

Nantucket's Luxury Wauwinet, an Inn by the Sea, Celebrates 30th Anniversary with Complete Renovation for 2019 Season

January 2019 – The Wauwinet, situated on the northeast shores of Nantucket overlooking Nantucket Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, is continuing its 30th Anniversary celebration with a multimillion-dollar restoration and renovation of its lobby, library and 32 guestrooms and cottages. The inn will re-open this April 2019 upon completion of the renovations.

As Nantucket's only member of Relais & Châteaux hotels, the historic inn is known worldwide for its outstanding service, cuisine, and accommodations that draw an international clientele and guests from throughout the U.S.

The Wauwinet commissioned Gauthier-Stacy, known for its design of other Nantucket properties such as the Great Harbor Yacht Club and Cru, a local favorite restaurant, to redesign the hotel's interiors. Under the firm's direction, each guestroom has been reimagined from the bottom up, starting with new carpet and a fresh palate of light residential tones to replace the original wallpaper. To complement the picturesque views of Nantucket Bay, an extensive collection of original oil paintings and other artwork will be on display throughout the property – each piece hand-selected by the hotel's owners, highlighting the island's natural and nautical landscape.

In the guest rooms, the hotel's already much-loved beds will be updated with modern bed frames and will be topped with custom Pratesi by Rivolta linens. New plush armchairs, chaise lounges and other furnishings will add to the warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Contemporary updating continues with completely gutted bathrooms now featuring marble floor tiles laid in a herringbone pattern and glass-enclosed walk-in showers. *Waterworks* fixtures have been installed throughout.

Originally opened in 1875 as one of the island's first hotels, The Wauwinet as we know it today officially arrived on the scene in 1988 when it became part of Nantucket Island Resorts. Today it is one of the most cherished properties on Nantucket, providing a serene and romantic backdrop for countless weekend getaways, weddings and other milestone events. Guests of The Wauwinet enjoy picturesque sunsets and outdoor activities, from surfcasting to bike tours, and have access to both the beach and Nantucket Bay.

Guests of The Wauwinet return year-after-year to recapture the magic of their first experience, and the hotel's design team has taken painstaking measures to ensure the new look and feel still feels like home. The Wauwinet has been awarded a myriad of industry accolades for many years, including recent recognition in *Conde Nast Traveler's* 2018 Readers' Choice Awards and *National Geographic Traveler's* Best Island Resorts.

The Wauwinet is home to TOPPER'S, the island's only AAA Five Diamond Award winning restaurant, which has enjoyed the honor of *Wine Spectator*'s Grand Award for 23 consecutive years. The more casual Deck has also become a perennial favorite offering lighter bites and sunset views.

To celebrate, The Wauwinet is offering a special opening rate starting at \$225 per night.

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