



Great Bike Tours

Nantucket & Martha's Vineyard 2027 The Jewels of Cape Cod

Imagine New England at its most rose-covered, cobblestoned, and picture-postcard perfect... and you have found the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Join our six-day bike tour as we explore these jewels of Cape Cod.

The small size and flat terrain of these islands make them ideal places for bicycling. With almost 90 miles of paved bike paths to choose from, you'll have a care-free time exploring the world of old whaling captains' mansions and seaside cottages, with their climbing pink roses on gray cedar shingles, and exquisite gardens. Cycle through historic harbors containing quaint inns, boutique stores, galleries, blinking lighthouses, chowder shacks, and upscale dining delights.

Tour Length

6 Days/5 nights

2027 Tour Dates

September 12-17

September 19-24

Tour Start

Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard

Tour End

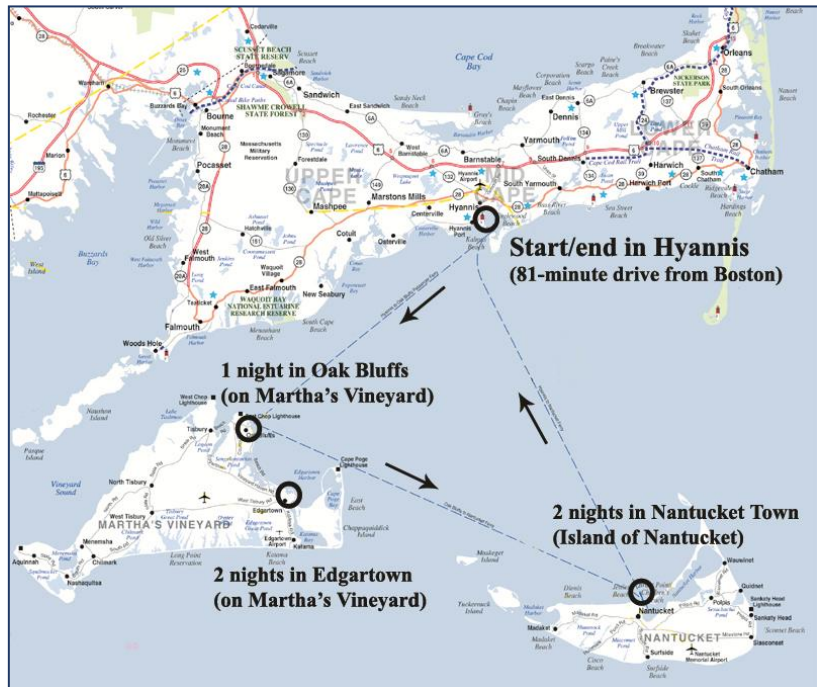
Hyannis on Cape Cod

Cost of 2027 Tour

Still To Be Determined
(the 2026 cost was \$4,375 per person, with a Single Supplement +\$1,375)

Level of Difficulty

Easy to Moderate – 25-40 miles/day, with total mileage of 80-170. Lots of paved bike paths, and one day with hills. Cycle at your own pace. Get a lift in the van whenever you like. E-bikes available (limited supply).



Accommodations

We stay at three deluxe properties on the islands: the [Harbor View Hotel](#) and the [Summercamp Hotel](#) on Martha's Vineyard, and the [Brass Lantern Inn](#) on Nantucket.

Highlights

- **Enjoy** the 44 miles of paved bike trails on **Martha's Vineyard**
- **Explore** classic New England harbor towns + visit eight different lighthouses
- **Cycle to galleries & studios** that feature (and celebrate) the many island artists
- **Visit** the original Black Dog shop, try a scoop of lobster ice cream, and sample fantastic seafood
- **Take a trip** on the bicycle ferry owned by Hugh (brother of James) Taylor
- **Discover** the quiet solitude of Chappaquiddick Island
- **Marvel** at the 300 tiny cottages of Oak Bluffs, each adorned with whimsical gingerbread trim
- **Set sail** aboard a Black Dog Tall Ship, helping to steer the boat and raise the sails, if you wish
- **Enjoy** another 35 miles of paved bike paths on **Nantucket**, an island without any traffic lights, neon signs, or fast-food restaurants
- **Visit** charming seaside villages, full of iconic cottages and whaling-era mansions with their gorgeous gardens
- **Easy bike rides** to local beaches, passing famous cranberry bogs and iconic lighthouses, and stopping at Cisco Brewery for live music & beer tasting
- **Celebrate sunset** during our beachside happy hours
- **Explore** the many shops & galleries on Nantucket's cobblestoned streets

What's Included?

