

Provincetown wins historic designation

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PROVINCETOWN – The National Trust for Historic Preservation has selected the town as one of the 12 best historic destinations in the country.

The trust annually selects communities from across America that offer cultural and recreational experiences different from the typical vacation destination.

“What we look for is a great mix of natural and cultural resources, a real authentic visitor experience that appeals to all different ages and demographics. Provincetown is a no-brainer,” said Rebecca Williams, program manager for the National Trust.

“Provincetown is an American gem that offers visitors the ultimate experience, from its beautiful coastal setting to its unique colonial past,” said Trust president Richard Moe. “People will discover a vibrant, diverse town that is unlike any other coastal destination out there, complete with Provincetown’s trademark artistic flair.”

Two other New England towns also were selected as part of the 12 distinctive destinations ranking: Rockland, Maine, and Simsbury, Conn.

Provincetown Tourism Director Robert Sanborn said the award would help the town market itself to different destination travel groups, including bus tour operators.

“2010 is shaping up to be a year of historical significance,” he said, referring to the 100th anniversary of the Pilgrim Monument and a new 50-site historical walking tour brochure due out this spring. “This designation couldn’t have come at a better time for us.”