



Tranquility meets sophistication

Here time is not measured in minutes and hours, but in pleasure and peace.

Just a few miles down the road sits another of Cape Cod's treasures. Opened in 1914, the oceanfront Chatham Bars Inn shares a turn-of-the-century ambiance that is anything but stuffy. Low-key, elegant, intimate and open year-round, the inn is situated on 25 acres of beautifully rolling beachfront property.

Simply splendid

Surrounding the stately building known as the Main Inn, with its guest rooms, lounge, restaurants and sweeping veranda, is a grand collection of lovely cottages. Called Cottage Suites, they ooze a casual Cape Cod charm, welcoming guests to a world populated by clam bakes, chartered yachts and the calming hint of saltiness in the air. Private, spacious and handsomely decorated, they're ideal for families.

Sweet surrender

The spa itself is for many the highlight of their visit—a place to unwind in undisturbed privacy in the 4,000 square foot outdoor relaxation pool, wet and dry treatment rooms or the Vichy shower room. Our recommendation: the signature lavender dreams experience, which promises "Dreams of lavender fields kissed by the French sun that envelopes your senses as you drift on waves of blue."

For those in need of a little extra pampering, the inn also boasts newly built Spa Suites with hydrotherapy tubs, dry saunas, massage tables and steam showers. In-room spa visits can be individually tailored and effortlessly arranged. Treatments such as the ocean breeze massage, walk-in-the-sand foot reflexology and the spirulina seaweed body wrap can't help but capture the rejuvenating power of the Cape.

Seaside adventures

Chatham Bars' fleet of five boats is available to whisk guests away for anything from a breakfast cruise to a sunset sail. Lobster, tuna, bluefish and bass are all plentiful in the Cape, and those lucky enough to snag a catch can have their bounty prepared by the inn's chefs just in time for dinner!

The surrounding New England towns and countryside are also not to be missed. All within short driving distance are Brewster's salt marshes, Harwich's picturesque harbors' and cranberry bogs and Chatham's quaint Main Street lined with boutiques, galleries and restaurants.

Bicycle, walk or horse ride along the 22-mile Cape Cod Rail Trail that follows a former railroad bed through the towns of Dennis, Harwich, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham and Wellfleet.

Watch the surfers on the Coast Guard beach in Eastham. Its beautiful sand dunes and world-class surf regularly steal a coveted spot on lists of the top 10 beaches in the United States.

Now considered the largest mural in North America, the 6,400 square foot art deco ceiling mural at the 92-seat Cape Cinema in Dennis is a sight to behold. The mural was completed in time for the opening of *The Wizard of Oz* in the 30s. At the time, it rivaled Tintoretto's *Paradise* in Venice as the largest mural in the world.

Whale-watching is another popular cape-side treat. After spending their winters breeding in the Caribbean, whales return to North Atlantic waters en masse each year from April to October. While you're most likely to catch a glimpse of a humpback, finback or minke whale, many different species frequent the waters surrounding Cape Cod. Whale sightings are virtually guaranteed, so don't forget your camera!

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