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# NANTUCKET

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## FOR THE EPICUREAN

◆ Off season? What off season? The **Cisco Brewers, Triple Eight Distillery, and Nantucket Vineyard complex** is open year round for daily tours and tastings. Bottles of the renowned Notch whisky go for \$888, but plebes can score samples for a mere \$44 (or \$24, if you've already plunked down 20 bucks for the tour). Cisco's annual Acktoberfest on October 8 and 9 is the perfect occasion to raise a glass (or three) of spicy-smooth Purple Drumkin, an ale made with island gourds. Prolong the celebratory mood on October 15 and 16 with a butchering class and whole-pig dinner at **American Seasons' HOGtoberfest**. You can snag a seat at the standout restaurant (we prefer the heated patio) into early December, while **Lola 41**, home of craveworthy burgers with cheddar, onion compote, and foie gras dipping sauce (!), is open all year.

## FOR THE ADVENTURER

◆ BYOB (bring your own bike)—or rent one—and hit the paved paths crisscrossing the Grey Lady. The ride from town to sleepy Siasconset via Polpis and Milestone roads is about 17 miles round trip and takes you past heathlands and ponds. Hop off and explore hardwood forests and salt marshes at the 13.5-acre **Masquetuck Reservation**, accessed by Quaise Pastures Road, by foot; be sure to keep an eye out for egrets. Other autumn diversions include **Sankaty Head Golf Club**, an 18-hole course open to the public fall through spring, and **Capt. Tom's Charters**, on which you can reel in the false albacore and bluefish that abound in the fall waters around Nantucket. Boats leave from Walter S. Barrett Public Pier.

## FOR THE HISTORY BUFF

◆ The **Nantucket Historical Association's new house tours**—which include a stop at Greater Light, the barn transformed by artists Gertrude and Hanna Monaghan into an offbeat summer retreat in the 1930s—run daily at 2:15 p.m. through October 10. Catch a glimpse of quirky island artifacts at the **Whaling Museum** exhibit "Nantucket's Cabinet of Curiosities: A to Z." And don't miss a screening of the new short film *Nantucket* by Ric Burns (Ken's brother). For panoramic views of the harbor and sound, the 94-step climb up the bell tower at the **First Congregational Church** on Centre Street delivers; it's open to the public for a \$5 donation through mid-October.



## SAVE THIS DATE

OCTOBER 8

Work up your thirst for a tangy Cape Codder at the Cranberry Festival ([nantucketconservation.org](http://nantucketconservation.org)).



## WHERE TO STAY

◆ The **Centerboard Guest House** (fall rates from \$125) has seven rooms overseen by cheerful innkeeper Lyn Francis. And at many of the island's luxest lodgings, rates drop with the temperature—rooms at the elegant **Wauwinet**, for example, start at \$225 in October.

## THE ESSENTIALS

■ **Trip time** One hour, 30 minutes driving plus a one-hour fast ferry

### ■ American Seasons

80 Centre St., 508-228-7111, [americaseasons.com](http://americaseasons.com).

■ **Capt. Tom's Charters** 508-228-4225, [www.capttom.com](http://www.capttom.com).

■ **Centerboard Guest House** 8 Chester St., 508-228-9696, [centerboardguesthouse.com](http://centerboardguesthouse.com).

■ **Cisco Brewers** 5 Bartlett Farm Rd., 508-325-5929, [ciscobrewers.com](http://ciscobrewers.com).

■ **First Congregational Church** 62 Centre St., 508-228-0950, [nantucketfccc.org](http://nantucketfccc.org).

■ **Lola 41** 15 S. Beach St., 508-325-4001, [lola41.com](http://lola41.com).

■ **Masquetuck Reservation** [nantucketconservation.org](http://nantucketconservation.org).

■ **Sankaty Head Golf Club** Sankaty Road, Siasconset, 508-257-6655, [sankatyheadgc.com](http://sankatyheadgc.com).

■ **The Wauwinet** 120 Wauwinet Rd., 508-228-0145, [wauwinet.com](http://wauwinet.com).

■ **Whaling Museum and tickets for historical house tours** 13 Broad St., 508-228-1894, [nha.org](http://nha.org).

