

Newport, Rhode Island

May 13-16, 2019

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4 Days, 3 Nights

Monday ♦ Travel Day

Today we'll begin our journey to the heart of Gilded Age America, Newport, Rhode Island where we'll check into the Holiday Inn in Middletown. After a welcome reception, we'll enjoy an included dinner. (D)

Tuesday ♦ Touring/Cruise

After an included continental breakfast, we'll meet our local guide downtown and set out for our riding tour of Newport, America's first resort town. We'll cover over 150 local points of interest, take in the beauty of Ten-Mile Ocean Drive and get our first glimpse of the fabulous mansions along tree-lined Bellevue Avenue. Then we'll take a self-guided tour of The Breakers, the grandest of the summer "cottages" built by Cornelius Vanderbilt and his wife Alice in 1893 and now a National Historic Landmark.

We'll enjoy free time for lunch on the historic downtown waterfront filled with wharves lined with antique store, art galleries, specialty shops and restaurants.

After lunch, we'll set sail on the *Amazing Grace* for a one-hour harbor cruise. This tour shows Newport off at its picture-perfect best, with close up views of the lighthouses, grand estates, and much more. Dinner is included this evening. (B,D)

Wednesday ♦ Local Touring

Following our continental breakfast this morning, we'll tour another Vanderbilt mansion, Marble House, home of William K. Vanderbilt and his wife Alva. Built between 1888 and 1892, it was a social and architectural landmark that set the pace for Newport's transformation from a quiet summer colony of wooden cottages to the legendary resort of opulent stone palaces. Mr. Vanderbilt was the brother of Cornelius, who built The Breakers, and the grandson of The Commodore, who established the family's fortune in steamships, the New York Central Railroad and Manhattan real estate.

Then we'll take a self-guided tour of The Elms, a house modeled after an 18th century French chateau built with every modern convenience available at the turn of the 20th century. Built by coal baron Edward J. Berwind, The Elms was the site of grand parties and was the first house in Newport to be wired for electricity.

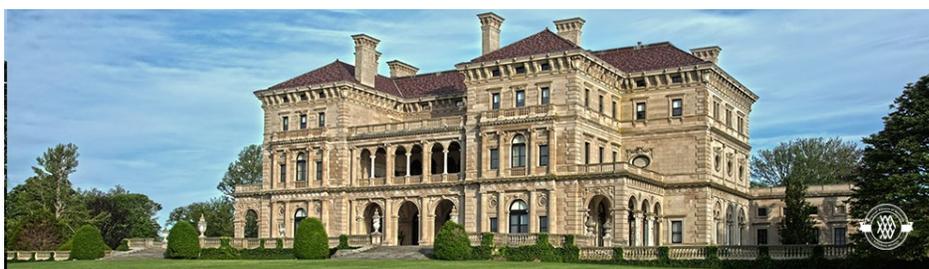
In the afternoon, we'll enjoy free time on Bowen's and Bannister's Wharves where the 18th century commercial buildings take you back to Newport's beginnings as a thriving seaport.

You may choose to spend your free afternoon visiting the International Tennis Hall of Fame, built by the publisher of the New York Post as a private tennis club and casino, or the Audrain Automobile Museum or take a stroll along the famed Cliff Walk, for a close-up view of the mansions that border it.

Dinner is on your own this evening downtown. (B)

Thursday ♦ Travel Home

After our continental breakfast, we'll depart for home with many fond memories and new friends. (B)



Package Includes

- Deluxe coach transportation
- 3 Nights lodging
- 3 Breakfasts
- 2 Dinners
- Sights & attractions as listed
- Baggage Handling
- Local guide gratuity
- Driver gratuity
- C and Bea Tours Escort

Price Per Person

\$729 Double Occupancy

\$709 Triple Occupancy

\$639 Quad Occupancy

\$929 Single Occupancy

Deposit: \$150 per person

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