinner served at **The Yarmouth House**. The casual but elegant atmosphere provides an ideal setting to share tales of your adventures on Cape Cod. **(B, L, D)**

Friday, June 29 – Bid fond farewell to the Cape

After breakfast in the resort, pack your bags and check out of your room. We say adieu to beautiful Cape Cod as we head towards Boston’s Logan Airport but not before one more stop, the **New Bedford Whaling Museum**. The museum, through its collections and exhibitions, tells the story of the international whaling industry. Its collection contains over 750,000 items, including 3,000 pieces of scrimshaw and 2,500 logbooks, plus the world’s largest whale ship model is housed in the museum, as well as 3 preserved skeletons from whales that have died due to injury from ships. This 110-year old institution is now the world’s largest and most comprehensive museum devoted to the history of whaling as well as the efforts preserving whale populations around the world. We enjoy lunch at New Bedford’s only harborfront restaurant, where we dine on casual fare surrounded by spectacular views of New Bedford’s harbor and fishing fleet. We then head to the airport for our flight home, carrying memories in our hearts and sand in our shoes from the Cape. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B, L)**



Tour includes:

- Round trip non-stop flight to Boston on Southwest Airlines
- Private Motorcoach transportation
- Wonderful beachfront resort for all 5 nights – only unpack once!
- Local Guides in Martha’s Vineyard, Plymouth, and at the sand dunes
- Enjoy 12 included meals (5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 3 Dinners), including a Pilgrim Lunch and a Clam Bake with whole Lobster!
- Cranberry Bog Tour
- Plimoth Plantation & New Bedford Whaling Museum
- All other Activities as indicated
- Baggage Handling
- Professional Tour Directors Dea Hoover and Declan Rutan
- All gratuities including step-on guides, included meals, driver and director

Please note: Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure. Itinerary is subject to change due to uncontrollable circumstances.

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We encourage all travelers to purchase travel protection and pay with initial deposit. Please remember that certain benefits are time sensitive. Plans help provide coverage for unexpected circumstances and help protect your trip and your investment. We offer several 3rd party insurance plans that we believe are the best available in the industry.

Balance on base tour price is due April 30, 2018, and per state insurance regulations we are unable to provide any refunds after that time. If you purchase travel protection and need to cancel after that date, you must file a claim with the insurance company. As we utilize a 3rd party insurance company, they are responsible for processing the claim, which typically takes 6-8 weeks. Restrictions on coverage apply, and we encourage you to read over the policy as well as call them directly with any questions prior to buying coverage, regardless of which insurance company you select.