

In late 2016, the Parrish Art Museum, located in Edgartown, opened a new central village gallery, which houses 34,000 square feet of space. Inspired by the architecture of the Long & Doxey House, the new gallery is designed to provide a dynamic and flexible space for the museum's collection of art, including contemporary and modern, as well as traditional and classical. The new gallery is a prime example of modern architecture and design.



# A Day in... SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE

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*Outdoor dining's a charm at Sant Ambroeu's on Main Street in Southampton village.*

*Chic shops line Jobs Lane and Main Street.*

With seven miles of oceanfront sands, historic buildings, an abundance of shopping, fine dining, arts and cultural options, Southampton Village attracts visitors with its natural beauty and iconic small town appeal. Located on the South Fork of Long Island in the heart of the Hamptons, Southampton Village is one of the wealthiest communities on the East End.

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women. Another outstanding find is Collette Designer Consignment, 22 Main Street, where gently used women's clothing, shoes and handbags are deeply discounted and include labels ranging from Oscar de la Renta to Prada and Chanel.

Eateries are also in abundance. Stop at one of the cafes or specialty food boutiques. The Golden Pear Café, 99 Main Street, is a popular spot serving hearty breakfasts which might include fresh-baked muffins, croissants or scones, and



Memorial Library at 91 Coopers Farm Road, the Southampton Rose Society maintains a garden abloom with colorful flowers set against the backdrop of a gazebo. Wednesdays in July and August free summer concerts are held at 6:30 p.m. at Coopers Beach or Agawam Park.

Mansion gazing is a favorite pastime, particularly on the way to Coopers Beach. Drive down tree-lined First Neck Lane for a panorama of dreamy residences, and then

the East End.

The fashionable village encompasses a relatively small area within the larger Town of Southampton, which includes Westhampton Beach, Sag Harbor and other villages. Called Agawam by its original inhabitants, the Shinnecocks, the area was dubbed Southampton in the 1600s, when English settlers arrived.

The village is a high end shopping mecca with a small town feel. Malls are not part of the equation. Instead, delightful afternoons can be spent strolling past voguish clothing, home furnishing and jewelry boutiques along Jobs Lane and Main Street.

Jildor, at 30 Jobs Lane, features designer footwear, while the nearby Andrianna Shamaris boutique overflows with chic home furnishings and one-of-a-kind clothing. Ralph Lauren, Isaac Mizrahi and Michael Kors all have a presence in Southampton, but there are also unique shops like Cashmere Outlet on Jobs Lane, featuring Scottish and Italian sweaters for men and

lunch, serving hearty breakfasts which might include fresh-baked muffins, croissants or scones, and lunch including hot entrees.

The Village Gourmet Cheese Shop, 11 Main Street, offers soups, homemade sandwiches, quiche and an extensive selection of distinctive international cheeses from Irish Whiskey Aged Cheddar to the Pecorino Toscano with Truffles await. Just down the block at 94 Main Street, Vines & Branches features a gourmet olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting room, plus specialty gourmet foods through their private label. Try the butter-infused olive oil with black truffle sea salt, pick up a jar of signature jams like raspberry jalapeno, or purchase one of their olive oil-infused body products.

One of Southampton's finest restaurants, Sant Ambroeus, 30 Main Street, has a cafe up front and an elegant restaurant in the back. Mouthwatering Milanese fare includes hearty pastas with rich pestos or tomato sauces. Veal scaloppini with whole grain mustard sauce,



grilled salmon with potato coulis, broccoli rabe and fried chickpeas are among the savory entrees. Rich desserts range from espresso-soaked tiramisu to chocolate mousse cake.

At 47A Jobs Lane, Topiary Candy Shop celebrates its first summer with vintage sweets and more. Pez dispensers sit alongside rolls of Necco wafers and bring back sweet memories. Chocolates abound, including Chuao's singular flavors like maple bacon chocolate bars, or spicy chipotle with dark chocolate.

For another sweet option, amble over to 43 North Sea Road to Tate's Bake Shop for amazingly crisp and delicate chocolate chip cookies and decadent, rich and dense cakes. Blue Duck Bakery Café, 30 Hampton Road, boasts freshly baked artisan bread, sandwiches, soups, pastries and more.

Southampton is also rich in arts and culture. In late 2012, the Parrish Art Museum, founded in 1898

and having outgrown its central village location, moved to a new 34,000 square foot home designed by the architectural firm Herzog & De Meuron at 279 Montauk Highway in nearby Water Mill. This distinctive building showcases artwork from the permanent collection, featuring East End-related artists William Merritt Chase, Thomas Moran and Childe Hassam, as well as a changing series of contemporary exhibitions.

The Parrish's beloved historic home at 25 Jobs Lane was taken over by the Southampton Center. Its roster includes live performances, films, concerts, and children's activities. A local farmers' market offering fresh local produce, as well as fudge, cakes and pies is held on the Southampton Center's grounds every Sunday through Columbus Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Opportunities for outdoors fun abounds. Behind the Rogers

Coopers Beach. Drive down tree-lined First Neck Lane for a panorama of dreamy residences, and then continue down Meadow Lane for a glimpse of oceanfront villas like Calvin Klein's steel-framed contemporary manse with expansive walls of glass.

Whether you want to soak up the sun or tackle the waves, the best option to spend time at the shore is at Coopers Beach, named Best Beach in America 2010 by Dr. Stephen Leatherman, a.k.a. "Dr. Beach," who compiles annual lists of the nation's most outstanding sands. Daily parking passes are available at the beach for \$40.

Although the village swells with visitors during the summer, it retains its small town charm. Erin Hattrick, owner of Topiary, concludes: "Southampton has maintained its integrity over the years. There are no beach bars along the water, and it has great old-fashioned mom-and-pop shops, which are a dying breed. You can still walk in from the city and shopkeepers will remember your name." **SE**