

Hyannis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA

Cape Cod's bustling hub where Kennedy family history, fresh lobster rolls, and classic New England shingle architecture greet you steps from the dock. Day-trippers can ferry out to Nantucket or just stroll the harbor walkway — both are equally rewarding.

Docked (small ships) / Tender (large vessels)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

USD

English

New England seafood scene

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Small ships (American Cruise Lines) dock at Hyannis Harbor; larger vessels tender

Best For: Cape Cod charm, JFK history, Nantucket day-trip by ferry

Walk to center: ~5 min to Main Street from Ocean Street Dock

Don't Miss: Kennedy Hyannis Museum and a harbor cruise past the Kennedy Compound

Getting around: Taxi \$10–\$20 · Rideshare Uber, Lyft · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- JFK Hyannis Museum** — The John F.
 - Nantucket Ferry Day Trip** — Hy-Line Cruises runs a fast ferry (1 hr) from Hyannis Harbor to Nantucket.
 - Kennedy Compound Harbor Cruise** — The Kennedy Compound in Hyannis Port is not accessible by land, but local harbor cruises pass
- by water offering views of the historic family estate.

 - Kalmus Beach** — A broad sandy beach on Nantucket Sound, a short ride from the harbor.
 - Main Street Stroll & Shopping** — Hyannis's Main Street runs parallel to the harbor and is lined with Cape Cod-style boutiques, art galleries, fudge shops, taffy stands, and...

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Main Street Loop** 1.5 miles • Easy • 30-45 min — From the Ocean Street Dock, walk up Ocean Street past the Artist Shanties at Bismore Park, continue to the JFK Museum on Main Street, browse shops and grab a lobster...
- Waterfront & Veterans Memorial Park** 0.5 miles • Easy • 20 min — A short, pleasant walk from the dock along the harbor waterfront to Veterans Memorial Park, which has a small sandy beach, picnic tables, and views across Hyannis Harbor...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		57°	34°	8d
Jun		79°	58°	10d
Aug		83°	61°	7d
Sep		76°	54°	6d
Oct		60°	39°	6d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:32AM–6:30PM · Jun 4:50AM–7:20PM · Aug 5:35AM–6:45PM · Sep 6:10AM–6:00PM · Oct 6:45AM–5:10PM

