



**CONNECTICUT and RHODE ISLAND**  
**including BLOCK ISLAND connection**  
**May 14 - 18, 2019**  
**5 days / 4 nights**  
**\$1741**

**Visit the town of Sussex, Connecticut, one of the “100 Best Small Towns in America”. Ride the Essex steam train, enjoy the Florence Griswold Museum, the Mark Twain House, and the Riverboat Becky Thatcher. Watch a Broadway show performance at the Goodspeed Opera House. Visit Rough Point Mansion in Newport, Rhode Island and take the ferry ride to Block Island, including lunch at the historic National Hotel. These are only some of the venues you will enjoy when you join us for this exciting excursion to quintessential New England.**

**ITINERARY**

**Day 1 - INDEPENDENCE/NEWARK/WILMINGTON/ESSEX, CT**

Arrive mid-day in the historic town of **Essex**, located on the banks of the Connecticut River and listed as one of “**The 100 Best Small Towns in America**”. Enjoy lunch at the **Griswold Inn**, known for good food and its impressive marine art collection. After lunch visit the **Florence Griswold Museum**, situated on 13 rolling acres, and privileged to serve as the home of American Impressionism. The deluxe Inn at Middletown Hotel, your home for the next two nights, was built in 1810 as a grand residence for the president of Middletown National Bank. Dinner at The Inn. Meals: L,D

**INN AT MIDDLETOWN HOTEL**

**Day 2 - ESSEX**

After breakfast meet our guide and depart for a visit to the **Mark Twain House**, a National Historic Landmark and home to one of America’s greatest authors, Samuel Clemens. Later board the Valley Railroad Company, which operates the coal-fired locomotives of the **Essex Steam Train**, where you will pass through some of the most beautiful country in the state, forests, streams, beautiful vistas and nostalgic towns. At Deep River Landing, board the **Riverboat Beck Thatcher** for a relaxing trip up the Connecticut River. Return to The Inn to rest before **dinner at the lovely Gelston House**, followed by a performance of *The Music Man* at the historic **Goodspeed Opera house**. Meals: B,D

**INN AT MIDDLETOWN HOTEL**

**Day 3 - ESSEX / NEWPORT, RI**

After breakfast depart Essex for **Newport, Rhode Island**, the “**Ocean State**”. Free time for lunch and shopping in the historic downtown waterfront, filled with cobblestone wharves lined with antique stores, art galleries, specialty shops and restaurants. Meet your local guide at the Visitor’s Center for a **driving tour**, where you’ll see the historic charm of Newport’s buildings and restored homes. Take in the rugged beauty of **Ten-Mile Ocean Drive** and the fabulous mansions along tree-lined Bellevue Avenue. Visit **Rough Point**, once owned by Doris Duke, a mansion with an extensive collection of fine and decorative arts and panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean, **especially selected for you to visit**. Check into the **Newport Hotel & Marina**, surrounded by cobblestone streets and world-famous yachts and neighboring

everything in the downtown area. Dinner tonight at the **Saltwater Restaurant**, located in your hotel.  
Meals: B,D

#### **NEWPORT HOTEL AND MARINA**

#### **Day 4 - NEWPORT / BLOCK ISLAND**

After breakfast depart for Point Judith, RI for your ferry ride to **Block Island** and a **14 mile one hour cruise** to the island, described by the nature Conservancy as “**one of the 12 last great places in the Western Hemisphere**”, and considered by many to be “**nature’s treasure of the sea**”. Block Island offers 17 miles of beaches, 2 lighthouses, 400 miles of stone walls, 365 ponds, 20 miles of nature trails, 65 inns, 50 gift shops and 12 art galleries. When you arrive on Block Island in the village known as “**Old Harbor**” you will be met by Howie Rice, who was born and raised on the island, and he will be your guide. Lunch at the historic **National Hotel**, overlooking the ocean. You will have some time to explore after lunch. Back in Newport, dinner at **LaForge Restaurant, situated alongside the Tennis Hall of Fame’s grass courts**. Meals: B,L,D

#### **NEWPORT HOTEL AND MARINA**

#### **DAY 5 – NEWPORT/HOME**

Enjoy breakfast before boarding the bus for the return trip home, stopping for an independent lunch before arriving late afternoon or early evening. Meals: B

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:** Roundtrip transportation from Independence, Newark and Wilmington \* deluxe and first-class hotel accommodations for 4 nights based on double occupancy \* admission to all sightseeing as per itinerary \* meals include 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners \* taxes and gratuities for hotel, included meals and local guides \* luggage handling \* services of a Tour Director from 4 Seasons Tours

**Not included:** Motorcoach driver gratuity.

**Conditions:** A deposit of \$100 is due with each reservation. Final payment is due no later than March 1, 2019.

**Cancellations:** \$100 deposit is refundable until March 1, 2019. **Trip cancellation / interruption insurance is HIGHLY recommended.** Applications are available from 4 Seasons Tours.

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