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## The Best Romantic Getaways in New England for Every Kind of Couple



The New England aesthetic is as quintessentially charming as they come. White steeple churches poking up from dense thicket, nautical lighthouses balanced on rocky coastlines, and red wooden bridges that lead to roadside farm stands and horse pastures. It's almost too picturesque to believe—but alas, this region of the US always manages to live up to its reputation. And for couples in pursuit of the best romantic getaways in New England, the abundance of places to stay and things to do makes it easy to craft a memorable itinerary.

With regards to geography, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont are the key players (with Boston being the largest city in the region). If the ocean is calling out to you, Maine's cozy coastline can't be beat, nor can the tiny island of Nantucket with its shingled cottages. Or if you prefer to surround yourself with mountainous terrain and the intoxicating aroma of pine trees, steer for the leafy landscapes of Vermont. Wherever you end up, if it's in New England, a romantic ambience will follow. Below, the most compelling destinations in the area to visit right now.

## Newport, Rhode Island



If you're a *Gilded Age* devotee, Newport's illustrious mansions are probably already on your radar. But for those not yet acquainted, this elegant city on Aquidneck Island is home to nearly a dozen impressive homes dating back to this era, including The Breakers (an Italian Renaissance-style palazzo that is now a museum). You and your partner can zip along the scenic 10-mile Ocean Drive, meander the breathtaking Cliff Walk, hop on a charming trolley for a tour of town, and explore any one of Newport's many wineries and breweries. For lodging, choose The Vanderbilt, Auberge Collection for a historic downtown mansion, The Chanler at Cliff Walk for palatial Gilded Age vibes, or the Gardiner House for a waterfront boutique hotel.