

# RUDY MAXA'S WORLD

## CAREY CHECK-IN REPORT

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America is truly a nation of diversity, with every state or region boasting its own distinctive qualities, but there is something special about the Northeast and New England. Perhaps it's because the region is so steeped in history being the birthplace of America, perhaps it's the natural beauty, culture, convenience, mild climate and ability to offer something for everyone. Mention New England to savvy travelers and they'll likely respond with a range of descriptors including "lobster shacks...chowder...sailing...General Stores...rocky coastlines...sandy beaches...charming inns/B&Bs...family owned restaurants...art galleries...pastoral farmland...a plethora of ice cream shops...ports and harbors...cranberries," and more. New Englanders are hearty people offering warm hospitality, a friendly manner and love of the outdoors. We could share volumes on-air or via this blog/report showcasing New England as the area offers so much – but for an authentic experience that has it all – make sure Cape Cod and its neighbor islands are on your destination list. You'll leave satisfied and eager for more.

Cape Cod is an unusual corner of the world for many reasons, one being the topography. An ever changing peninsula, it juts off the Massachusetts mainland into the eastern Atlantic, with the narrow land being surrounded by water. This provides an island feel with picturesque sunrises and sunsets that have lured professional photographers from around the globe for years. Featuring 500 miles of beaches, the waters of Cape Cod attract surfers, sailors, swimmers and those who love fishing. A drive 'down Cape' as the locals call it (take note you're actually traveling north) to the far Eastern shoreline, is a place to experience dramatic dunes, grassy knolls and some of the most untouched, pristine beaches in the world. This 40 mile coastal span has been protected as a National Park since 1961 as designated by President John F. Kennedy. The Cape's shorelines have long been home to writers, artists and musicians as the year round beauty provides a constant source of inspiration.



Provincetown, or P-Town as the locals have dubbed it, is a charming seaside town and active fishing port on the northern tip of the Cape. It's home to the nation's oldest art colony dating back to 1899 when painter Charles Webster Hawthorne arrived and founded the Cape Cod School of Art. The community has an international reputation as a diverse, culturally sophisticated town that's lined with many art galleries, restaurants, eclectic shops and B&Bs. The Pilgrims' First Landing actually occurred in Provincetown in 1620, prior to them moving on to Plymouth, and it's the site of the Mayflower Compact signing. A fun excursion not to miss is Art's Dunes Tours ([www.ArtsDuneTours.com](http://www.ArtsDuneTours.com)). Established 68 years ago by P-Town resident Art Costa, and now run by his son Rob, this off road dune ride takes

travelers on a lively tour of the shoreline and sprawling protected coastal dunes. In addition to impressive and unexpected landscape you'll be treated to the history of the Dune "Shacks" where writers the likes of Eugene O'Neil, Jack Kerouac, Mary Oliver and others have taken up temporary residence to get away from it all and find creative inspiration. Be sure to ask Rob about their popular sunset ride that includes an intimate oceanfront clambake on the beach.



Golfers, tennis and cycling enthusiasts, naturalists or birdwatchers have no shortage of offerings on the Cape. With approximately 40 golf courses there are options for every kind of player. The region is rich in golf history with one of the oldest courses in the country, Highland Golf Links in North Truro, to some of the most exclusive private clubs in the nation -- The Hyannisport Club, home to President John F. Kennedy during his presidential days, and the famous Eastward Ho! in Chatham. Even Jack Nicklaus has added his own touch by recently redesigning the course at Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club. The Cape Cod Rail Trail provides 25 miles of paved biking taking cyclists through 6 of the 15 Cape towns, with many resting areas along the way to enjoy beaches, lighthouses, lobster and clam shacks, etc. Bikes can be rented from hotels and numerous independent bike rental shops throughout the Cape. And then of course there's the plethora of specialty stores in every town that cater to all tastes and styles.

