

Cruise Overview

Adorned with gray shingle cottages, serene beaches, and colorful clam shacks, Cape Cod is the perfect getaway destination. Begin and end your journey in Boston, a city brimming with history and character.

Visit Provincetown, a bohemian seaport with unique art galleries and excellent whale-watching opportunities. Enjoy the charming villages and gingerbread cottages of Martha's Vineyard, led by our engaging island guides, and explore the opulent seaside mansions of

Newport. Aboard our comfortable small ship, travel to the picturesque town of New Bedford, known as "The Whaling City," with an authentic seaport village, large fishing fleet, and working waterfront.

One of the highlights of our Cape Codder itinerary is an old-fashioned lobsterbake luncheon, a tradition that pre-dates

America itself. Be treated to fresh lobster, steamed clams, potatoes, and warm corn on the cob prepared on a coals and kelp gathered that morning.



Day By Day Itinerary

Pre-Cruise	Boston Four Seasons Package
Day 1	Boston, MA
Day 2	Provincetown, MA
Day 3	Plymouth, MA
Day 4	Mass Maritime Academy, MA
Day 5	Newport, RI
Day 6	Martha's Vineyard, MA
Day 7	New Bedford, MA
Day 8	Boston, MA

Upcoming Cruises

Departure Date	Cruise Name	Prices Starting At
May 13, 2024	Cape Codder Cruise	\$7,110
May 20, 2024	Cape Codder Cruise	\$7,110
May 27, 2024	Cape Codder Cruise	\$7,110
Jun 03, 2024	Cape Codder Cruise	\$7,110
Jun 10, 2024	Cape Codder Cruise	\$7,110

Pre-Cruise

Our Four Seasons Hotel Pre-Cruise Package offers a complete Boston experience. Located in the heart of downtown, the hotel puts the city at your fingertips and allows you to arrive at your leisure the day before your cruise.

The package includes a full breakfast at the Four Seasons on the morning of your cruise, followed by a Boston City Exploration. American Cruise Lines handles everything, including transportation of your luggage to your stateroom aboard the ship. The excursion concludes at the ship, in time for embarkation and a relaxing afternoon cruise out of Boston Harbor.

Pre-Cruise Packages must be reserved at least 30 days before your cruise date.

Four Seasons Pre-Cruise Package - Boston

Arrive to Boston the night before your cruise and stay at the highly acclaimed Four Seasons Hotel, conveniently located in the heart of downtown. The morning of embarkation enjoy concierge luggage service, a full breakfast, and take part in a narrated city excursion which visits sites such as Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, concluding at the ship for seamless embarkation where your luggage will be waiting for you in your stateroom.

Day 1 - Boston, MA

Known for its famous baked beans, Fenway Park, The Boston Marathon, and the Boston Tea Party, this vibrant city is a great way to start your Cape Codder cruise. Boston is a unique blend of colonial history and cutting-edge innovation.

Welcome Aboard

As you embark upon your journey, enjoy a Welcome Aboard Reception with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Meet the crew, your onboard experts, and fellow guests. Learn more about the wonderful adventure ahead of you.

Day 2 - Provincetown, MA

Originally settled as an artists colony, Provincetown is now one of the most popular summer destinations on Cape Cod. Known for its quaint shops, colorful architecture, and relaxing beaches, Provincetown offers guests a great opportunity to explore historic Cape Cod culture.

Excursions & Entertainment

Dune & Seashore Adventure Enjoy a guided scenic hike along North Truro's High Head Beach, where we will explore the Dune Habitat and Atlantic Shore. Led by an expert naturalist, learn about the uniqueness of this ecosystem and how the dunes are formed. View the amazing plants and animals that call this area home, as well as the megafauna found on the beach. Along the way, our guide will discuss their place and importance in the ecosystem. Some of it will surprise you!

Activity Level: Moderate | ADA ACCESSIBLE: No

Provincetown Whale Watch Excursion As you depart Provincetown aboard the Dolphin Fleet, travel along the shoreline of the Cape Cod National Seashore Park, and enjoy views of spectacular beaches, lighthouses, and historic landmarks. Provincetown is the closest port access to the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, a protected marine habitat with an amazing diversity of aquatic life. Guided by an experienced naturalist, view whales, dolphins, seabirds, and other creatures of the sea in their natural habitat. Explore the onboard science center, featuring electronic chart plotters and bathymetric chart displays to track vessel movement, and much more.

