

The Martha's Vineyard Bracelet

is a historic representation of the six towns of Martha's Vineyard.

Edgartown- The Whale Tail or Fluke represents whaling out of Edgartown, in the early 1800's. By 1825, Edgartown was known around the world as a whaling port. The Old Whaling Church built in 1843, by whaling captains is a historic reminder of the prosperous whaling industry.

West Tisbury- The Grist Mill became a mill for manufacturing fabric made from island wool in the 1840's, in particular a heavy fabric called satinnet, made for whale men's jackets.

Chilmark / Menemsha - A Fish is representative of the quaint fishing village of Menemsha. It is well known as a timeless quintessential New England fishing village. Fishing shacks and nets still appear as they might have a century ago.

Oak Bluffs- The Flying Horses Carousel is the oldest continuously operating carousel in the country. Charles Dare built the Flying Horses in 1876 in New York City. They were brought to Oak Bluffs in 1884. The Carousel is a National Historic Landmark.

Vineyard Haven (Tisbury) - Ships were anchored in Vineyard Haven due to its strategic location on the sailing routes. It was one of New England's busiest ports, with 13,814 vessels counted in 1845.

Aquinnah (Gay Head) - Gay Head Light atop the gorgeous multi-colored clay Aquinnah Cliffs was one of the first revolving lighthouses in the country, erected in 1799. The keeper and his wife were obliged to turn the light by hand all night. The current red brick 51-foot lighthouse was built in 1856 and was automated in 1960. The Aquinnah Cliffs are a national landmark.

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