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## The Quintessential Weekend On Cape Cod



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Cape Cod has long been a bastion of the well-heeled New Englander from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The pristine beaches, the shingle-clad towns and the post card worthy views of the Atlantic make it a place you will crave again and again. Chatham Bars Inn is one of the quintessential resorts on Cape Cod; here is how you should spend a weekend at the property to get the full Cape Cod experience.



CAPE COD, CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES - 2012/08/26: Chatham Bars Inn and resort.

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New England's weather is fickle even in the summertime, but locals know that late July and August are your best bets for sunny, hot beach days. So, the handful of weekends in this time frame often get booked up far in advance so make your reservations as early as possible.



CHATHAM, MA - JUNE 27: View from the Chatham Bars Inn. (Photo by Dina Rudick/The Boston Globe via Getty Images) BOSTON GLOBE VIA GETTY IMAGES

When you finally do arrive, hit the beach. The [Chatham Bars Inn](#) team offers a free boat shuttle to the beaches on the outer banks of Chatham, allowing you and your party a bit more privacy, giving you a bit more of that “Cape house” experience. If you are lucky enough to have a hot, sunny beach day, then plan on lingering at the beach as long as possible as summer in New England can be gone in a flash. Bring lots of water and sunblock as there are no snack shacks or shady areas available, just lots of sand, sun and the crisp Atlantic Ocean!



CHATHAM, MA - View from the outer beaches off Chatham Bars Inn J.Q. LOUISE

But after you have had your fill of the beach, head back to the property for a lunch at the Beach House. The menu is filled with New England summertime classics like lobster rolls and clam chowder, but there are also some trendy additions like lobster mac and cheese and tuna tartare.



CHATHAM, MA - The lobster mac and cheese at the Beach House at Chatham Bars Inn J.Q. LOUISE

Pair this all with some rosé sangria and embrace that perfect Cape Cod summertime breeze.



CHATHAM, MA - Tuna tartare at the Beach house at Chatham Bars Inn J.Q. LOUISE

Then after lunch make your way into the town of Chatham, which is one of those postcard worthy New England small towns that gets a lot more buzz in the warmer months. Stroll through the downtown to check out the cute souvenir shops and perhaps grab an ice cream cone as well.



CHATHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, UNITED STATES - 2017/06/20: Charming shops along Main Street, Chatham. (Photo by John Greim/LightRocket via Getty Images) LIGHTROCKET VIA GETTY IMAGES

When it's time to head back to the Chatham Bars Inn, be sure to leave some time for the best pastime of all in this part of the world—enjoying cocktail hour on the Adirondack chairs overlooking the ocean. Grab a nice cocktail or glass of bubbly and just enjoy the sunset and live music—there is live music most evenings at the Chatham Bars Inn.



CHATHAM, MA - View of the Adirondack chair seating area at Chatham Bars Inn. DREW SABIA

Head into Stars for farm-to-table dinner. The Chatham Bars Inn takes “farm-to-table” seriously, they even bought their own farm! Most of the vegetables served at all their eateries come straight from their farm in Brewster, MA, which is only about a 10-minute drive from the property. The menu changes with the season at Stars, but you are always guaranteed lots of fresh caught seafood and of course their farm vegetables. On their late summer menu right now, the scallops, monkfish, risotto and summer salad are all must tries.



CHATHAM, MA - The monkfish at STARS at Chatham Bars Inn. J.Q. LOUISE

A weekend at Chatham Bars Inn is meant to be a relaxing time to enjoy the beach, and to just take in the few perfect moments we have here in New England. On a late summer weekend, you are assured just that!