

# The Best East Coast Road Trips to Take This Year—And Beyond

*From Florida's Overseas Highway to Nova Scotia's Cabot Trail, these East Coast gems are rife with historic sites, culinary stops, and incredible hotels.*

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Perhaps more than any form of travel, the **road trip** is stamped in the American imagination. And when it comes to an East Coast road trip, no region is as underrated. Sure, it lacks the sprawl of the middle and **west of the country**, but the vast number of states, four distinct seasons (beyond Florida's endless summer, that is), and incredible range of cultures prove the **East Coast** is the coast with the most—and the only possible way to sample its infinite variety is behind the wheel. Here are nine of our favorite East Coast road trip itineraries, including where to stop, where to stay, and what to eat along your drive.



Courtesy The Chanler at Cliff Walk

## Small but mighty: New Haven to Newport

Hit the highlights of two of America's smallest states, Connecticut (#3) and Rhode Island (#1) with the 100-mile drive along US-1 from New Haven, Connecticut, to Newport, Rhode Island. This journey is a cinch for Bostonians and New Yorkers alike, and is chock-full of underrated pizza spots, scenic cliffs, and, of course, historic mansions. Anticipate the best views along oceanfront Scenic Route 1A in Rhode Island from Westerly to Wickford (At 39.6 miles, that's a long distance in Rhode Island terms.)

**Where to stop:** When you stop in Newport, head to the cliff walk, a light and breezy 3.5-mile hike with panoramic bay views and sights of the Vanderbilt estate known as the Breakers, among other Gilded Age mansions. Experience a different side of the Breakers on a “[Servant Life Tour](#),” which exposes the back-of-house operations that fueled socialite events at the 65,000 square-foot mansion designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt.

**Where to eat:** Fuel up at the start of your journey in New Haven with the famed clam pie at Frank Pepe's pizzeria (as featured on [Ugly Delicious](#) among many other hit shows). The accolade-racking pie is well worth the wait.

**Where to stay:** If you're itching to splash out, look no further than [The Chanler at Cliff Walk](#) in Newport, which has landed on our [Readers' Choice Awards](#). We're partial to the Martha's Vineyard villa, with its ocean view and canopied four-poster king bed.