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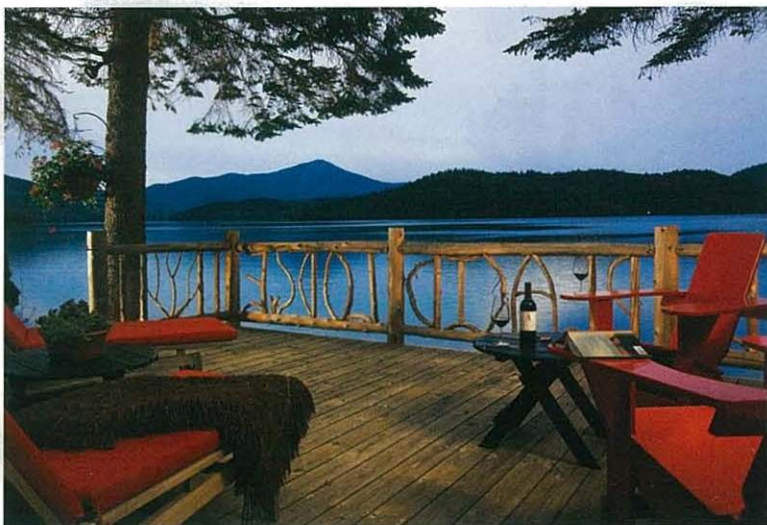
Looking for a luxe getaway close to home? These fabulous mini moons approximate far-flung locales, sans pricey airfare and travel stress. **BY KELLY ANNE CLINTON**

## THE ADIRONDACKS, NEW YORK

LONG-DISTANCE DOPPELGÄNGER INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND | DRIVE FROM BOSTON FIVE HOURS

Interlaken attracts active travelers with its impressive mountain scenery, adventure sports, and numerous hiking trails. The same peaks-meet-lakes vistas can be found in New York's Adirondacks—as can the adrenaline rush. The Olympic Center, in downtown Lake Placid, hosts sporting events year round, including its Saturday Night Ice Shows (watch figure skaters land axel and lutz jumps) and freestyle skiing practices (see pros practice flips into a pool). Want to get in on the action? Rent skates and hit the indoor rinks.

**WHERE TO STAY** With handcut balconies and beams, beds carved by local artisans, and 50 stone fireplaces built by area masons, the Arts and Crafts-inspired **LAKE PLACID LODGE** (pictured) is utterly transporting. Book a lakefront cabin and fall asleep to the sound of lapping water. Southeast of Lake Placid lies the smaller (but equally beautiful) Mirror Lake, which has its own namesake resort. The **MIRROR LAKE INN'S** swoon-worthy Colonial House rooms, complete with fireplaces, whirlpool tubs, and balconies, are the perfect landing spot for honeymooners. Active couples will find plenty to love at the **WHITEFACE LODGE**, where canoeing, kayaking, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, and paddleboarding—on a private beach, no less—are just a shuttle ride away.

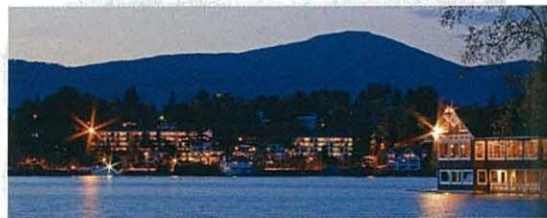


**SAVE THE DATE** Catch cycle stunts, live music, demos, and a "Best Calves" contest—no, really—at the annual Wilmington Whiteface Bike Fest (6/20–6/22).

**ROMANTIC DIVERSION** Unwind with a **COUPLES' MASSAGE** at the Mirror Lake Inn Spa, which offers Swedish, deep-tissue, and hot-stone rubdowns.



**WHAT TO DO** Adirondack Park boasts six million acres of lakes and mountains—ride the **CLOUDSPLITTER GONDOLA** to the top of Little Whiteface to see some of them. For a natural high in summer months, take a **YOGA CLASS** on the summit on Wednesday mornings—or schedule a **WHITEWATER-RAFTING TRIP** through the Hudson Gorge with Adirondac Rafting Company.



