



## A NEWPORT SUMMER

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*“Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”*

- Henry James

Like a strand of priceless pearls resting against the neckline of a well-worn cashmere sweater, Newport is a personification of grace, a study in effortless elegance. Heady with a near palpable aura of ageless opulence, rich with an inimitable, welcoming charm; Newport remains firmly ensconced and coolly confident in her position as one of the Northeast’s

most coveted, beachfront gems.

The elegant and refined allure of Newport has long beckoned admirers to her rocky shores. With a symphony sung by seagulls and crashing waves creating an irresistible sirens song, Newport became the gentile, summer haven for the most glittering of America’s royal families. Beginning

towards the end of the 1800’s, the modest architecture of Newport gave way to a host of sprawling mansions that dot the rugged landscape like sun kissed testaments to affluence. Orchestras played, waltzes danced, banquets served by white gloved waiters and the once humble, bucolic seaside town began to glow with the lustrous patina of privilege.



## DEPARTURES



Throughout the years and across the decades, Newport continues to charm. Capturing the attention of luxury travelers today as readily as it captured the hearts of her iconic summer residents then, Newport remains a fancied destination for those looking to lose themselves in sun, surf and indulgence. And at Newport's newest, toniest hotel, Forty 1° North, it would seem that luxury has a new summer home.

A sleekly styled and warmly welcoming boutique hotel named for her latitude position, Forty 1° North has managed to capture the feel of vintage romance

Newport is known for while at the same time creating a chicly modern escape for those yearning for a quintessential New England waterfront experience. Against a pristine, white façade punctuated by stacked stone columns, guests are ushered through a stately front entry to find themselves in an interior that is decidedly more lounge than lobby. A study in glass tile, polished wood and honed stone; the hotel marries organic elements and sleek lines to create the casually chic spaces found throughout. A handsome library replete with billiards table is a perfect place for a private respite where it sits nearly hidden in an enclave

at the front of the space. An ideal location for small, personal events or intimate tête-à-têtes the library is a quiet alternative to the main floor's open spaces where sumptuous leather banquets and deep, inviting armchairs form cozy conversation groups around stone faced fireplaces.

At the center of the hotels main floor is The Grill, an upscale restaurant serving guests fabulous views along with a divine, seasonally changing menu. As it's centerpiece, The Grill boasts a gleaming, subtly nautical and sexily circular bar where guests can indulge in bespoke cocktails or a glass



of wine from an impressively well-curated list.

While the area is strikingly beautiful throughout all twelve months, summer in Newport is at the heart of this seaside town's allure. With spacious decks, dining patios, loggias and lounges overlooking the bay as well as the hotel's private, 250' dock; the outdoor spaces at Forty 1° North are the perfect vantage point from which to experience this idyllic Newport season. Here guests can let the gentle sea breeze ruffle their hair and turn their faces up to the sun over a leisurely lunch, romantic dinner,

breakfast or cocktails.

While the open spaces and sprawling al fresco choices at Forty 1° North are impressive, it is in the hotel's suites, guestrooms, cottages and lofts were meticulous attention to luxurious detail wraps guests in a delicious, indulgent hug. With 40" flat screen televisions, decadent soaking tubs, gas fireplaces perfect to take the chill from the air and a veritable treasure trove of amenities including a mini bar stocked with Veuve Clicquot and elegant stemware, Frette linens and toiletries by Malin + Goetz; the accommodations at Forty 1° North

are as chic, modern and inviting as they are beautiful.

By bicycle, car or leisurely stroll the wonders of Newport surround the hotel in its spot on Thames Street. Yachting excursions that begin on the private dock, Regattas, musical festivals, shopping trips, a plethora of mansions and miles of beaches to explore – all set against the beauty of Narragansett Bay are just steps away. With days full of options and sultry summer nights under the stars, the challenge in visiting Newport may be remembering to take the time to simply enjoy the magic of it all. ✈