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Hollywood East: Luxury Meets Celebrity At Nantucket Film Festival

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More than 100 movies will be screened over six days at the 21st Nantucket Film Festival. (Photo by Andrew H. Walker/Getty Images for Nantucket Film Festival)

Many of the most acclaimed film festivals take place in intimate enclaves of luxury travel like Cannes and Telluride, and Nantucket is no exception: home to some of the nation's priciest vacation real estate, the small island is awash in private jets, luxury hotels and stellar restaurants. For travelers, there may be no better time to visit than during the annual film festival, now in its 21st year.

The Nantucket Film Festival takes place June 22-27. The event was founded in 1996 to promote appreciation of the art of screenwriting in the world of cinema. Two decades later, it has become one of the premier destination film festivals in the world, but the focus is still on screenwriting. Key events include an All-Star Comedy Roundtable hosted by Ben Stiller; *In Their Shoes...* hosted by Chris Matthews; *Late Night Storytelling*; and a daily *Morning Coffee With...* series featuring a Who's Who of Hollywood. Recent guests have included Mark Ruffalo, Aaron Sorkin, Glenn Close, Robin Wright, Jacqueline Bisset, and David O. Russell.

There is also an annual Screenwriters Tribute, and this year the festival will honor Oliver Stone, with Seth Meyers as the host.

Visitors come from far and wide to experience the preview screenings, signature programs, and Nantucket hospitality. The festival screens more than 100 films across six days. [Ticket packages](#) with reserved screenings are on sale now, in advance of individual public ticket sales beginning May 20. Options range from a full week package (\$650) with 24 movies and Morning Coffee With... tickets plus a special event admission and more to one day passes (\$95). The festival has a partnership with the fabled White Elephant, the most acclaimed luxury hotel on the island, but there are lots of great choices including the Wauwinet, Jared Coffin House, and the Cottages & Lofts at the Boat Basin.