

{My Favorite Bites in Nantucket}

These are things I personally go back for again and again, but it is by no means a comprehensive tally of all the delicious things to eat on Nantucket. I could go on and on...and on.

Carrot Hummus (The Proprietor's Bar & Table)

It's topped with Dukkah and served with homemade Naan and I come back every year finger's crossed it stays on the menu.

Coconut Donut (The Downyflake Doughnuts)

OK, twist my arm and I'll take a chocolate iced doughnut, too. And while I'm here, give me the linguica & eggs, OK?

SWR Lobster Bake (Straight Wharf Restaurant)

My husband doesn't even take a menu at Straight Wharf. This is his meal, his favorite thing of summer. No hard work for this lobster, plus spicy chorizo, potato coins, and sweet corn. It's pretty fantastic. Personally, I have trouble saying no to their scallops and the berry galette made to order for dessert. Their bluefish pate and bread starters are my favorite on island.

Smoothies (The Green)

Make your own, pick one from the board. Just. So. Good. They have it all. Also the food is outstanding.

The Gambella (Pi Pizzeria)

It was 2009 the first time I went to Pi. We sat at the bar. We had the Gambella. It's so simple – shrimp, garlic, basil, tomato, mozzarella. We can't sit at the bar these days, but we can still have the Gambella. The kids order: meatballs plus garlic bread with cheese.

Cookies (Something Natural)

Yes, get the Something Natural bread when you see it at the market...we love the Challah rolls or the Portuguese. But my true love of this island sandwich shop and bakery – the cookies. Oatmeal raisin or chocolate chip, I have equal love for both. Also, you can buy their cookie dough to bake at home. Making our own ice cream cookie sandwiches is a summer birthday tradition.

Smoked Ham & Swiss (Provisions)

Originally famous for it's Turkey Terrific Sandwich, my fave at Provisions is the smoked ham and Swiss complete with Cuban mayo, red onion, b&b pickles on Portuguese bread. It wouldn't be the worst idea to take a donut muffin to go with your order.

Waffle Cones (The Juice Bar)

It almost doesn't matter what flavor you order (because we love so many) so long as you get it in a waffle cone (or waffle cup for those of us who can't handle the cone). Juice Bar is our original favorite ice cream spot. If I had to pick one flavor to recommend, it's gonna be dirty grasshopper. Ok and also blackberry. Not together, obviously.

Fish Tacos plus Guacamole & Chips (167 Raw Food Truck)

This year's date night routine has been ordering fish tacos online and then taking them to the beach. Take out + Social distance. Never, ever forget the guac and chips.

Peppermint Brownie Ice Cream (Island Kitchen and The Counter on Main St)

Island kitchen taking over the counter at the Main St pharmacy is the best news of 2020. First, they are keeping the counter in tact (it's truly a gem). And second, they brought along their ice cream. Peppermint brownie is a game changer.

Tuna Poke (Nautilus)

When you come to the island in January for your chance to get a table at Nautilus and eat the poke bowl, that about sums it up.

EVERYTHING (Black Eyed Susan's)

This is just my favorite spot to eat in Nantucket. It's charming and cozy --- and I can't wait to return in a non-pandemic year to eat there, until then the takeout has been super. There is so much to love on the breakfast menu (hello, huevos rancheros) and then again at dinner (the salmon this year has been exceptional, the carnitas, too, oh and the gnocchi with peas). You can smell the garlic from down the street and know it's almost time for the 6pm seating. Did I mention BYOB?

The Breakfast Club (The Beet)

Our babysitter swears it's the best in town...it's hard to argue with egg, cheddar, smoked bacon, caramelized onion aioli and arugula on a potato bun.

Quattro Formaggi (Pizzeria Gemelle)

New-ish to Nantucket, Pizzeria Gemelle has been a solid addition to town. We like grabbing our pie and enjoying it in the garden of the Athenaeum across the street – like we did last summer. Or in our back yard this year. Four cheese is my fave, because, well, four cheeses.

Whipped Goat Cheese with Pesto & Sun Dried Tomatoes (Bartlett's Farm)

Find it in the prepared cold foods section with sandwiches and other dips. This is what I love to take to the beach, dip into at happy hour, or snack on any time.

Meatball Sub (45 Surfside)

Yes, 45 Surfside makes beautiful cakes and have a sandwich dedicated to Tom Brady, but I come here for the Meatball Sub. Last summer, very pregnant with my third baby, I would come alone and have my sub. Just me, and the belly, and the sub.

Lobster Roll, Lobster Salad or Lobster Quesadilla (Millie's)

Someone said to me it was the best lobster roll they've had. My husband orders the Gibb's Pond EVERY TIME – a summery mix of lobster meat, fingerling potatoes, corn, avocado and egg with a light balsamic dressing. And for Valentine's Day years ago I re-created the Lobster Quesadilla (which includes tomatoes and zucchini) for hubby. Love.

Meatloaf Sandwich add THE WORKS (Claudette's)

When in Sconset, many people will point you to the market for a blueberry muffin (or 2), but I save my appetite for Claudette's Sandwiches and always get the meatloaf sandwich, loaded with the works.