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New York City to Newport FERRARI 296 GTS FALL EXPEDITION

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The Majestic Arrival in Newport and an Evening at The Chanler

As we departed the picturesque landscapes of Connecticut, the Ferrari 296 GTS's journey on the 14A road led us towards the highway, a route adorned with magnificent vistas and lush, tree-lined paths. Crossing two grand bridges, we veered right into the old town of Newport, Rhode Island. Newport, the heart of New England's boating scene, exudes a unique maritime charm that's as integral to the town as its storied sailing history. The city, dating back to the 1600s, seamlessly blends its seafaring roots with modern tourist appeal, boasting world-class marinas, vibrant restaurants, and a lively music scene. Here, classic America's Cup 12 Meters sailboats remind visitors of Newport's rich nautical legacy, offering charter experiences that hark back to the glory days of yachting. The city's connection to the sea is further celebrated with events like the Newport Jazz and Folk Festivals at Fort Adams State Park, where music and maritime culture intertwine.

Driving through Newport, the Ferrari 296 GTS became part of the town's tapestry, its modern lines contrasting with the quaint, yachting-themed shops and buildings. Narragansett Bay, once the host of the prestigious America's Cup Races, now teems with a variety of boats, from J Boats to classic Herreshoff designs, adding to the maritime spectacle. The Herreshoff Marine Museum, located nearby, offers a deeper dive into the area's rich nautical history, showcasing models and artifacts that speak to the grandeur of past America's Cup Races.

The Chanler at Cliff Walk – A Haven of Luxury

As the sun dipped below the horizon, our arrival at The Chanler at Cliff Walk marked the end of our day's journey. This Rhode Island luxury hotel, a testament to Gilded Age elegance, offers a unique blend of contemporary serenity and historical grandeur. The Chanler, situated on Newport's famed Cliff Walk, is a storied mansion turned into a luxury hotel, featuring twenty distinct rooms each elegantly decorated in various period styles. The hotel promises an experience of relaxed refinement, with amenities like complimentary house car service and stunning ocean vistas.

The evening at Cara, The Chanler's Forbes Five-Star restaurant, was made even more memorable by the personal touch of Chef Jacob Jasinski. As each dish was served, Chef Jasinski himself introduced them, eloquently explaining their complexities and unique details. This culinary gem, with its sophisticated waterfront setting and breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, was truly brought to life by his passion and expertise. 'Cara', translating to 'dear one' in Italian and 'friend' in Gaelic, perfectly encapsulated the warmth of the atmosphere. The blind-tasting menu, a mélange of contemporary and creative dishes including Nantucket Bay scallops, Fall Mushrooms with foie gras, and Slow-Roasted Kuro Wagyu Rib Steak, showcased Chef Jasinski's commitment to culinary excellence, making Cara an essential experience for any epicure visiting Newport.

















2023's Culinary Highlights: Top Gastronomic Experiences

Benoit New York

Nestled in the heart of Manhattan, on West 55th Street, Benoit New York stands as a beacon of Parisian charm amidst the city's vibrant pulse. This Alain Ducasse establishment, an echo of the original Benoit in Paris, exudes a warm, convivial atmosphere reminiscent of a classic Parisian bistro. The interior, adorned with deep red banquettes, brass fittings, and strategically placed mirrors, instantly transports diners to a cozy yet elegant setting, perfect for a variety of occasions, from business luncheons to intimate dinners.

The menu is a delightful homage to French culinary traditions, offering timeless classics such as onion soup, escargots, and pâté en croûte, alongside heartier choices like cassoulet and beef pot au feu. Not to be missed are Benoit's signature pomme frites, a perfect accompaniment to any dish. Each meal here is a journey through France's gastronomic landscape, accentuated by Chef Alberto Marcolongo's mastery and passion, evident in every dish served.

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Cara at The Chanler at Cliff Walk

Perched atop the famous Cliff Walk in Newport, RI, Cara epitomizes elevated fine dining with a touch of classic, old-world charm. The decor, harmonizing with the hotel's luxurious aesthetic, offers a blend of classic elegance and modern flair. The kitchen's partial openness adds a contemporary twist, while the breathtaking views of the open water create a serene backdrop.

Cara's dining experience is a symphony of flavors, thoughtfully orchestrated in a six-course tasting menu. The journey begins with an amuse-bouche of tuna tartare, followed by an array of meticulously crafted courses. Highlights include a rich caviar dish paired with asparagus and lemon, transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. The lettuce soup, a creative blend of onion custard and a bright green soup, surprises and delights with its light, fresh taste. The journey through flavors continues with a perfectly balanced dish of duck with foie gras and pickled blackberries, and a Wagyu Ribeye accompanied by celeriac, chanterelles, and shaved truffles, showcasing a mastery of texture and taste.

The finale, a deconstructed apple pie, brings a satisfying close to a meal that's both an exploration and a celebration of fine dining. Each course at Cara is a testament to the chef's innovation and skill, making it a must-visit destination for those seeking haute cuisine in Newport.