



## **Sandwich, Massachusetts**

### **Holiday Day Trip**

### **Sample Itinerary for a *Friday* visit in *December***

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 during the holidays it becomes full of festive cheer and splendor. "Holly Days" is an annual tradition that distinguishes Sandwich as the place to experience Christmas on Cape Cod; there's even an annual Christmas ornament, designed by a local artist. The month-long event transforms the town into a winter wonderland, with displays that include the creative series of 'Giants' – huge lighted sculptures that appear throughout the town all during December.

#### **10:00 am Visit Green Briar Nature Center**

Did you know that Sandwich is 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'.

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

#### **11:15 am Visit the 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

#### **12:45 pm Board motorcoach for the short drive down Main Street to your lunch stop**

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*.

#### **1:00 pm Grand Buffet Luncheon & Holiday Cabaret Show at the 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 award-winning fine dining, and your **Grand Buffet Luncheon** today will surely be a crowd-pleaser. Enjoy a special **Holiday Cabaret show** after lunch as you relax in your beautifully decorated private dining room at the Inn. <http://www.danlwebsterinn.com/>



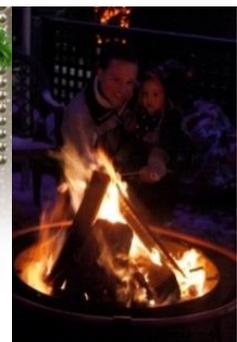
**3:00 pm Holiday Shopping**

Looking for holiday gift ideas or want to check a few more off your list? Plan to do some shopping on this trip to Sandwich. Start in the charming gift shop at the Dan'l Webster Inn, and continue in the delightful boutiques along the main street of the village, or drive to the nearby Christmas Tree Shop near the Sagamore Bridge, with plenty of bargains and a lovely view of the Cape Cod Canal as well!

**4:00 pm Giants light display**

As you make the short trip to your next stop, be sure to see as many of the "Giants" that make up the unique light display by local artist Michael Magyar. These giant lighted sculptures are on display mostly along Route 6A in Sandwich. More than 2 dozen have been made, with more added annually.

**4:30 pm Arrive at Heritage Museums & Gardens for "Gardens Aglow"**



<http://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/>

The best and brightest holiday gift to share with your group is a visit to Heritage Museums & Gardens for Gardens Aglow, our annual holiday celebration of lights. Join us as we transform our gallery buildings and picturesque grounds with festive holiday décor, 10 miles of twinkling lights, a handcrafted model train exhibit, and holiday-themed music and dance performances by community groups. Stroll the grounds, visit with Santa at the Ford Model T, roast marshmallows at open fire pits, enjoy crafts and games, ride our vintage carousel and much more!

**6:30 pm Depart Cape Cod**

Boxed lunches can be arranged for group members to enjoy on the ride home, or include dinner at one of several great restaurants in Plymouth or Buzzards Bay.

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