- 5 nights of lodging on the islands (3 nights in Martha's Vineyard, 2 nights in Nantucket)
- 9 meals (5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners), catering to all dietary needs
- Free use of our [bikes](#), plus helmet, rear rack bag for your personal items, rear safety light + triangle, water bottle, and T-shirt. E-bikes available (limited supply)
- Superior level of support throughout your stay (each trip comes with one 15-passenger van and three professional [bike tour guides](#))
- *Ride with GPS* navigation (using your own phone) or paper route notes & maps
- Exclusive GBT activities, including private walking tour of the Gingerbread Cottages of Oak Bluffs, a private sailing trip aboard a 126-foot-long Tall Ship, and a fun trip on a 6-person bike ferry
- Admission to the Nantucket Whaling Museum, Nantucket Shipwreck & Lifesaving Museum, and the Cisco Brewery (beer tasting + live music)
- Full access to our online photo gallery with photos/videos from your trip
- Small group size of 15-20 people (or organize your own [private trip](#))
- GBT pays for two ferry rides – Martha's Vineyard to Nantucket, and then Nantucket to Hyannis — but not the ferry from Hyannis to Martha's Vineyard

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 (Sunday) — Arrival Day at Martha’s Vineyard — Your tour will officially start once you first set eyes on the smiling faces of your tour leaders — at 12:40 pm at the Hy-Line ferry terminal at Oak Bluffs (in Martha’s Vineyard). For this to happen without a hitch, we need you to purchase your own ticket for the 11:40 am Hy-Line passenger ferry from Hyannis (on the mainland) to Oak Bluffs (on the island of Martha’s Vineyard). We suggest that you buy (and eat) your lunch before arriving in Martha’s Vineyard (either in Hyannis or on the ferry).

We shuttle from Oak Bluffs to Edgartown, our home for the next two nights. After arriving at the Harbor View Hotel, we will have a bike fitting, followed by a short warm-up ride to a local beach. If you wish to explore further, we recommend the bike ride to Chappaquiddick Island. In the evening we’ll gather for a welcome reception followed by a lovely dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Accommodations: Harbor View Hotel, Edgartown (Martha’s Vineyard)
Meals Included: Dinner
Cycling Options: 9 or 17 miles (warm-up ride)

Day 2 (Monday) — Historic Harbor Towns, Lighthouses, and Sailing — Cycling is the best way to enjoy the Vineyard, especially when using some of the 44 miles of paved bike paths throughout the state forest and along the coast. Today we’ll pass through the three largest communities on the island: Oak Bluffs, Vineyard Haven, and Edgartown.



- **Oak Bluffs:** After visiting the quaint shops and taking a nostalgic ride on the oldest merry-go-round in the nation, no visit is complete without a scoop of Mad Martha’s ice cream!
- **Vineyard Haven** is the main port of entry to the Vineyard, and one of the main centers of population. Don’t forget to pick up some legendary Black Dog merchandise (bike jerseys, shorts, water bottles) from the Black Dog Tavern.
- **Edgartown** is a classic New England colonial harbor town with clapboard and ivy-covered Greek Revival buildings dating back to the 18th and 19th Centuries. Great selection of shops & restaurants.

After eating lunch at the local Black Dog Café, and will then head out for sailboat ride aboard one of Black Dog Tall Ships. This 126-foot-long ship is quite a sight to behold, and even better, we have chartered the entire vessel just for our GBT group! If you feel up for it, give the crew a hand raising the sails, or even steer the boat for a while. This two-hour trip will include complimentary boat-drinks provided by your bike-tour-guides!



Dinner tonight will be on-your-own, at one of the many fine restaurants in Edgartown.

Accommodations: Harbor View Hotel, Edgartown (Martha's Vineyard)
Meals Included: Breakfast and lunch
Cycling Options: 15 or 26 miles

Day 3 (Tuesday) — The Quiet Side of the Island — Today we will savor the “quiet simplicity” of the west side of the Island, known as “up island.” Although the Vineyard is famous for being an affluent summer colony, with many celebrities numbered among the up-island communities, this part of the island is actually low key and quiet, with the celebrities trying not to be seen.



We will spend the morning cycling past numerous galleries, studios, and workshops that feature (and celebrate) the many island artists. We stop at the exquisite Granary Gallery, and have the option of visiting the outdoor Field Gallery, where large white sculptures playfully pose around us. Another worthwhile gallery is the Martha's Vineyard Glass Works, where master craftspeople turn sand into fragile and colorful creations.

