

FOCUS TRAVEL & TOURS

CAPE COD, MARTHA'S VINEYARD and The Opulence of NEWPORT, Rhode Island

MAY 26, 2025 X 5 NIGHTS

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

Depart Hamilton and Niagara (pick up locations to be announced closer to travel)
Enjoy a day of socializing on the bus with fun games, music, movies, snacks, and quiet time as we make our way to MASSACHUSETTS, the "Bay State". There will be a lunch stop (on your own).

Arrive and check into the HAMPTON INN, West Springfield.
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/spfrdhx-hampton-west-springfield/>

Dinner on your own, there are restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

HOT AND COLD BREAKFAST BUFFET is included this morning at your hotel.

8:00 A.M. Check out and depart.

10:30 AM Meet our LOCAL GUIDE at the Route 3/Exit 13 Commuter Lot (comfort stop). Our guide will conduct a tour of America's Hometown – PLYMOUTH. As one of the country's first settlements it is well known in the United States for its historical value. A stop will be made at the Forefather's Monument, the largest, solid granite monument in the United States. She stands facing the harbor, welcoming those who come by water. Picture stops will be made at Plymouth Rock, the traditional site of disembarkation of the Pilgrims in 1620.

There will be free time for lunch and shopping on the waterfront.

We will then travel over the CAPE COD CANAL via the Sagamore Bridge into SANDWICH – the oldest town on Cape Cod. We will view the Village Green, the Great Salt Marsh, a Cranberry Bog, and Cape Cod Bay. Sandwich became the site of one of America's largest glass factories, an industry that flourished during the 19th century. This quaint and quiet seaside community is the hometown of Thornton Burgess, naturalist and author of 170 children's books.

Welcome to the sandy shores of CAPE COD. Extending some 70 miles into the sea, the Cape is home to both natural beauty and quaint colonial villages. You can walk pristine beaches, revel in the arts and culture, and reclaim childhood memories of seashells, sandcastles, and saltwater taffy.

4:00 P.M. Our guide will assist us with check in at the FAIRFIELD INN HYANNIS.
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/hyafi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-cape-cod-hyannis/overview/>

5:30 P.M. LOBSTER DINNER is included this evening
Alternate entrées will be available for any "landlubbers" not wishing to eat shellfish.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

HOT AND COLD BREAKFAST BUFFET is included this morning at your hotel.

8:45 A.M. Our LOCAL GUIDE will meet us at our hotel and we will travel to WOODS HOLE. *Based here is the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), a private, non-profit research facility dedicated to the study of Marine science and the education of marine scientists. It is the largest independent oceanographic institution in the world. It was WHOI's research vessel, the Knorr, that found the HMS Titanic, off the coast of Newfoundland in 1985.*

Check in for ticketing and boarding of passengers and coach on the 10:45 am STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY ferry to the island of MARTHA'S VINEYARD. Upon arrival at 11:30 am our guide will conduct a "DOWN ISLAND" TOUR. We will learn about the history and lifestyles of the islanders as you pass through the picturesque villages. There will be free time for lunch in the historic whaling town of Edgartown. Complete our day on the island in Oak Bluffs strolling through "Cottage City" with its brightly painted cottages and decorative "gingerbread" trim. Depart the island at 5:00 pm.

6:30 P.M. Dinner is on our own this evening back in Hyannis. Our guide will offer suggestions.

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

HOT AND COLD BREAKFAST BUFFET is included this morning at your hotel.

8:30 A.M. Our LOCAL GUIDE will meet us at our hotel for a full day of touring. We will travel historic ROUTE 6A, the Old King's Highway, a scenic byway winding through centuries of Cape Cod history. It winds past hundreds of historic structures which characterize its early development. View a Windmill, a Cape Cod Lighthouse and visit the CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE VISITOR'S CENTER. Sand dunes and the ocean surround you as you approach "Land's End" – PROVINCETOWN. We are now at the extreme tip of Cape Cod. Formerly known as the "Province Lands" the pilgrims landed here first before they decided to settle across the Bay in Plymouth. Take some time to enjoy the wonderful variety of restaurants, shops, and galleries that make this artists/fishermen village so unique. Lunch is on your own today.

