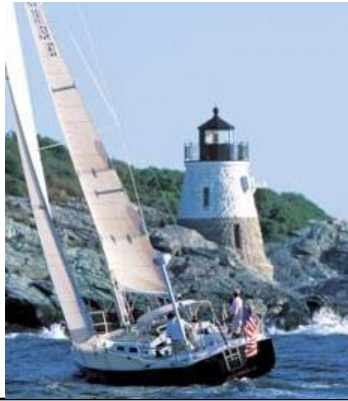


NEWPORT, RI



Newport is an excellent choice for a reunion site. It is home to fabulous mansions and colonial history. You'll find drama on every step of the Cliff Walk and turn of Ocean Drive. There's spectacular beauty among the beaches and harbor. This unique island community blends the old and the new—colonial homes stand feet away from modern condominiums and offices. The bustling harbor glistens as elegant yachts, luxury liners and lobster boats compete for space. All of these are the charm that is Newport.

Designed in the early colonial era (founded 1639), legendary Newport is a very beautiful, historic American city. The narrow streets and colonial homes are the framework of a rich architectural history.

Newport's superb harbor and climate encouraged a thriving maritime trade that ranked with Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Charleston, and inspired a flowering of arts and crafts. This influence of commerce and culture helped the town to redefine itself after the economic calamity of the Revolution and paved the way for Newport's development as a resort community. Becoming a new kind of city by necessity, Newport emerged in the Gilded Age as the Queen of American Resorts.

In the 19th and 20th centuries, Newport welcomed immigrants from many countries, including Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Scandinavia, the Philippines, and migrants from Puerto Rico. The city has nurtured a wide spectrum of economic opportunities, including fishing, agriculture, landscape gardening, maritime research, and yacht design and building. A constant Naval presence has included the Naval Academy, the Torpedo Station, and the Naval War College.

If there is a negative aspect about Newport, it is the transportation. There is no nearby airport. You either must fly into Providence, RI (the preferred place) or Logan International in Boston. No hotel in Newport offers complimentary airport shuttle service. You can get a shuttle bus at either airport, but there is much less hassle in Providence.

Most shuttles do not drop off passengers at a hotel, you go directly to the Newport Visitors' Center and get another shuttle (or cab) to the hotel. Normally you can arrange for hotel pick-up for the return trip to the airport, but you should make pick-up arrangements before the shuttle drops you off; it's hard to do from the hotel. The good news is it's easy to get to if you drive.

ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The **Naval War College Museum**, located on the Newport Naval Station base, focuses on the history of the "art and science" of naval warfare, chiefly as studied at the Naval War College through the years. The Naval War College itself is the oldest school of its kind in the world and the highest professional educational institution in the U. S. Navy.



There of course is a lot of history in Newport dating back hundreds of years. A **narrated tour of the city** would fill you in on the details.

The downtown and waterfront area are filled with chic little shops and good restaurants where you can grab a bite or a beer while the wife shops.

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You can visit **Hammer-smith**, Jackie Kennedy's old home place and the place where President Kennedy and his family spend a lot of time during his presidency. It is still well preserved with many mementos and much history



"Mansions Row" is probably Newport's most famous drive. Here you can see the summer homes of the rich and famous, the Du Ponts, the Vanderbilts, etc. Each one trying to out-do the other. Even today, there are true mansions being built along the drive. Normally one of the really famous homes is open for tours, and they are well worth taking the time to visit.



The Breakers

Just up the road from Newport is Fall River, MA, and **Battle Ship Cove**. This Naval Park and Museum features the Battleship USS MASSACHUSETTS, the destroyer JOSEPH KENNEDY, a submarine LIONFISH, and a tremendous display of PT Boats. You can have your memorial service on the fantail of the battleship, or if the weather is bad, there is a chapel set aside for the service. Sometimes a Navy Chaplain is available, but not always. Lunch is also available in the old CPO Mess. This is a day all old sailors love.



USS MASSACHUSETTS

The **Cliff Walk**, a three and one half mile trek along the eastern shore of Newport, is world famous as a public access walk that combines the natural beauty of the Newport shoreline with the architectural history of Newport's gilded age. The Cliff Walk offers spectacular views of the sea, backyard glimpses of Newport's elegant "summer cottages" and a good look at the areas geologic history. This is one of Newport's most famous attractions.



Just a short drive or water taxi ride across Newport Harbor stands **Fort Adams**, the largest coastal fortification in the United States. See where soldiers lived, enter the casemates, explore the tunnel system, climb the bastions for breathtaking views. The fort is an engineering and architectural masterpiece. Its special events include military reenactments, music festivals, and classic vehicle shows.



The **International Tennis Hall of Fame** is the world's largest tennis museum featuring exhibits, videos and memorabilia of tennis champions, past, present and future. It was the site of the first U.S. National Championships in 1881 and was founded by James Van Alen in 1954 as "a shrine to the ideals of the game."

The **Juliett 484 Submarine: K-77** in Providence, only a short drive away, was launched in 1965 by the Soviet Union. In its time, the Juliett class submarines were considered formidable adversaries by the United States Navy. In 2002 it was bought by the Saratoga Museum Foundation and the Russian Submarine Museum was formally opened to the public in August 2002.



Newport is also home to world famous **retail outlets**, located in old warehouses. Here you can find some of the best bargains in the country on name-brand items.