

Best Ways to get to Martha's Vineyard



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If you live in New Bedford or South Coast, Massachusetts you have an opportunity to travel to some of the most treasured places the United States, places where movies stars and Presidents enjoy their summer vacations; Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Cuttyhunk Islands. There are two ways to get there: by air and by sea. Here is a list of the best ways to travel to these islands.

Travel by Air:

Cape Air

- 1475 Airport Road, New Bedford, MA 02746 – (508) 991-6160 ([click here for directions](#))
- 660 Barnstable Road, Hyannis, MA – (508) 790-1980 ([click here for directions](#))
- 71 Airport Road, Vineyard Haven, MA – (508) 693-2210 ([click here for directions](#))

www.flycapeair.com

Time Spent in the air: Less than 20 minutes (when leaving from the New Bedford Airport)

Ticket prices:

Martha's Vineyard- \$48.20 one way

Nantucket- \$44.50 – \$89.50 one way

Flight Times: From New Bedford Airport, hourly flights departing between 6AM-7PM during peak season and three flights a day during the off season. Don't want to leave your car at the airport? Need an alternate source of transportation? There are many taxi services you can use but to ride in style here is a local drive company that will be happy to escort you. Try Regal Transit 774-202-7229.

BY SEA:

Taking a ferry will allow you the most options for getting to Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Cuttyhunk islands. Here are the local ferry services.



New Bedford Fast Ferry:

49 State Pier, New Bedford, MA 02740 – (866) MV-FERRY (683-3779) ([click here for directions](#))

www.nefastferry.com

Time spent on ferry: Approximately 1 hour (55 min).

Ticket Prices to:

Martha's Vineyard:

- Adult- \$35 one way
- Child- \$20 one way
- Senior- \$31 one way
- Bike- \$6 one way

Commuter 10 trip book- \$275 (it is transferable)

Ferry Times: The ferry runs from April through November. Hours and times change seasonally but during peak season, the ferry runs approximately 9 round-trips to the Vineyard, 6 round-trips during early fall and spring, and 3 round-trips during the winter. The ferry always runs between 6:30AM and 9:30PM.

The Seastreak is the fastest ferry trip you can take to the Vineyard and there is a parking lot located close to the dock. Don't be late. Ticket holders not checked in at least 10 minutes before departure are subject to losing their seat to people on the standby list!

Falmouth Fast Ferry:

278 Scranton Ave. Falmouth MA 02540 – (508) 584-9400 (click [here](#) for directions)

www.falmouthferry.com

Time Spent on Ferry: Approximately 30 min to Vineyard Haven / 1 hour to Edgar Town

Ticket Prices to:

Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven:

- Adult- \$12.50 one way
- Child- \$7.50 one way
- Bike- \$5 one way
- Commuter 10 trip book: \$60 per Child or \$100 per Adult

Martha's Vineyard, Edgar Town:

- Adult- \$25 one way
- Child- \$15 one way
- Bike- \$5 one way
- Commuter 10 trip boo: \$120 per Child or \$200 per Adult

Ferry Times: The ferry's schedule changes seasonally, but during peak season it runs approximately 4 round-trips running everyday, 3 round-trips during spring (Friday-Sunday), and 2 round-trips during the fall(Friday-Sunday). There is a parking lot located near ferry but parking rates do apply (\$15-\$25/ Day)

Falmouth Island Queen Ferry:

75 Falmouth Heights RD, Falmouth, MA 02540 – (508) 548-4800
(click here for directions) www.islandqueen.com

Time Spent on Ferry: Approximately 35 minutes

Ticket Prices to:

Martha's Vineyard:

- Adult- \$18 round trip
- Child- \$9 round trip
- Bike- \$6 round trip
- Kayak- \$12 round trip

Ferry Times: During the summer the ferry runs 7 round-trips a day, 9 round-trips from Friday-Sunday. Fall and spring the ferry runs only 2 round-trips on weekdays and 5 round-trips from Friday-Sunday. Please arrive 45 minutes before departure. Parking is available with long term rates available. They ONLY accept CASH and traveler's cheques, no credit cards. They do allow some pets, however its a good idea to call ahead and check first.

Woods Hole Steamship Authority Ferry:

1 Crowdy RD, Woods Hole, MA 02543- (508) 477-8600 (click here

for directions)

www.steamshipauthority.com

Time Spent on Ferry:

Martha's Vineyard: Approximately 45 minutes

Ticket Prices to:

Martha's Vineyard:

- Adult- \$7.50 one way
- Child- \$4 one way
- Active Military- \$4 one way
- Bike/Surfboard/Wind Surfer-\$3 one way
- Auto Under 17'- \$42.50-\$67.50 (depending on time of year)
- Auto Over 17', less than 20'- \$52.5-\$77.50 (depending on time of year)
- Motorcycle- \$17-\$35 (depending on time of year)
- Moped/Scooter- \$10-\$15 (depending on time of year)

Information on discount coupon books for people and autos, [click here](#).

Ferry Times: From June through January the ferry runs 14 round-trips between 6AM and 9:45PM, stopping at Vineyard Haven & Oak Bluffs only during summer and fall.

This is the only way to bring your car, motorcycle, moped/scooter, to and from the islands!

Hyannis, Steamship Authority Ferry:

65 South St, Barnstable Town, MA 02601- 508.495.3278 ([click here for directions](#))

www.steamshipauthority.com

Time Spent on (Slow) Ferry:

Nantucket: Approximately 2 hours, 15 minutes

Ticket Prices to:

Nantucket:

- Adult- \$16.50 one way
- Child- \$8.50 one way
- Active Military- \$8.50 one way
- Bike/Surfboard/Wind Surfer- \$6 one way
- Auto Under 17'- \$130.00-\$190.00 (depending on time of year)
- Auto Over 17', less than 20'- \$150.00-\$215.00 (depending on time of year)
- Motorcycle- \$45-\$60 (depending on time of year)
- Moped/Scooter- \$28-\$38 (depending on time of year)

Information on discount coupon books for people and autos, [click here](#).

Ferry Times: This ferry is running from June to January. Times and trips change monthly, but during peak times the ferry runs 6 round-trips, and during off peak months it runs only 3 round-trips.

Time Spent on Fast Ferry:

Nantucket: Approximately 1 hour

Ticket Prices to:

Nantucket:

- Adult- \$32.50 one way
- Child- \$16.50 one way
- Active Military- \$24.50 one way
- Bike/Surfboard/Wind Surfer- \$6 one way

Information on discount coupon books for people and autos, [click here](#).

Ferry Times: Ferry runs April to January. Peak months running 5 round-trips between 8AM and 7:15PM. During off peak months the ferry only runs 4 round-trips, between 8AM-4:30PM.

New Bedford to Cuttyhunk Ferry:

66B State Pier, South Bulkhead, New Bedford, MA 02740-508.992.0200 ([click here for directions](#))

www.cuttyhunkferryco.com

Time Spent on Ferry:

Cuttyhunk: Approximately 1 hour

Ticket Prices to:

Cuttyhunk:

- Adult- \$40 round trip
- Child- \$30 round trip
- Commuter Pass 10 Trips: \$230 (transferable)

Ferry Times: This ferry runs all year, with the schedule changing seasonally. During the peak season the ferry runs 1 round-trip during week days and 2 round-trips during weekends. During off peak seasons running only during weekends, 1-2 round trips.

Cuttyhunk Ferry offers a full bar (liquor, beer, wine), espresso, coffee, teas, and snacks. It also offers Seal & Sunset Cruises.

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