A common misperception we found is many people think Cape Cod is small simply based on what they see on a map. Well it's not. In fact from the Canal Bridge in Bourne to the top of Provincetown it's 75 miles. There are 15 different towns that comprise Cape Cod, each with their own individual personality and local preservation board. Preserving history and protecting the land are important to the residents. One of the most famous towns is Hyannis, long time summer home of the Kennedy family. New Englanders consider Hyannis the hub and heart of Cape Cod. Here you can visit the JFK Museum, enjoy award winning seafood restaurants, stroll along Main Street USA and just take in the leisurely, laid back lifestyle of the Cape. When it's time for a cold treat, stop by one of the three oldest ice cream shops in the country -- The Four Seasons, located in Centerville, a classic diner style ice cream parlor that's been serving customers since 1934.



Although Cape Cod offers an array of B&Bs, charming inns and lodges, as well as some popular flag hotels in the larger towns, there are three upscale resorts that warrant a visit. They are Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club in Brewster ([www.OceanEdge.com](http://www.OceanEdge.com)), or the Wequassett Resort & Golf Club ([www.Wequassett.com](http://www.Wequassett.com)) and the slightly smaller Chatham Bars Inn Resort and Spa ([www.ChathamBarsInn.com](http://www.ChathamBarsInn.com)) in the Chatham. Each offers top-notch restaurants, stunning ocean views and well-trained staffs.

Traveling to Cape Cod is most popular by car, ferry or boat, but the Cape has regular air service into Hyannis and Provincetown. JetBlue ([www.JetBlue.com](http://www.JetBlue.com)) is offering service into Hyannis, as well as nearby Nantucket Island from New York and several other major carriers also offer service, as do some regional carriers such as Cape Air and sister company Nantucket Airlines ([www.CapeAir.com](http://www.CapeAir.com)). Reaching the Cape has also become easier by the CapeFlyer train ([www.CapeFlyer.com](http://www.CapeFlyer.com)) from Boston or other stops along the way. The largest private ground transportation company is Cape Destinations ([www.CapeDestinations.com](http://www.CapeDestinations.com)), and there's also the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) ([www.CapeCodRTA.org](http://www.CapeCodRTA.org)) that's been providing public transportation services to residents and visitors since 1976.

There are over 700 restaurants on the Cape ranging from roadside lobster shacks, local oyster bars, abundant local seafood haunts, casual family eateries, and gourmet, fine dining at its best. Fresh daily caught seafood abounds including lobster, clams, scallops, cod, swordfish and more. To dine like a local, check out the 45 year old gem, The Lobster Claw in Orleans ([www.LobsterClaw.com](http://www.LobsterClaw.com)), not far from the purportedly haunted Orleans Waterfront Inn ([www.OrleansInn.com](http://www.OrleansInn.com)), where owners Don and Marylou Berig will treat you like family. They serve close to 600 diners a day and cook about 150 lobsters per day during the peak summer season. Known locally as the best family restaurant on Cape Cod, the kitchen is as immaculate as the dining area and customers will feel at home whether they've eaten there for the first or the hundredth time.



While visiting the Cape, be sure to also include time for the nearby islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Both offer their own versions of New England. During our excursion we visited Nantucket and found the islanders to be friendly and passionate about their ocean oasis. This idyllic island has been named a National Historic District and is a step back in time. Little has changed from the cobblestone roads to the old fashioned lamps lining the streets to the stately whaling captains' homes. There are over 800 homes still in existence built before the Civil War. Nantucket is a world renowned travel destination offering unique shops, gourmet dining (there are two restaurant weeks -- one in spring and another in fall), miles of bike paths, golf, fishing and if you're a wine lover, the acclaimed Nantucket Wine Festival in May. A visit to the Whaling Museum gives great insight into the deep historic aspects of Nantucket and its role in maritime history as the whaling capital of the world. Places to stay range from historic inns and B&Bs to larger locations that include the Nantucket Inn ([www.NantucketInn.net](http://www.NantucketInn.net)), which offers business travelers conference rooms and meeting areas, or more upscale The White Elephant ([www.WhiteElephantHotel.com](http://www.WhiteElephantHotel.com)) and Wauwinet Inn ([www.Wauwinet.com](http://www.Wauwinet.com)). The White Elephant's well known restaurant, Brant Point Grill, offers excellent harbor views and cuisine.

Whether you're looking for New England fun, a romantic getaway, a relaxing and restorative holiday, a family vacation destination with nearly unlimited outdoor activities – or some combination, you'll find it all on Cape Cod and its neighbor islands Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard.

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