

ISLAND EXPERIENCES



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Surrounded by the ocean and miles of beaches... rich in history and natural beauty... the magical island of Martha's Vineyard offers an unparalleled array of unforgettable experiences. For over 130 years, Harbor View Hotel has famously welcomed and captivated guests from around the world. Luxury hospitality is our passion. We have crafted amazing itineraries for countless couples, friends, and families, as well as Hollywood A-listers and famous dignitaries. This guide will provide you with information about unique excursions curated specifically for Harbor View Hotel guests, as well as a list of our favorite places to go and things to do on Martha's Vineyard. If you need any assistance planning your trip, please contact us.



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OYSTER TOURS



Harbor View Hotel supports the oyster farmers on Martha's Vineyard who supply the island restaurants with fresher-than-fresh oysters plucked just off the shores of our beautiful island. Local purveyors offer Harbor View Hotel guests an up-close look at the raising and harvesting of oysters, while sharing their passion for the environmental benefits of sustainable oyster farming. Venture out to the peaceful waters of the farm, where tiny buoys mark the location of oyster cages sitting on the ocean floor. Learn how the oysters are culled and properly shucked. Enjoy tasting oysters plucked right from the ocean.

**WHAT
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LOVE:**

“Having invested over \$5.5 million to make our property more energy efficient and eco-friendly, we love to support local businesses who share our same goal of protecting the natural resources of Martha's Vineyard,” says Bernard Chiu. Through these tours, guests experience the beauty of Martha's Vineyard, learn about the local oyster industry, as well as enjoy tasty oysters.

POPULAR VENDORS: (SPACE IS LIMITED - BOOK EARLY)

COTTAGE CITY OYSTER FARM TOUR

Perfect for events, oyster lovers, and anyone curious about where their food comes from, this one-hour floating raw bar experience takes you straight to the source. Up to 20 guests cruise aboard LEEWARD to the Cottage City Oyster Farm for an educational tour, learning how oysters are grown from seed to market. Once on site, enjoy freshly shucked oysters with classic accompaniments — BYOB — as you relax on the water.

Available Fridays & Saturdays, 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM only, from June to September. Tours are public (up to 20 guests). For private tours, guests must contact Cottage City Oysters directly.

Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard | 508-299-7745 | Info@CottageCityOysters.com

SIGNATURE OYSTER FARM TOUR

Enjoy a firsthand look at Martha's Vineyard history while savoring unlimited fresh Island oysters on the Signature Oyster Farm Tour. Cruise the tranquil waters of Katama Bay, spot local wildlife, and learn the craft of oyster farming from a Coast Guard-licensed captain with over 15 years of experience. Tours are one and a half hours, are BYOB and are offered for groups up to six from May through September.

Signature Oysters Farm offers private tours only from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. \$1,200 per tour for up to 6 guests maximum (no exceptions).

Katama Bay, Edgartown | 774-563-0950 | ryan@signatureoysterfarm.com

BOATING EXCURSIONS



Explore Martha's Vineyard from the water on a safe, private boat excursion designed for unforgettable coastal adventures. Cruise past the Gay Head Cliffs at sunset, snorkel off pristine Elizabeth Island beaches, visit remote islands, or spend the day on Nantucket — all with the flexibility to anchor in beautiful, sheltered spots for swimming and relaxing. Discover the Island's natural beauty, hidden beaches, and rich coastal scenery for a day of effortless fun on the water.

WHAT WE LOVE: Boat excursions can be customized for you. They are casual and allow guests to explore hidden coves, pristine beaches, and secluded spots accessible only by boat.

BOATING EXPERIENCES:

- Daytime Cruises
- Sunset Cruises
- Nantucket Day Tours
- Private Tours and Charters
- Customize Your Own Experience

POPULAR VENDORS:

- [Big Blue Charters](#): (617) 459-1379
- [Catboat Charters](#): (508) 524-6903
- [Chappy Charters](#): 203) 554-4229
- [Dancing Turtles](#): (203) 455-1461
- [Island Girl Excursions](#): (774) 563-8323
- [Island Sailing Tours](#): (203) 246-1369
- [Menemsha Blues Charters](#): (508) 645-3778
- [MV Ocean Sports](#): (508) 693-8476
- [Nauti' Girl Excursions](#): (508) 939-1421
- [Nantucket Mermaids](#): (508) 472-4771
- [Plan Sea Adventures](#): (508) 687-2003
- [Sail Magic Carpet](#): (508) 627-2889
- [The Witch of Endor Sailing](#): (508) 685-1212

PUBLIC SAILING TOURS



Set sail on the storied waters of Martha's Vineyard with a sailing tour. Ideal for Harbor View Hotel guests, these curated excursions invite you to unwind aboard a classic sailboat or an impressive catamaran while taking in sweeping views of historic harbors, pristine shorelines, and golden sunsets. This is a serene way to experience the Vineyard from its most iconic vantage point.

