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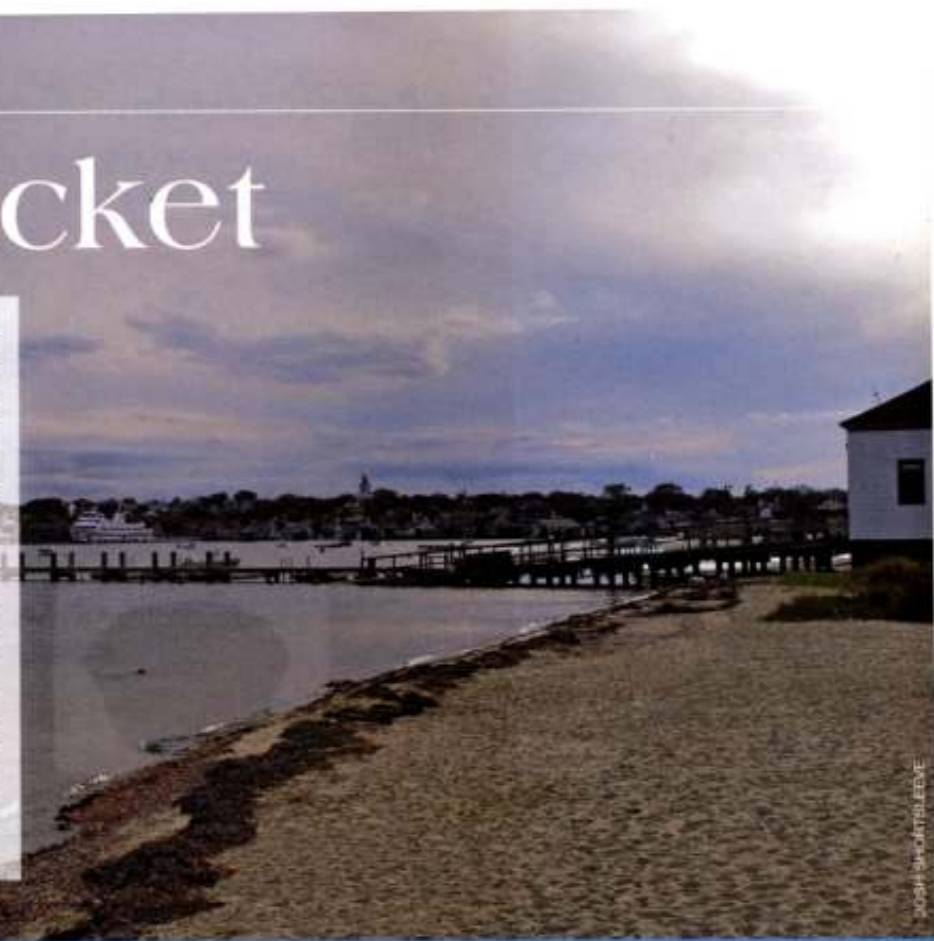
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Nantucket

Nantucket is a world-famous island, known for its charming village with cobblestone streets, high-end shops and art galleries, handsome sea captains' homes, and top shelf restaurants. As the center of America's whaling industry in the 1800s, Nantucket is also an enduring emblem of New England's maritime tradition.



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■ Whaling and Nantucket go hand-in-hand. For almost 100 years, whaling was the lifeblood of the island and this fascinating history is superbly preserved at the **Nantucket Whaling Museum**. Operated by the **Nantucket Historical Association**, the museum features numerous exhibits showcasing the days when as many as 150 whaling ships sailed from the island. The association also hosts tours of other historic sites, including the Quaker Meetinghouse and the aptly named Old Mill, which was built in 1746. Read up on the rich history of Nantucket—and pretty much anything else—at the **Nantucket Atheneum**,

the island's handsome library.

■ While Nantucket's history draws many visitors, a village full of high-end shops, world-class art galleries, and charming boutiques also brings boat and plane loads of visitors to the island year-round. **Gypsy**, a haute couture boutique, offers high-end fashions from big name designers such as Oscar de la Renta, Versace, and Missoni. **Vis-A-Vis** is a unique shop with one-of-a-kind jewelry, shoes, and clothing, along with interesting accessories. **Cheryl Fudge** has made headlines designing refabricated clothing and accessories, creating some intriguing "eco-fashions."

Check out her shops on Federal Street and at the Nantucket Stock Exchange.

■ **Sweet Inspirations** is Nantucket's famed chocolatier, whose signature cranberry chocolate creation is not to be missed. Speaking of culinary delights, be sure to dine at **American Seasons**, which has an eclectic, innovative menu featuring fresh local fare in an intimate, arty setting.

■ For a superb bed and breakfast with all the amenities of a world-class hotel—and delicious breakfasts—stay at the **Union Street Inn**. Out in picturesque Siasconset, where roses tumble over the doorways of

antique whalers' cottages, savor the romance of old Nantucket with a stay at **The Summer House**.

■ **South Wharf Gallery** features the work of a number of talented local painters, while **Dane Gallery** represents artists who work in glass, ceramics, basketry, and wood. Nantucket's famous art world is also showcased at Main Street's elegant **Quidley** and **Cavalier** galleries. Be sure to visit the **Artists Association of Nantucket's** Joyce and Seward Johnson Gallery at 19 Washington Street, the only gallery that exclusively shows the work of Nantucket artists.