Activity Level: Low | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Yes

Provincetown Exploration Learn the history of Provincetown on a fascinating narrated exploration. Travel along the Provincetown Harbor and view the famous landing site of the Pilgrims. Venture to the Salt Pond Visitor Center, part of the Cape Cod National Seashore. After an orientation video, continue learning about Cape Cod's glacial history, European settlement culture, fishing, lighthouses, and tourism. Stop at Marconi Wireless Station, the site of the first transatlantic wireless communication between the United States and Europe in January 1903.

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Provincetown Dunes Adventure In your private SUV, enjoy this unique adventure that takes you on a rolling exploration along the Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars Historic District. As you weave through the dunes, witness the shacks that come into view. Home to many American artists and writers from the 1920s to today, these wooden shacks provide inspiration amidst the shifting sands. Along the way, view the picturesque Pilgrim Lake as you listen to your knowledgeable guide share the history and ecology of this enchanting location.

Activity Level: Low | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Yes

Day 3 - Plymouth, MA

Plymouth is a coastal town, and the site of the first Pilgrim settlement, founded in 1620. Plymouth Rock, a boulder in Pilgrim Memorial State Park, marks the place where settlers are thought to have landed on shore. The Mayflower II, a full-scale replica of the ship that carried the Pilgrims across the Atlantic, is usually anchored at the park.

Excursions & Entertainment

Plimoth Plantation Guided by museum educators, you will visit Plymouth Colony as it comes to life in the recreation of the early English Pilgrim settlement. You will be living history, not just watching a reenactment. Historical performers, portraying real people who lived in Plymouth Colony, will educate, and captivate you with stories of Mayflower's crossing, life among the Pokanoket and other native people, Pilgrim courtship, faith, politics and trade.

Historic Patuxet and Plymouth Colony A walking tour presented by Plimoth Patuxet Museums has been customized to connect your Plymouth experience to America's Founding Story. Visit Plymouth Rock, Cole's Hill and Massasoit's Statue; Leyden Street (original street of Plymouth Colony), Governor Bradford's statue, Brewster Gardens and Town Brook (water supply for the Pilgrims) and Town Square and Burial Hill (location of the Fort/Meeting House).

Step aboard the historic Mayflower II. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Mayflower II is a full-scale replica of the 17th-century merchant ship that brought the Pilgrims in 1620. Also, see and learn how corn was stone-ground in 1636 at the Plimoth Grist Mill. Then, enjoy taking home a piece of history with freshly made cornmeal available for purchase at one of the 3 retail stores along the waterfront. Stop at the mill to purchase Plimoth artisan products.

Activity Level: Moderate | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Partial

Day 4 - Mass Maritime Academy, MA

Founded in 1891 in Boston, MA, Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) is the largest and oldest continuously operating maritime academy in the country. Come explore this "special mission" campus and its state-of-the-art simulators and labs while you interact with MMA cadets and staff. Discover the 360-degree Full Bridge Simulator, the Emergency Operations Training Center, the Marine Engineering Labs, green technologies, and more. Throughout your excursion, learn about the history of the Academy and surrounding areas from those who know it best.

Excursions & Entertainment

The Hyannis Experience During this carefully curated excursion, explore the charming village of Hyannis with stops at the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, Veterans Memorial Park, Cape Cod Maritime Museum, and St. Francis Xavier Church. Take time to stroll down picturesque Main Street and peruse some of the many locally-owned shops. Lunch is included.

This is a Signature shore excursion and should be reserved in advance. Please call (703-380-1094) for information.

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Massachusetts Maritime Academy - Complimentary Excursion During this privileged excursion, explore the impressive campus and immerse yourself in its state-of-the-art, 360-degree full bridge simulator, view the Emergency Response Operations Training Center, and learn about the Academy's green technologies while standing at the base of its massive 280-foot wind turbine.

Enjoy a presentation by The Chatham Marconi Maritime Center which celebrates the rich history of 20th Century maritime radio and explores the advances in science and technology that continue to transform our lives.

Activity Level: Moderate | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Yes

Day 5 - Newport, RI

Nestled within Narragansett Bay is Newport, the yachting capital of the world. As you stroll along the beautiful beaches, historic neighborhoods, bustling wharves, and scenic waterfront, you will find Newport offers something for everyone. Visit the Herreshoff Marine Museum and America's Cup Hall of Fame. Explore Newport's fabled past with glimpses of opulent seaside estates along the "Avenue of the Mansions."

Excursions & Entertainment

Avenue of the Mansions Travel back in time to the epicenter of 19th-century opulence as a knowledgeable guide takes you down one of the most architecturally impressive avenues in the world. Learn about the owners of the homes and their monetary successes as you travel along the spectacular Ocean View Drive and Bellevue Avenue, stopping at the "grande dame" of them all, The Breakers Mansion.

