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# Scotch and cigars pairings

BY VIKKI MORAN, THE GRATEFUL TRAVELER

Each year, The Chanler at Cliff Walk in Newport, Rhode Island, and its wonderful restaurant, The Spiced Pear, host a Scotch and Cigars event. Along with William Codman (Scotch expert extraordinaire) and Todd LaScola, Executive chef Thomas Duffy put together the 2104 event held again in October.

Scotch is a natural for a cozy and quiet fireplace treat. While you may not want to finish your scotch with a cigar in the house, an outside fire pit does nicely and that is exactly what we did after the six-course meal paired with the scotches.

Glenkinchie 12 Year Old whiskey was paired with assorted canapés; Glenkinchie Distiller's Edition was paired with lobster mac and cheese; then Oban 14 Years Old was paired with a chicken waffle with crispy quail and our own Hudson Valley Foie Gras. We then traveled to Oban Distiller's Edition, which was served with Berkshire Pork duet of cider glazed pork cheek and belly with Vermont cheddar polenta, and Talisker 10 Years Old with Kobe beef short ribs. The sixth and final course was Key West Shrimp served with a sunny side quail's egg, pancetta, English peas and trumpet royals, and the final Scotch was Talisker Storm.

The scotch and the thoughtful pairings were always perfect, and The Chanler at Cliff Walk is a wonderful setting to relax or walk off the culinary feast on the Newport Cliff Walk.

*To book next years event call The Chanler Cliff Walk at 401.847.1300.*

## Embracing Elegance at The Chanler at Cliff Walk of Newport, Rhode Island



Photo courtesy of The Chanler at Cliff Walk.

The captivating Chanler on the famous Cliff Walk in Newport, Rhode Island, certainly sets the tone for the surrounding elegance of the gilded age where spectacular mansions are neighbors and ocean vistas paint their window views.

Gracious entertaining was certainly the norm in the days of the Rockefellers, the Vanderbilts, the Astors and many more of the wealthiest and most privileged families in America, so finding that mindset of gracious hosting was not surprising but very much welcomed.

Like the grand families of Newport, you could spend your days lounging on The Chanler's property with its perfectly trimmed gardens and breathtaking views of the Cliff Walk and the ocean. Sunrises from the room balconies are some of the best that I have ever seen. Sitting early in the morning with my cup of coffee set the most relaxing day in motion (slow motion).

The beach is within a short walk and you can arrange for a butlered picnic on the sands, if you wish. Like the early 1900s when only the highest and most "select" families in the east traveled to stay a month or two in Newport, the beach experience can be made nearly as lavish. When your book and time in the sun wind down, the cocktails flow at the Inn for as long as your appetite holds off. Back at the Chanler, the fire pit is lit and waiting for you to enjoy the evening. The restaurant, under the direction of Executive Chef Thomas Duffy, will prepare a dinner for you at the Spiced Pear. The Spiced Pear might just be the most underrated restaurant in New England. I could and will write at a later date about his European kitchen featuring the custom-made Bonnet stove that is one of only ten or so in the United States. That certainly is not the main reason that the food will blow away your mind and taste buds, but it certainly contributes to it. For your dining choices, you can also choose to savor the great views in the summer on the Cliff Walk Terrace and breakfast is in the Veranda restaurant.

The twenty rooms of The Chanler are decorated in various period styles. They offer a complimentary house car in partnership with Buick to bring you to and from parts of town. This is a wonderful treat if you have indulged in a few cocktails. The staff is reliable and charming so why not leave the driving to them. Newport, of course, is a lively and welcoming ocean town famous in part for its maritime history and sailing. The town is chock full of shopping and dining options and the ability to be dropped off and picked up allows you the flexibility to walk and enjoy all the town has to offer.

In short, mornings, days and evenings can be spent much like the days of the lively and vital mansion era in this most magnificent Inn in Newport, Rhode Island, and just a mere blink can draw you back to 2015 when you drift into the past.

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