We then cycle over to the 300-year-old fishing village of Menemsha. There are several great lunch options in this village, including a local market offering the freshest seafood on the island (including lobster rolls, clam chowder, and fresh oysters). Make sure you check out peaceful Menemsha beach, or perhaps walk out onto the jetty to watch the fishing boats unloading their catch. Oh, and don't forget, many of the scenes from *Jaws* were filmed in Menemsha! After exploring the village, we take a



short trip on the bike ferry owned by Hugh (brother of James) Taylor. This six-bike ferry takes us from Menemsha towards Aquinnah, where we can take a stroll on the five-mile-long Aquinnah Public Beach, look up to admire the lighthouse and the famous multicolored clay cliffs, or walk one mile north for the clothing-optional area.

Our destination this afternoon is Oak Bluffs, where we'll be staying at the Summercamp Hotel in the heart of town. Dinner is on-your-own tonight.

Accommodations: Summercamp Hotel, Oak Bluffs (Martha's Vineyard)
Meals Included: Breakfast
Cycling Options: 24 or 36 miles

Day 4 (Wednesday) — Nantucket Here We Come — Today we offer another action-packed day. Following our scrumptious breakfast, we offer an optional 12-mile bike ride along the coast, all of it on paved bike paths. You may decide to sleep-in instead, or head off for some power shopping, but don't miss out on our mid-morning walking tour of the famous (and colorful) gingerbread cottages located in area called the Campgrounds, which was started by a revivalist church in the mid-19th century as a

summer retreat. This village center is straight out of a fairy tale, with 300 tiny cottages each adorned with whimsical gingerbread trim.



After lunch we walk our bikes aboard the passenger ferry to Nantucket. After our one-hour journey we arrive at Nantucket, which is New England at its most rose-covered, and picture-postcard perfect. In the afternoon we offer a 14-mile bike ride to explore Madaket Beach and the south side of the Island.

In the evening head out for a stroll/walkabout on the narrow cobblestoned streets of the town's historic district, do a little window shopping, view the grand whaling-era mansions, and then enjoy dinner at one of many fine restaurants in town.

Accommodations: Brass Lantern Inn, Nantucket
Meals Included: Breakfast and lunch
Cycling Options: 12 or 26 miles

Day 5 (Thursday) — Explore Nantucket Island (Siasconset, the Sankaty Head Lighthouse, and Cisco Beach) — Nantucket Island's small size and flat terrain make it an ideal place for bicycling. There are more than 35 miles of paved bicycle paths across the island. These paths are separated from the roadways to provide safe and convenient ways to explore the villages and beaches of Nantucket Island — no place is more than an hour's pedal away.

After a relaxing breakfast at our Inn, we will jump on our bikes and cycle over to the fascinating Nantucket Shipwreck & Lifesaving Museum, which opens early just for our group. Next, we cycle to the Sankaty lighthouse, followed by the charming village of Siasconset, better known as S'conset by the locals. The old cottages in this seaside village are a water-colorist's dream: white picket fences; climbing pink roses on gray cedar shingles; and exquisite gardens. This morning's ride will also take us to remote beaches ideal for shell collecting, past salt ponds and cranberry bogs, and yet more lighthouses.



After lunch we offer a lovely ride through the old town and beyond to Cisco Beach. Seals are sometimes visible along the beach, and if the surf is up, you may see surfers taking on the waves. We highly recommend a visit to the Cisco Brewery, which is also home to a distillery, a winery, food trucks, and live music.

This evening we gather at a local restaurant for our final dinner together.

Accommodations: Brass Lantern Inn, Nantucket
Meals Included: Breakfast, dinner
Cycling Options: 23 or 31 miles

Day 6 (Friday) — Whaling Museum + Ferry ride back to Hyannis
After a yummy breakfast at our Inn, we encourage you to visit the nearby Nantucket

Whaling Museum, ranked #1 attraction on Nantucket Island. The evocative exhibits relive Nantucket's 19th century heyday as the whaling center of the world. In fact, the author Herman Melville based *Moby Dick* on the ramming of the Nantucket ship Essex by an angry whale in 1820. The museum houses a large collection of whaling artifacts and memorabilia, including longboats, harpoons, and scrimshaw, but the centerpiece is the complete skeleton of a 46-foot Sperm whale suspended from the ceiling.

In the late morning you might find time for some last-minute shopping (including that bike jersey you were looking for). Our ferry leaves at 12 noon, arriving in Hyannis at 2:15 pm. We will then sadly wave goodbye to you all, assured in the knowledge that we *will* all travel together again very soon.

Accommodations:	Back home
Meals Included:	Breakfast
Cycling Options:	None

If you require further information regarding travel logistics, please request our “Nantucket & Martha’s Vineyard Travel Information” document.

We hope you enjoy your Nantucket & Martha’s Vineyard Bike Vacation. If you have any questions, or would like to confirm some spaces on this trip, please contact us soon.