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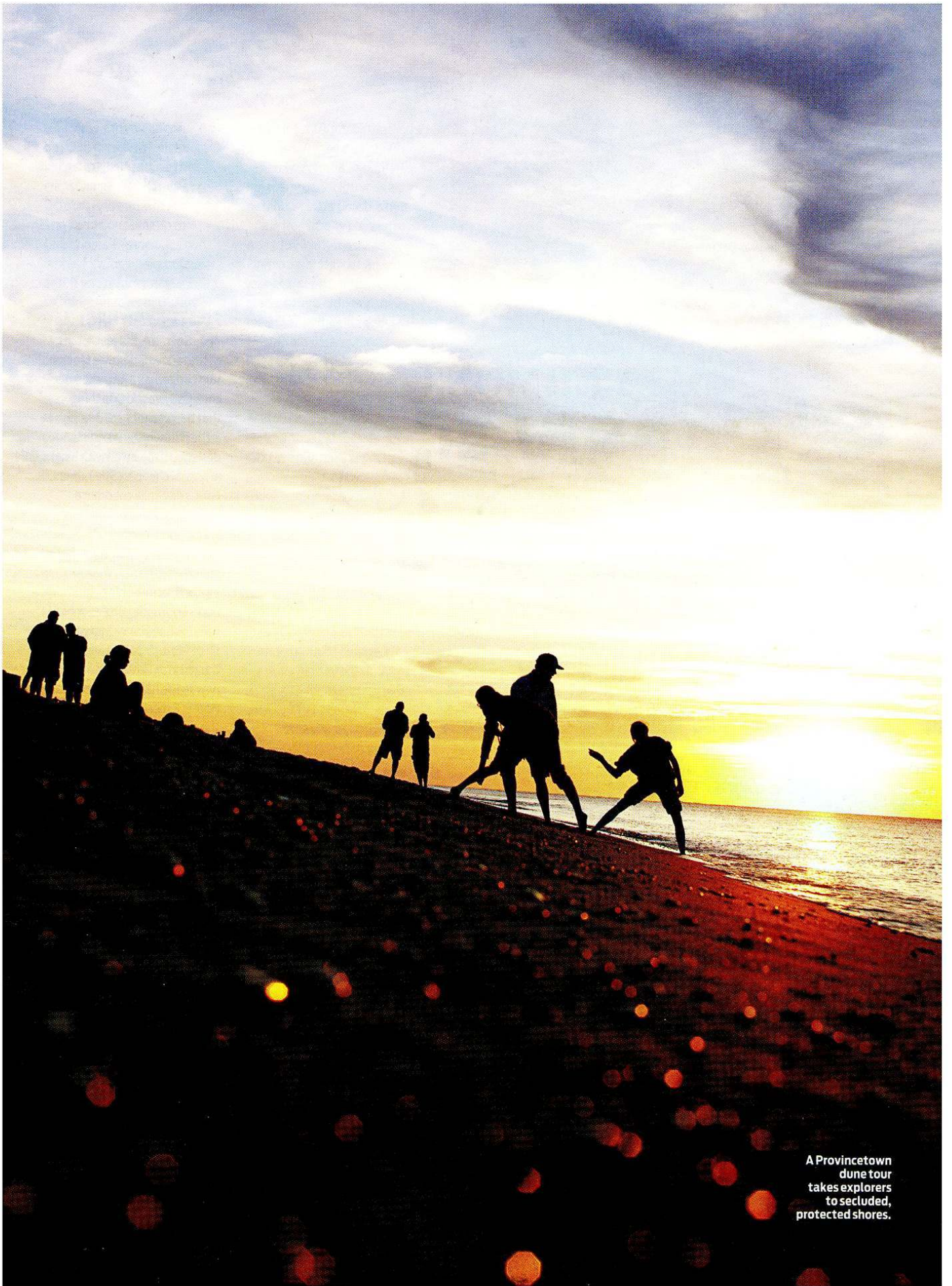
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A Provincetown  
dune tour  
takes explorers  
to secluded,  
protected shores.

# PROVINCETOWN

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Paths lead sightseers across the Cape Cod National Seashore to remote beaches.