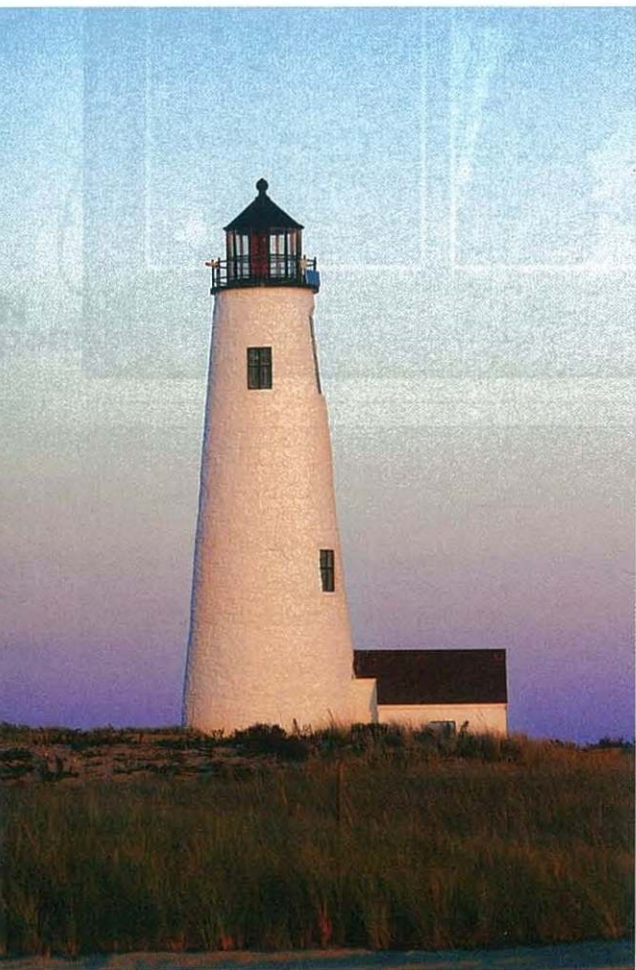
**WHERE TO EAT** Sip bubbly and snack on a cheese platter at the **J. LOHR VINEYARDS AND WINES CAFÉ**, in the shadow of Whiteface Mountain. Watch the sun set or the moon rise over Mirror Lake at the confusingly named **LAKE PLACID CLUB BOAT HOUSE** (pictured), where the globetrotting menu includes everything from chicken curry to Wiener schnitzel. For a more laid-back evening, try the **EAT 'N MEET GRILL**, a BYOB near Saranac Lake.



# NANTUCKET

LONG-DISTANCE DOPPELGÄNGER KENYA | DRIVE FROM BOSTON 1.5 HOURS TO HYANNIS, FOLLOWED BY A ONE-HOUR FAST FERRY RIDE

Hear the word safari, and Africa comes to mind. Closer to home, however, the Grey Lady also has a wild side. The southern portion of the 3,233-acre Middle Moors conservation area is called the "Serengeti," for its low-growing grasses and occasional wind-gnarled trees. Nantucket is also home to unique bird species such as the American oystercatcher and the gray-tailed tattler—take a walking tour with the Linda Loring Nature Foundation to spot them. Or rent a Jeep and plot your own adventure through the untamed landscape.



**WHAT TO DO** Drive an over-sand vehicle (with a permit) past the **GREAT POINT LIGHT** (pictured) onto beaches to see shorebirds, raptors, and seals. You can also explore the 16 miles of trails and roads in the **COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**.

**WHERE TO EAT** **AMERICAN SEASONS'** candlelit dining room, stacked wine list, and patio swathed in green vines is as romantic as it gets. For those who'd rather dine with their toes in the sand, **GALLEY BEACH** offers lobster tail and crab tortellini over breathtaking sunsets.



**SAVE THE DATE** **THE DAFFODIL FESTIVAL** (4/25–4/27), a Nantucket staple, kicks off the spring/summer season with sunny blooms sprouting from the window boxes of homes and local shops and an antique car parade that winds through town.

**ROMANTIC DIVERSION** Take in a movie under the "stars" (the ceiling looks like a nighttime sky) at the **STARLIGHT THEATRE & CAFÉ**.

**WHERE TO STAY** **THE WAUWINET** (pictured), located on the water by Great Point Light, is blissfully secluded. If you tire of the private beaches and cocktails at Topper's, however, the resort offers a free shuttle into town. Reserve the Coatue Suite, and you'll drive a complimentary BMW for the duration of your stay. For a homier vibe, book a room at the **VERANDA HOUSE**, where the rooms are done up in modern décor and, as the name suggests, there are wraparound porches on every floor. The **COTTAGES AND LOFTS AT THE BOAT BASIN**, meanwhile, are made up of 24 luxe waterfront abodes. Fido in tow? Some of the cottages are dog-friendly and even come with toys and treats.



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