

Nantucket: Star of the Sea hostel

Stay beachside at HI Nantucket and explore the island by bicycle and kayak.

About the Trip

Explore Nantucket, one of the world's best known islands, from historic HI Nantucket, the Star of the Sea Hostel. Built in 1874 as a surf lifesaving station, the youth hostel is one of the only beachfront lodgings on the entire island.

Veteran hostel Manager Janice deMooy will work with your troop to plan an unforgettable visit-- from the logistics of travel to the island and getting around once you arrive, to helping you create an itinerary for your stay. Besides serious beach time, options include exploring the island by bicycle and kayak. With flat paved bike lanes and a lot of wonderful public conservation lands, Nantucket is great for cyclists of all ages and skill levels. Do some exploring by kayak: paddle through the protected waters of Nantucket Harbor and check out 7 miles of deserted beach. Discover a little more about the history of the hostel and the island at the Nantucket Shipwreck and Lifesaving. Or learn about Nantucket-born Maria Mitchell, first American woman astronomer, by visiting the Maria Mitchell House and Observatory.

What to Know

Adult Leaders/Advisors must accompany girls.

You don't have to complete the Girl Scout destinations application form for this event. Just contact the project manager for a registration form and GO!! Remember to notify your council that you are traveling on a getaway.

Groups who plan to use bicycles as their primary mode of transportation should be at least intermediate level cyclists.

The Dates

May 20-October 9, 2016; limited availability July & August

What to Bring

Bathing suit. Comfortable clothes for biking and kayaking. Toiletries (including soap and shampoo), face cloth. Sunblock and insect repellent.

The Cost

\$40.00 per participant per night includes breakfast each morning, all bed linens, and a bath towel.

Activities you may wish to add to your stay include a hostel supper (\$10), bike rental (\$20/day), kayak rental (\$25), or admission to one of the local museums (admission: \$5 for youth and \$10-\$15 for adults). Also plan for bus or taxi fare as needed for transportation to and from the ferry and for exploring. See <http://www.nrtawave.com> for information about the island's bus service.

Additional information

- Most Nantucket ferries sail from the Cape Cod city of Hyannis. Major ferry companies are Steamship Authority and HyLine. Costs include ferry tickets as well as fees for leaving vehicles parked on the mainland for the duration of the visit to Nantucket. Plymouth & Brockton provide bus service between Boston and Hyannis.
- For more information about the system of buses on Nantucket, see <http://www.nrtawave.com>.
- For exclusive use of dorm rooms, groups must book all 23 beds in the female dorm or all 16 beds in the male dorm.

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