



Cape Cod, Nantucket & Martha's Vineyard

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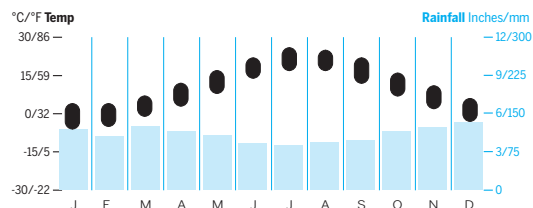
When summer comes around, New England's top seashore destination gets packed to the gills. Cars stream over the two bridges that connect Cape Cod to the mainland, ferries shuttle visitors to and from the islands, and coconut-oiled bodies plop down on towels all along the shore.

This trio of destinations offers a beach for every mood. You can surf a wild Atlantic wave or dip a paddle into a quiet cove. Or just chill out and watch the kids build sand castles.

But there's much more than sun, sand and surf. You'll find lighthouses to climb, clam shacks to frequent, and beach parties to revel in. The Cape and Islands have scenic cycling paths and hiking trails, intriguing art galleries and summer theater – and any one of them alone would be reason enough to come here.

When to Go

Barnstable



Summer In summer the ocean's warmest, the partying's hardest and the festivities maxed.

September The lifeguards go back to college, many nightspots dim the lights and traffic jams disappear.

Fall Fall is ideal for cycling, hiking, kayaking – and even swimming, if you don't stay in too long.



Cape Cod, Nantucket & Martha's Vineyard Highlights

- 1 Climbing dunes at **Cape Cod National Seashore** (p187)
- 2 Enjoying your own swimming hole on the **Cape Cod Rail Trail** (p172)
- 3 Wandering the cobbled Moby Dick-era streets of **Nantucket** (p194)
- 4 Ogling humpbacks from a **whale-watching** boat (p164 and p187)
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