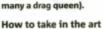


We'll have a gay old time

From art to whale watching, visiting Provincetown is a required journey

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Provincetown, Mass., is such a concentrated area of summer energy that it feels more like its own island rather than its actual geographical location the 18-square miles of land at the tip of Cape Cod. There's also more to the resort town than its famed shops on Commercial Street, which is P-Town's main drag (drag in the literal sense, as the area is known to attract



1750).

The best place to start your browsing is the Provincetown Art Association and Museum (460 Commercial 508-487-



These garage doors painted in the style of Andy Warhol's portrait of Marilyn Monroe are just one small part of Provincetown's thriving arts climate.

Among the current exhibits is the silent auction in the Charles W. Hawthorne room, which features four walls of works by 278 local artists. Next to each piece you can learn where the artist displays more work, which guarantees a more

> Where to eat Two new restaurants captured our hearts (and stomachs). There is something deliciously voyeuristic about eating on the top deck at The Waterford Inn, Cafe & Tavern (386 Commercial St., 508-487-6400) as you sit above the peoplewatching parade below. But what's even tastier is the fresh seafood and ambitious cocktail menu. You won't be able to watch tourists at Victor's (175 Bradford St., 508-487-1777), but you will find throngs of locals enjoying

boasts the highest concen-

tration of gay men in the

Northeast without going to a drag show. We watched

Hedda Lettuce perform a

flamboyant version of

"Mystery Science 3000" to

"Mommy Dearest" at the

Art House Theatre (214 Commercial St., 508-487-

The White Porch Inn (7 Johnson St., 508-364-2549) is nine rooms of sheer felicity, most of which have spa tubs and fireplaces, and all of which have a nightly invitation to enjoy a glass of wine on the white porch.



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