WHAT WE LOVE: Public Sailing Tours is a great way to explore the island by water. As a shared sailing excursion, it provides a more approachable price point than private charters while still delivering sweeping views of Vineyard Haven Harbor, Chappaquiddick, and the island's coastline.

POPULAR VENDORS: (SPACE IS LIMITED - BOOK EARLY)

BLACK DOG TALL SHIPS | (508) 693-1699

The schooner Alabama departs from Black Dog Wharf for a three-hour sailing excursions that showcase Martha's Vineyard at its most beautiful. Guests are invited to participate as much — or as little — as they wish: help raise the sails with the crew, take a turn at the helm alongside the captain, or simply relax with a glass of wine while coastal scenery drifts by. Ideal for couples, families, and groups, a sail aboard the Alabama is often a standout moment of an island stay.



FISHING EXCURSIONS



Guided fishing excursions on Martha's Vineyard offer a refined blend of sport, instruction, and island adventure tailored to both novice and experienced anglers. Guests can expect personalized outings, from private charters to guided fly fishing to group and corporate experiences, led by expert guides who emphasize both technique and local knowledge. Beyond the thrill of the catch, each trip deepens appreciation for the Vineyard's waters.

WHAT WE LOVE: Fishing is a big part of the local culture on the Vineyard. Guests get to experience the Vineyard like a local, learn new skills and have fun. No experience is necessary.

FISHING EXCURSIONS:

- Fly Fishing
- Boat Fishing
- Flats Skiff
- Shore Fishing
- Fly Fishing Paddleboard
- Casting lessons
- Group Fishing

POPULAR VENDORS: (SPACE IS LIMITED - BOOK EARLY)

[Local Tide Charters](#): (774) 563-9799

[Kismet Outfitters](#): (774)-549-5921

[Martha's Vineyard Outfitters](#): (508) 962-7959

[Skipper Fishing Charters](#): (508) 693-1238



WATER SPORT ACTIVITIES



Water sports on Martha's Vineyard offer a refreshing way to experience the island's coastal beauty while enjoying time outdoors. Whether you're looking for gentle movement or a bit of adventure, spending time on the water is an activity that guests of all ages and skill levels can enjoy.

WHAT WE LOVE:

We love kayaking and paddleboarding on Martha's Vineyard because it's one of the most peaceful, beautiful ways to experience the island — gliding past quiet harbors, salt marshes, and coastal wildlife at your own pace.

WATER SPORT ACTIVITIES

- Paddle Board Yoga
- Paddle Board Tour
- 2-hour Kayak Adventure
- Full Day Kayak Tours
- Private Tours
- Pedal and Paddle Tours
- Sunrise Kayak or Paddle Board Tour
- Sunset Kayak or Paddle Board Tour
- Kayak and Paddle Board Rentals
- Wind Surfing
- Jetski Rentals
- Parasailing
- Banana Boat Rides
- Flyboarding
- Surfing
- Water Skiing
- Tubing

POPULAR VENDORS: (BOOK EARLY)

[Island Spirit Kayak](#): (508) 693-9727

[MV Ocean Sports](#): (508) 693-8476

CHAPPAQUIDDICK ISLAND



Chappaquiddick Island is a must-see for explorers, nature lovers, and beachgoers. Located across the harbor from Harbor View Hotel, it is accessible by a 2-minute ferry from Edgartown Harbor. "Chappy", as the locals call it, is a rural island with only one main road, paved for approximately four miles from the ferry landing to the southeastern end of the island. Mytoi Gardens, Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, and East Beach are located off the main road at the end of a one-mile-long dirt road. There is just one retail business, the one-room Chappy Store, located two miles from the ferry on the main road. The only bathrooms are porta potties at the Mytoi Gardens.

More than a thousand acres (about a quarter of the island) on Chappy is in conservation, much of it oceanfront and open to the public. Three large conservation areas - Wasque ("way-skwee"), Mytoi, and the Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge are owned and managed by The Trustees of Reservations, a statewide conservation group. Others are overseen by the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission.

