



Whether you're eating at one of Cape Cod's fine-dining restaurants or at a humble roadside shack, expect to find plenty of fresh seafood: the local waters are a treasure trove of clams and oysters, lobsters and scallops, tuna and cod. A can't-miss experience is visiting the Chatham Fish Pier Market to watch fishermen unloading their latest catch. Grab a seat by the waterfront and sample what they've brought in that day.

Some of the top places to eat in Cape Cod include Chatham's Impudent Oyster, where the daily specials are caught right offshore that morning; the Brewster Fish House, a sophisticated spot that's famous for its sweet lobster bisque; and Provincetown's Mews Restaurant & Café, which is popular for its waterfront location.

And there are low-key seafood shacks everywhere you look. Some of the best are Arnold's Lobster & Clam Bar in Eastham, which offers miniature golf along with your fried clams; the Kream 'n Kone, an area institution since it was founded in 1953; and Mac's on the Pier, a simple stand on Welfleet's wooden pier where you order from a window and eat at picnic tables by the water.

No matter where you decide to eat, one dish you must order is a cup of creamy New England clam chowder (pronounced "chowdah" in these parts). Rich and briny, this is Cape Cod in a cup, as delicious on a hot summer day as on a foggy, cool fall afternoon.

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This French favorite in Hyannis originally started out as a boulangerie selling artisanal bread and espresso. It developed such a cult following that it expanded into a café serving breakfast and lunch, and later a full-fledged French restaurant. Popular dishes include the duck trio, with foie gras torchon, smoked duck breast, and duck terrine.

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