

Sandwich, Massachusetts Best Selling Day Trip ~ Sample Itinerary

Welcome to Cape Cod! If you're travelling along Route 3 just an hour south of Boston, Sandwich is the first town you enter after crossing the Cape Cod Canal via the Sagamore Bridge. From Providence, also an hour away, you'll take I-195 to Route 25 and then follow the Cape Cod Canal to the Sagamore Bridge for your gateway to Sandwich and 'the Cape.'

Sandwich is the oldest town on Cape Cod, incorporated in 1639. This quintessential New England town with historic and seaside charm has a village lined with antique homes and the Dexter Gristmill which overlooks picturesque Shawmee Pond. Nearby are coastal marshes, beaches, and museums worth exploring. Nature, heritage, and a community by the sea – Sandwich offers many options to 'build' an enjoyable day.

10:00 am Arrive at Heritage Museums & Gardens



<http://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/>

The largest public garden in Southern New England, Heritage is located on 100 acres of magnificent grounds and trails on the banks of Shawmee Pond. Heritage offers sights for every season: enjoy the famous Dexter Rhododendrons each Spring, stunning collections of daylilies, hostas and hydrangeas throughout the Summer as well as a nationally-significant collection of specialty gardens, water features and sculpture all season long. Three gallery buildings house permanent exhibits of world-class automobiles, a working vintage carousel, American folk art, and featured special exhibitions.

*2016 featured exhibit: **Cut! Costume and the Cinema***

The exhibition tour is organized by Exhibits Development Group, USA in cooperation with Cosprop, LTD, London, England.

*2017 featured exhibit: **Painted Landscapes***

Explore the American landscape as depicted by today's best living artists.

12:00 pm Board motorcoach for the 5 minute drive to the Main Street village area of Sandwich

Pass by the Dexter Gristmill and Shawmee Pond. See the beautiful First Church of Christ in the center of town with its Christopher Wren-inspired steeple – does it look familiar? This church adorns the cover of Elvis Presley's 1967 Grammy winning album *How Great Thou Art*.

12:15 pm Grand Buffet Luncheon at the award-winning Dan'l Webster Inn.

The centerpiece of the village, the inn on this site has offered Cape Cod lodging in one form or another for more than 300 years – as a parsonage and also a tavern that became Patriot headquarters during the Revolution. Its most notable visitor was Daniel Webster, a Boston lawyer and prominent figure in his day, who served several terms as a US Senator. Today groups enjoy the inn's fine dining, and the charming gift shop is always a hit as well. Optional **Cabaret Entertainment** is also available during lunch and dinner at an additional cost.



<http://www.danlwebsterinn.com/>

2:15 pm Enjoy free time exploring the Main Street shops, or Board the motorcoach for one of these great options to 'top off' your day in Sandwich:

Green Briar Nature Center

Did you know that Sandwich is also the hometown of Thornton Burgess, naturalist and author of 170 children's books including the Peter Rabbit stories? You can explore his historic property and visit the turn-of-the-century Jam Kitchen to see them making jams and jellies the 'old fashioned way.' (Allow 1 hour)

<http://www.thorntonburgess.org/GreenBriarNatureCenter.htm>

Sandwich Glass Museum

Sandwich is known as the "Glass Town", as it was the site of one of America's largest glass factories, an industry that flourished during the 19th century. The factory was built by Deming Jarves in 1825, and by the 1850s, more than 500 workers produced over 5 million pieces of glass annually. (Allow 1.5 hours)

<http://www.sandwichglassmuseum.org/index.php>

Cape Cod Canal Visitor Center

Learn about the history and operations of the Cape Cod Canal, built in 1914, at the museum within the Visitor Center, which features interactive exhibits for all ages. From this location in Sandwich you will also enjoy great views of the 'parade' of various ocean going ships, tugs and other vessels using the canal. (Allow about 1 hour)

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/CapeCodCanal.aspx>

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