USD

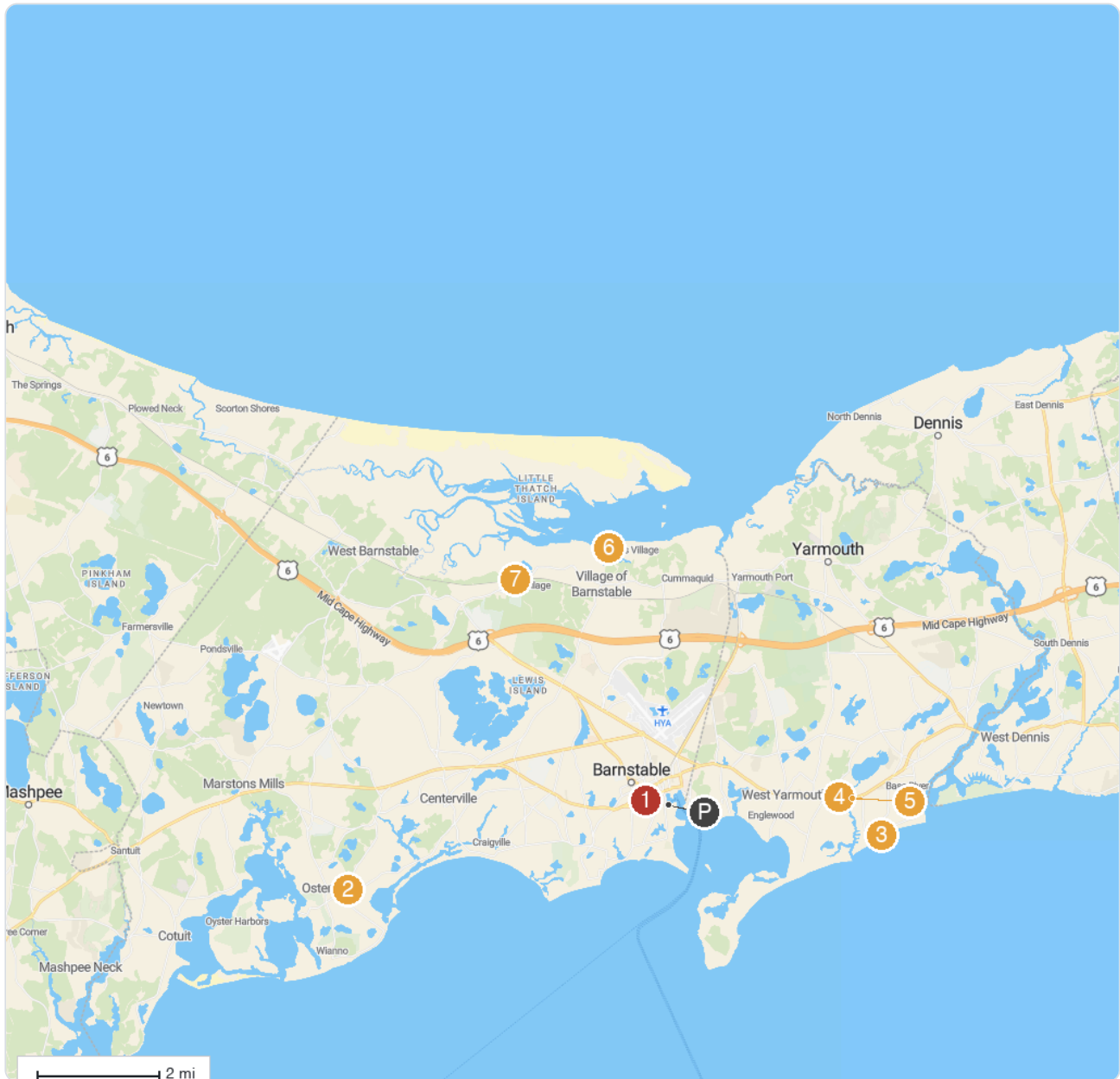
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- You can't walk to the Kennedy Compound. It's in private Hyannis Port, blocked to the public. The only view is from the water — book a harbor cruise or watch from your ship.
- Ferry to Nantucket is tempting but risky. Only attempt it if your ship gives you 6+ hours ashore and you confirm tender/last-return times. Missing the last tender is a real risk.
- Dress in layers. Cape Cod weather shifts fast — a sunny 75°F day on Main Street can feel like 62°F and windy on the harbor. A windbreaker is not optional.
- Get the lobster roll. The Black Cat Tavern on Ocean Street and multiple Main Street spots do excellent Cape Cod-style lobster rolls. Budget \$20-30.
- Seasonal trolley is free (or nearly so). The CCRTA open-air trolley runs Main Street to the beaches late June through Labor Day. If you're here mid-summer, use it for Kalmus Beach.
- Shoulder season warning. May and late October calls will find Main Street open but some beach snack bars and seasonal restaurants closed. The JFK Museum and harbor are year-round.

Hyannis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 St. Francis Xavier Parish | Historic Catholic church where Kennedys worshipped. | 2 Armstrong-Kelley Park | Serene park with walking paths and beautiful gardens. |
| 3 Parker River Beach | Quiet, sandy beach perfect for swimming and sunbathing. | 4 Whydah Pirate Museum | Museum displaying artifacts from a real pirate shipwreck. |
| 5 Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf | Pirate-themed miniature golf course for family fun. | 6 Millway Beach | Small, family-friendly beach with calm waters and harbor views. |
| 7 Mass Audubon's Barnstable Great Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary | Protected marshland for birdwatching and nature walks. | P Cruise port / terminal | |