## FOR THE EPICUREAN

➡ Provincetown is teeming with tasty attractions. Start the day at **Connie's Bakery**, where the windows are full of glossy cinnamon rolls and buttery quiches; enjoy your breakfast while strolling along MacMillan Pier. For lunch, the fried clams at the new **Native Cape Cod Seafood** in the Aquarium Marketplace are a terrific choice. Order inside at the counter, then eat on Aqua Bar's shaded deck. Come dinnertime, grab a seat at **Ten Tables Provincetown**, which debuted in April. Chef Alex Saenz worked at the Cambridge outpost, and his polished yet unfussy plates—think grilled bluefish with Woodbury clams and chorizo—reflect everything we love about the city locations.

## FOR THE ADVENTURER

➡ Now that the sun worshipers have scattered, the tip of the Cape—with its miles of unspoiled seashore—is yours to explore. Survey the land in a 4WD Suburban with **Art's Dune Tours**, which take you past the "dune shacks" where famed artists once lived and onto remote beaches. Those with energy to burn should don sturdy shoes for the surprisingly tough three-mile hike along the breakwater to the Long Point Lighthouse and an incredible secluded stretch of sand. (If a round-trip trek seems daunting, **Flyer's Boat Rentals** runs a \$10 shuttle from Long Point back to the West End.) Animal lovers, meanwhile, will want to hoof it to the **Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary** for birding boot camps, seal sails, and oyster-reef tours.

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**SAVE THIS DATE**  
OCTOBER 15–16

**Shucking contests, cooking demos, live music, and bivalve slurping are all part of the weekend-long OysterFest in Wellfleet (wellfleet.oysterfest.org).**

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If all those amazing vistas still aren't enough for you, take a flying lesson from **Race Point Aviation** and see the Cape the way the sea birds do.

## FOR THE ESCAPIST

➡ It's a low-key getaway you're after, so you'll want to avoid busy P-town, right?

Wrong. With the exception of rowdy events like Women's Week (10/7–10/16), fall on the outer Cape is surprisingly mellow. For a true retreat, schedule an Earth & Sea scrub and body wrap at the Crowne Pointe Inn's **Shui Spa**. A tipple can take the edge off, too, and an Adirondack chair by the fire pit at the newly revamped **Harbor Hotel** is the perfect place to sip. Prefer a crisp chardonnay? The Cape isn't exactly Napa, but a **Truro Vineyards** tasting will take you worlds away from the Hub.

## WHERE TO STAY

➡ The **Carpe Diem Guesthouse and Spa** (fall rates from \$119) has 19 rooms named after writers and poets. (Don't snooze through the European-style breakfast, complete with muesli and fresh breads.) A stay at the swish **Crowne Pointe Inn** (fall rates from \$99) includes afternoon wine and sweets and access to the spa facilities.

## THE ESSENTIALS

■ Drive time Two hours

- **Art's Dune Tours** Departing from 4 Standish St., 508-487-1950, [artsdunetours.com](http://artsdunetours.com).
- **Carpe Diem Guesthouse and Spa** 12–14 Johnson St., 800-487-0132, [carpedienguesthouse.com](http://carpedienguesthouse.com).
- **Connie's Bakery** 205 Commercial St., 508-487-2167, [conniesbakery.com](http://conniesbakery.com).
- **Crowne Pointe Inn** 82 Bradford St., 508-487-6767, [crownepointe.com](http://crownepointe.com).
- **Flyer's Boat Rentals** 131A Commercial St., 508-487-0898, [flyersrentals.com](http://flyersrentals.com).
- **Harbor Hotel Provincetown** 698 Commercial St., 800-422-4224, [harborhoteltown.com](http://harborhoteltown.com).
- **Native Cape Cod Seafood** 205–209 Commercial St., 508-413-9724.
- **Race Point Aviation** Provincetown Municipal Airport, 176 Race Point Rd., 508-873-2342, [racepointaviation.com](http://racepointaviation.com).
- **Ten Tables Provincetown** 133 Bradford St., 508-487-0106, [tentables.net](http://tentables.net).
- **Truro Vineyards** 11 Shore Rd., North Truro, 508-487-6200, [trurovineyardsofcapecod.com](http://trurovineyardsofcapecod.com).
- **Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary** 291 State Hwy. (Rte. 6), 508-349-2615, [massaudubon.com/wellfleetbay](http://massaudubon.com/wellfleetbay).