HOW TO GET THERE:

The best way to get to Mytoi Gardens, Cape Poge, and East Beach is by car or bicycle. Renting a Jeep to drive onto the beach is lots of fun, but requires a permit, and drivers must follow specific guidelines. Some rental car companies offer assistance with permits, but permits are limited. There is also parking at Mytoi Gardens within walking of the beach which does not require a permit. If taking a bike, be prepared to bike 3 miles each way with one mile of dirt road. Whether you chose to take your vehicle or bicycle, you will need to board the 2-minute Chappy Ferry that departs from Memorial Dock in Edgartown.

BEST WAYS TO EXPLORE:

Over-the-Sand Day Permit: Take your vehicle on an oversand adventure on Martha's Vineyard. With thousands of acres of open space to explore, you can find your own peaceful spot for fishing, nature viewing, beach exploration, swimming, or a family adventure.

Self-Guided: Bike 3 miles to Mytoi Gardens. Tour the gardens and take a bathroom break. Bike to Dyke Bridge and walk to East Beach.

RESOURCES:

[On-Time Ferry](#): Information on the Chappy ferry, as well as fun facts about Chappy.

[Trustees of Reservations](#): Tours of Mytoi Gardens, Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, & Wasque

[Over-Sand Vehicle Permits and Regulations](#)

[MV Auto](#): Vehicle Rental. Beach permits are limited, but some of their Jeep Gladiators come with the rental.

[Chappy Map](#)

[Chappy Community Center](#)

[Slip Away Farm](#)

DURATION: Plan for half day or full day.

COST: \$5 for entrance to Mytoi Gardens, Wasque or Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge. Check website for tour prices & OSV Permit pricing.

SITSEEING & GUIDED TOURS



Martha's Vineyard has six towns, six histories, and a hundred square miles of farms and forests, villages, and beaches. Residents often divide the Vineyard into up-Island and down-Island. Up-Island is the western area, which comprises the three rural towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, and West Tisbury. Down-Island is the eastern portion, home to the larger historic villages of Edgartown Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven.

- **Aquinnah** at the westernmost tip of Martha's Vineyard, is best known to visitors as the home of the colorful Gay Head Cliffs and historic Gay Head Lighthouse.
- **Chilmark & Menemsha:** Chilmark is known for its rolling hills and stone walls, nature preserves, and dramatic coastlines. The quaint fishing village of Menemsha, located in the northern section of Chilmark, features beautiful landscapes and sunsets, as well as fresh seafood from right off the fishing boats.
- **Edgartown**, home of Harbor View Hotel, is the oldest English settlement on Martha's Vineyard. Architecturally, Edgartown is famous for the white-painted captain's houses and picturesque churches that speak to the great prosperity of the whaling era. The plains district south of the town center, near the popular South Beach, is known as Katama (Kah-TAY-mah).
- **Oak Bluff:** North of Edgartown are the two main ferry ports of Martha's Vineyard, Oak Bluffs, and Tisbury. Oak Bluffs is known for its Gingerbread Houses, Flying Horse Carousel, public beaches, and lively nightlife scene.
- **Vineyard Haven** (also known as Tisbury) is the main port of entry to the Vineyard. In addition to its scenic harbor, Vineyard Haven has a lively Main Street shopping district.
- **West Tisbury:** West Tisbury is a rural town, southwest of Vineyard Haven. Its small downtown center features the historic Alley's General Store and the Field Gallery. West Tisbury is also home to the popular agricultural fair held every August.

WHAT WE LOVE:

Martha's Vineyard is rich in history and natural beauty. There are many ways to explore the island and various tour options. Pick the top attractions or explore the whole island. Our concierge will help arrange a tour based on your interests and availability.

RESOURCES:

Edgartown Tour Company: (508) 203-1853

MV Sightseeing: (508) 693-1555

Experience MV Tours: (508) 939-1359

Martha's Vineyard Excursions: (508) 654-0381/(508) 654-0380

ISLAND BEACHES



Harbor View Hotel offers guests beach chairs and towels for your convenience. Golf carts are available on a first-come, first-served basis to Fuller Beach only. For further details, please reach out to the front desk.

