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Summer sojourners to Provincetown, Mass., typically have an object in sight: a breezy beach, a lobster roll, a parade of thousands. The tiny, affluent sandbar on the northern tip of Cape Cod remains a low-key, largely gay resort town for the summer — except during theme weeks, when the population swells to more than 100,000, many of them bopping to a heavy

disco beat. Every tribe has its week in P-town: there's Bear Week (happening now), Family Pride Week (July 30-Aug. 6) and by late August it's time for Carnival (Aug. 14-19). That means rollicking street parties, colorful floats and an infinite supply of garish costumes.

July and August are dicey months for lodging. Try your luck anyway at the [Red Inn](#) (15 Commercial Street), a 200-year-old establishment that has hosted presidents and celebrities. It was overhauled this year to include eight breezy rooms and a lovely bar and restaurant overlooking the water. Come for the sunsets and \$1 Wellfleet oysters. Or try the newest addition to the dining scene, [Ten Tables](#) (133 Bradford Street). The two-story Victorian house, with indoor and outdoor dining and an upstairs cocktail bar, serves a mash-up of Italian imports like cacio e pepe pasta and creative sweets like chocolate terrine with Thai basil ice cream and sea salt. There's also the new sushi spot [Saki](#) (258 Commercial Street), which holds a Saturday night dance party called Velvet in the cellar bar.

Spend all your time at tea dance and you might miss Provincetown's glittery cultural lineup. The "Saturday Night Live" comedian Ana Gasteyer will perform at the [Art House Theatre](#) Aug. 20-21, and Justin Vivian Bond brings his show, "Dendrophile," to the [Crown & Anchor](#) July 22-24. Also at Crown & Anchor this month (through August) is the new play "Peter Pansy" from Ryan Landry and the Gold Dust Orphans. Summer wraps up with the [Tennessee Williams Theater Festival](#), Sept. 22-25, when boathouses and wharfs become the backdrop for some of Williams's plays, like the Provincetown-set "Something Cloudy, Something Clear."