2:00 P.M. Board an excursion vessel for an amazing experience of WHALE WATCHING. (3 hours) We will travel into the natural habitat of a diverse marine environment including birds that migrate here from all over the Atlantic, and fish which use these shallow waters to feed. Try to spot Humpback, Minke, and Fin Whales going about their daily business. An onboard naturalist will introduce you to everything you see and will answer any of your questions about the whales, birds, fish and lighthouses.

OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO STAY ON DRY LAND:

Admission is included on a one-hour DUNE TOUR excursion. Ride through the protected lands of the Cape Cod National Seashore, the largest protected coastline in the country. Your driver/guide will point out the "dune shacks" where famous artists and writers became inspired to create their art.

6:00 P.M. DINNER is included this evening.

8:30 P.M. Return to hotel.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

HOT AND COLD BREAKFAST BUFFET is included this morning at your hotel.

8:00 A.M. Check out and depart.

9:30 A.M. Arrive in NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND where our LOCAL GUIDE from Viking Tours will meet us at the Transportation Center. Enjoy the charm of Newport's historic buildings and restored homes on this narrated tour covering over 150 points of interest. Take in the rugged beauty of Ten-Mile Ocean Drive and the fabulous mansions along tree-lined Bellevue Avenue.

Admission is included on a Self-Guided tour of the BREAKERS MANSION. The Breakers is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in turn of the century America.

Enjoy free time for lunch and shopping on the historic downtown waterfront filled with cobblestone shopping wharves lined with antique stores, art galleries, specialty shops and restaurants.

3:00 P.M. Depart Newport.

5:00 PM DINNER is included at Steaming Tenders in Palmer, MA.

7:00 P.M. Check into the HAMPTON INN, West Springfield, MA. (same hotel as first-night hotel)

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

HOT AND COLD BREAKFAST BUFFET is included this morning at your hotel.

8:00 A.M. Depart for home with sand in your shoes, seashells in your pocket and many fond memories of your FOCUS TOUR to CAPE COD! We will stop for lunch along the way (on your own).

4:00 P.M. Cross into USA via Peace Bridge (time approximate based on traffic and border crossing).

INCLUSIONS & PRICING:

Round-trip transportation on Deluxe Motor Coach including WIFI from Hamilton & Niagara
 2 Nights of Accommodations at the HAMPTON INN, West Springfield, MA (Pre and Post)
 3 Nights of Accommodations at the FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES on Cape Cod
 Round Trip Luggage Handling (One bag per person at each hotel)
 Guided Tours of Plymouth and Sandwich
 Guide Escort to the Island of Martha's Vineyard
 Round Trip Ferry Passage to Martha's Vineyard out of Woods Hole
 Via Steamship Authority (Passengers and Coach)
 Guided Down Island Tour of Martha's Vineyard
 Guided Tour to Provincetown along Scenic Route 6A
 Visit to the Cape Cod National Seashore Visitor's Center
 Admission on a Whale Watch Excursion OR a Dune Tour

Guided Tour of Newport, Rhode Island
Admission on a Self-Guided Tour of the Breakers Mansion
5 Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfasts at hotels
1 Dinner on Cape Cod
1 Lobster Choice Dinner
1 Dinner at the Steaming Tender
Meal Taxes & Meal Gratuities

COSTS PER PERSON IN CDN INCLUDING HST

Early Booking: \$50 off per person when booked with \$100 deposit before February 14, 2025

Double Room: \$1,649 per person (\$1699 after Feb. 14/25)

Triple Room: \$1,499 per person (\$1549 after Feb. 14/25)

Quad Room: \$1,349 per person (\$1399 after Feb. 14/25)

Single Room: \$2,149 per person (\$2199 after Feb. 14/25)

Final Payment Due: March 30th, 2025

All payments are non-refundable. In the event of cancellation, you may transfer your spot to another guest.

Gratuities for local guides are not included and are at your discretion.

NOT INCLUDED: the customary gratuity to the Local Guides (Newport & Cape Cod) is not included. Such gratuities should be extended on a voluntary, individual basis. Suggestions will be made closer to time of travel.