



Shoreside Chic

A Guide to Shopping, Eating, Staying, and Playing in Style on
Cape Cod • Martha's Vineyard • Nantucket • The North & South Shores

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WHAT TO PACK FOR THE REST OF YOUR WEEKENDS AWAY



Going Coastal

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BY THE FB STAFF

When people complain that New England's shoreside towns just aren't what they used to be, go ahead and take them at their word. Because they aren't: they're much, much better. Sure, the tried-and-true clam shacks are still there, as are the Ye Olde Kitsch Shoppes and armies of whale belt-wearing prepsters. But these days, you're just as apt to see a Paddington bag nestled against said belt, a Lucite wedge in the line at the raw bar, or a mod home boutique next to a taffy shop. To be sure, our local coast has gone and gotten itself an element of true chicness and now boasts enough legitimately cool spots that you could easily spend the rest of your summer weekends exploring in serious style. But the truth is, we find that the beauty of our shores' evolution is in its current juxtaposition of the cool with the quaint - the traditional with the trendy. And so herewith, we roll out our list of our favorite fashionable — and above all, simply fun — places to stay, eat, shop, and play.

Nantucket

> EAT

AMERICAN SEASONS, 80 CENTRE ST., NANTUCKET, 508-228-7111, AMERICANSEASONS.COM. ■ Warm and welcoming, American Seasons has become a second home for any who adore spectacular food in a low-key environment. CEOs and actors rub elbows with painters and models at the rustic, candlelit tables and dig into a menu broken down into four regions of the U.S.: the South, New England, Wild West, and Pacific Coast, full of playful culinary riffs like the “meat loaf” sandwich of house-cured foie gras.

THE PEARL, 12 FEDERAL ST., NANTUCKET, 508-228-9701, BOARDINGHOUSE-PEARL.COM. ■ A mainstay of Nantucket’s jet set, The Pearl continues to stand out for its trendy touches and modern, imaginative menu. The glowing, iridescent interior (dotted with aquariums) leaves diners with the feeling they’re on Miami Beach, but chef Seth Raynor keeps things as local as possible with fresh-from-the-sea entrees like salt and pepper wok-fried lobster. Thursday through Saturday, a late-night menu brings in a crowd that’s fabulously raucous.

TOPPER’S AT THE WAUWINET, 120 WAUWINET RD., NANTUCKET, 508-228-8768, WAUWINET.COM. ■ Proudly off the beaten track, the Wauwinet Resort lures its devotees with an embarrassment of riches — foremost among them, this jewel of a restaurant. Is the water view (facing the sunset) more stupendous than the epic wine list, or the enchanting, clean-flavored food? Thankfully, there’s no need to choose — they deliver them all, nightly.

> PLAY

DREAMLAND FOUNDATION, 12 OAK ST., NANTUCKET, 508-332-4822. ■ You’d be hard-pressed to find a building with more history than the Dreamland Theater on Nantucket. Built in the 1830s as a Quaker meeting-house, the building has been home to a hat factory, skating rink, and a hotel before becoming the Dreamland movie theater in 1907. Now it’s been moved to another part of the island while it gets restored (to reopen as an environmentally green theater in its original spot in fall 2009). Meanwhile, all summer long the Dreamland Foundation is showing movies in its currently vacant lot, where you can plunk down, bring a picnic, and catch flicks under the stars.

THE SUMMER HOUSE POOL, 17 OCEAN AVE., SIACONSET 508-257-4577, THESUMMERHOUSE.COM. ■ On clear days, the line of beautiful people awaiting entry to The Summer House’s outdoor hangout stretches around the block. Those stealthy enough to snag chaises early are rewarded with a view of both the pool and the beach (it’s the only resort on the island that offers both), a menu of spectacular snacks whipped up by chef Marc Orfaly, and the company of enough Norma Kamali bikinis to fill a runway.