- **Fuller Beach:** Within walking distance from the hotel Located along Edgartown's Outer Harbor, this public beach has warm, calm waters and is a popular place for families with young kids and picnicking. Walk north and west along the beach to Little Beach which extends into the even-warmer waters of Eel Pond. Stay away from the nesting Piping Plovers, which are a protected species!
- **Lighthouse Beach:** Within walking distance from the hotel Located directly in front of the Harbor View Hotel this quiet beach is the perfect place to picnic, read a book, or watch the sailboats float in and out of the harbor. Open to all.
- **Chappy Point Beach & East Beach Chappaquiddick Island:** Call Trustees Superintendent's Office for details at (508) 627-7689 <http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/cape-cod-islands/mv-osv-permits.html> To get to Chappy, take the Chappy Ferry, a 5-minute ferry ride across Edgartown Harbor. Walk onto the ferry, and take a bike or a vehicle. If you are walking, visit Chappy Point Beach which is within walking distance of the ferry dock. There is no entrance fee. If you have a bike or a vehicle, visit East Beach near the famous Dike Bridge. East Beach links Wasque Reservation and the Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge. There is a small fee to walk onto the beach. To drive onto the beach, an over-sand vehicle permit is required.
- **South Beach** is accessible by bike or car. Approximately 4 Miles from the hotel. Three miles of barrier beach on the south shore at the end of Katama Road. Fine surf on one side, protected salt pond on the other. Open to all. Vehicles with permits are allowed on marked trails.
- **Joseph Sylvia State Beach:** One of the most popular beaches on the Island, State Beach is particularly attractive to families with young kids due to the fairly easy, free parking, warm quiet waters, and sandy, shallow waters. The beach runs along Beach Road between Edgartown and Oak Bluffs and was the setting for most of the beach scenes in the movie Jaws. There is a lifeguard at the Edgartown end of the beach and many people go to jump off the bridge, although there are signs asking people not to jump off the bridge!

OFF-SEASON MAGIC

- **Lucy Vincent Beach:** Located near Chilmark, Lucy Vincent Beach is a beautiful stretch of golden sand that runs along the Atlantic coast. The beach is backed by sections of clay cliffs, and there are some large rocks at various points. To the rear of the beach are a series of lagoons that are a haven for birdlife. The far end of the Lucy Vincent beach is clothing optional, but the lower end is family-friendly. This beach is only open to non-residents from mid-September through May.
- **Lambert's Cove:** Lambert's Cove is a beautiful beach. The fine sand and clear waters are visually stunning. There are views of Vineyard Sound and the Elizabeth Islands. In the summer months, this beach is limited to town residents only. However, it is open to the public before 10 AM and after 5:30 PM.

BIKING & HIKING TRAILS



Hiking and biking are among the most beloved ways to experience the natural beauty of Martha's Vineyard. Scenic coastal paths, wooded trails, and charming village routes invite guests to slow down and explore at their own pace, whether enjoying a peaceful morning ride or an afternoon walk with ocean views.

- **Beach Road Between Oak Bluffs & Edgartown:** Go West on North Water Street toward downtown Edgartown. Take a right on Main Street. At the triangle, bear right onto Beach Road. Follow the paved bike path all the way to State Beach. Enjoy 6 miles of bike trails with a view of Nantucket Sound on one side and a 7-acre Sengekontacket Pond on the other. Approximately 2 miles from the Hotel to the beginning of the beach and 3 miles with a view on either side. The path continues on for 3 more miles to Oak Bluffs.
- **Katama Loop:** Set your GPS for South Beach in Katama. Enjoy a 10-mile jog or bike ride from the hotel to South Beach along Katama Road, Atlantic Drive, and over to Herring Creek Road. Riders pass open fields, farms, South Beach, and the Katama Airfield.
- **Felix Neck Sanctuary:** Edgartown | Four miles of trails through woodlands, meadows, ponds, salt marsh, and along shorelines allow for exploration, discovery, and quiet contemplation.
- **Caroline Tuthill Preserve:** Edgartown Vineyard Haven Road | Part of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, this trail is located conveniently off Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road and is a favorite among islanders. Just a few easy miles will take you to the beautiful views of Sengekontacket Pond.
- **Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary:** Vineyard Haven | Explore the habitats and vistas that make Martha's Vineyard such a special place.
- **Menemsha Hills:** 211 acres allowing hikers to climb to the second-highest point on Martha's Vineyard, offering spectacular ocean views.

BICYCLE RESOURCES

Harbor View Hotel: Contact the front desk to request a complimentary bicycle. Bicycles are available on a first-come-first-serve basis and can not be reserved in advance.

Edgartown Bicycles: (508) 627-9008

Martha's Vineyard Bike Rentals: (800) 627-4052

Wheel Happy Bicycle Shop: (508) 627-5928

Sun 'n Fun Rentals: (508) 693-5457

ADDITIONAL TRAIL GUIDE INFORMATION

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



FAMILY ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

Martha's Vineyard offers a wide variety of family-friendly points of interest and activities, from beaches and bike paths to harbor towns and outdoor adventures — perfect for kids of all ages. Staying at Harbor View Hotel puts families close to the fun, making it easy to explore and enjoy the island together.