A portrayal of the social and financial prominence of the Vanderbilt family at the turn of the century, the architecture of this seventy-room Italian Renaissance-style palazzo is remarkable. Take a leisurely audio tour of the home and learn about the Vanderbilt family and the inspiration for their building this impressive summer "cottage." At the conclusion of the tour, you will have time to explore the bustling Newport waterfront at your leisure.

Activity Level: Low | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Partial

Fort Adams Exploration - Complimentary Excursion Visit Fort Adams, the well-known fort used to protect the harbor, and puts us just a short ride away from Newport's bustling riverfront. View the "Officer's Quarters" and ascend to the scenic overlook for a breathtaking view of Newport Harbor. Learn about past and future plans for the restoration of the Fort and enter the restored casemates to visit the latest historical exhibit. The listening tunnels beneath the walls of the Fort are a marvel of architecture and engineering and represent 180 years of American military history and culture.

Activity Level: Low | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Yes

Day 6 - Martha's Vineyard, MA

Martha's Vineyard was once a hub for whaling fleets and merchant ships, with exotic cargo from the far corners of the world arriving on her shores. Today, the island is one of the most popular vacation spots in New England, comprised of six distinct towns, including Chilmark and Vineyard Haven. The most genteel town on the island is historic Edgartown, prim and proper with its freshly painted Colonial homes and manicured gardens.

Day 7 - New Bedford, MA

In the mid 19th-century, New Bedford was the whaling capital of the world and became the inspiration behind Herman Melville's classic American novel, *Moby Dick*, published in 1841.

Today, New Bedford is still known as "The Whaling City," with an authentic seaport village, large fishing fleet, and working waterfront.

Excursions & Entertainment

Acushnet Harbor Cruise After a hearty New England-inspired breakfast, the harbor cruise captain will greet you at the ship and take you on relaxing cruise around the historic New Bedford / Fairhaven Harbor. Admire the popular Palmer's Island Lighthouse, a working fishing fleet, and Fort Phoenix, which dates back to the Revolutionary War. Your captain will also share insights into the local fishing industry and plenty of whaling history. After you arrive back on the ship, enjoy a seafood dinner made from the locally sourced scallops and fish.

Activity Level: Low | ADA ACCESSIBLE: No

Fishing Heritage Museum & Working Waterfront Walking Excursion Once the whaling capital of the world, today, New Bedford is the nation's most valuable fishing port. Take a shuttle to the Fishing Heritage Center, where you can learn the story of this fishing community. Watch a short orientation film, explore the Center's interactive exhibits, and browse the gift shop. Next enjoy a guided walking exploration of New Bedford's working waterfront where you can learn about different types of fishing vessels, shoreside businesses, the old auction, and local fishing families.

Activity Level: Low | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Yes

New Bedford Whaling Museum - Complimentary Excursion In this famous whaling city, be sure to stop at the New Bedford Visitors Center and Whaling Museum, just a 10-minute walk from the ship or a short ride on the shuttle. The museum is the largest of its kind, devoted to the history of North American whaling. At the Center, enjoy a short introductory film in the theater and time to explore, before taking a short walk across the street to visit the Whaling Museum. Explore the many engaging exhibits to gain an understanding of the industry that shaped the town of New Bedford.

Activity Level: Low | ADA ACCESSIBLE: Yes

New Bedford Whaling Historical Park Walk – Complimentary Excursion New Bedford was the mid-19th century's preeminent whaling port and for a time "the richest city in the world." Enjoy a leisure walk with a Park Ranger from the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the world's largest whaling museum. Stroll down cobblestone streets, led by your guide, who will take you into the heart of the park and speak on the whaling history within New Bedford. Explore a whaling merchant's home and whaleman's chapel, and walk a 19th century schooner's decks. Walk in the footsteps of Herman Melville and Frederick Douglass and learn about a remarkable era.

Activity Level: Moderate | ADA Accessible: Partial

Day 8 - Boston, MA

Welcome back one of America's most dynamic cities. Boston is an incredible living history museum and the perfect port from which begin and end your amazing voyage. Stay a day or two to explore all the highlights of this incredible destination.

Excursions & Entertainment

Explore More in Boston Why not stay a day or two more to visit Boston's many fine museums, as well as the New England Aquarium? You may also choose to walk the popular Freedom Trail which includes historic landmarks such as the Bunker Hill Monument, the Old North Church, and Paul Revere's house.