

Weekends by the Sea

COASTAL NEW ENGLAND GETAWAYS WITHIN EASY REACH OF NEW YORK.

The Chanler at Cliff Walk

Drive from New York: 31/2 hours. Perched on the scenic Cliff Walk, this hotel is widely considered to have the best ocean views in Newport. Its mansion, built in 1873 for the then-princely sum of \$30,000, served as a summer retreat for New York Congressman John Winthrop Chanler, who had married into the Astor family. The Chanlers owned the estate for 50 years, during which time such then-boldfacers as Teddy Roosevelt and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow stayed at the property. In 2003, it was refurbished by new owner, businessman John Shufelt, in Belle Epoque splendor, and since there are only 20 rooms (each with a fireplace, many with Jacuzzis), you feel as if you're a guest in one of the town's manses, rather than in a hotel. This summer The Chanler offers Beach Butler service at your Newport beach of choice. Nice perk: SUVs to chauffeur you to and from local sites, but the grounds and views are so exquisite, you may never want to leave the property. 117 Memorial Blvd., Newport, RI,

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