- [Flying Horses](#): Oak Bluffs | The Flying Houses Carousel is the nation's oldest platform carousel. Originally operated as an attraction on Coney Island, it was moved to Oak Bluffs in 1884 and includes stationary carved wooden horses with manes and tails of real horse hair and inset glass eyes. Each horse is brightly painted and fixed to the rotating platform by a metal post.
- [Island Alpaca](#): Oak Bluffs | Island Alpaca Company of Martha's Vineyard began in 2004 with the purchase of 19 acres of land and an antique post-and-beam barn. They breed Alpacas to produce alpacas with the highest quality fleece. They encourage kids and families to come and visit the farm. You can even buy or sponsor an Alpaca!
- [Horseback Riding Arrowhead Farm](#): (508) 693-8831 | West Tisbury This full-service horse farm boards horses and offers lessons and pony rides. For the horseman looking to expand their skills to those who enjoy music by the barn, this farm has it all. Send the kids to horse camp for a week or explore the private lesson and ride options with a group.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & GUIDE:

OTHER RESOURCES



ISLAND TRANSPORTATION:

- [Lighthouse Taxi](#): (508) 627-6800
- [Resortman Transportation](#): (508) 693-3006
- [Adam Cab](#): (508) 627-4462

CAR RENTALS:

- [MV Auto Rental](#): (508) 696-5300
- [Sun 'n Fun Rentals](#): (508) 693-5457
- [Hertz](#)
- [Budget](#)

OFF-ISLAND TRANSPORTATION:

- [Turco Limo](#): 603) 479-4401
- [Pro Limo](#): (774) 585-4897 / (508) 420-5068

HELICOPTER CHARTER:

- [Bird's Eye View, LLC](#): (508) 627-8953
- [Cape Heli Tours](#): (979)-FLY-TOUR
- [Sightseeing Biplane Rides](#): (508) 627-7677

BIPLANE RIDES:

- [Sightseeing Biplane Rides](#): (508) 627-7677

GOLF

- [Farm Neck Golf Club](#): (508) 693-2504
- [Mink Meadows Golf Club](#): (508) 693-0600

YOGA:

Experience tranquility at the Harbor View Hotel with a complimentary yoga class offered on the front lawn (seasonal). Our expert yoga instructors accommodate all skill levels. Private yoga sessions are available. Please contact Guest Experiences.

SPA SERVICES:

- [Sea Spa Salon](#): 17 Winter St, Edgartown | (508) 627-8953
- [Spa L'eau](#): One Mariners Landing #C, Edgartown | (508) 627-1235

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL:

- [Vineyard Family Tennis](#): (508) 693-7762
- [Airport Fitness](#): (508) 696-8000

ART GALLERIES:

- [Eisenhauer Gallery](#): 38 N Water Street, Edgartown | (508) 627-7003
- [North Water Gallery](#): 27 N Water Street, Edgartown | (508) 627-6002
- [Old Sculpin Gallery](#): 58 Dock St, Edgartown | (508) 627-4881
- [Michael Blanchard Inspirational Photography & Crossroads Gallery](#): 93 Dukes County Ave, Oak Bluffs | mblanch601@mac.com | (617) 448-3934
- [Field Gallery](#): 1050 State Road, West Tisbury | (508) 627-4881
- [Featherstone Center for the Arts](#): 30 Featherstone Lane, Oak Bluffs | (508) 693-1850

MUSEUMS:

- [MV Museum](#): 151 Lagoon Pond Rd., Vineyard Haven | (508) 627-4441
- [The Carnegie](#): 58 N Water Street, Edgartown | (774) 549-9107
- [Vineyard Preservation Trust](#): 99 Main St., Edgartown | (508) 627-4440

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- [Jocelyn Filley](#) | jocelyn@filleyphotography.com | (203) 515-8946

FLORISTS:

- [Juniper](#): (508) 939-4098
- [Donaroma's](#): (508) 627-3036
- [Morrice Florist](#): (508) 693-0392
- [Martha's Vineyard Baskets](#): (774) 563-8868
- [Vineyard Gardens Nursery](#): (508) 693-8511

BABY & CHILD SERVICES:

- [Baby Gear Rentals](#): (508) 627-8830
- [MV Drift](#): (937) 405-3267
- [Babysitters](#): Care.com offers a list of sitters on island that has been vetted with background checks. Harbor View Hotel has no affiliation with care.com or sitters.

PET SERVICES:

- [Animal Health Care MV](#): (508) 693-6515
- [Al Fresco Tails](#): (508) 205-9015



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