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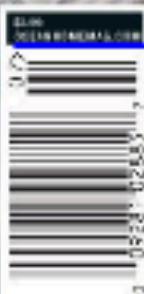
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Modern  
Newport Since  
the 18th Century

SEA LIFE: NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

## POSTCARD-PERFECT NEW ENGLAND

*American history and Gilded Age opulence define America's picturesque city by the sea.*

by Paul Rubio

Newport. It's a name that conjures up images of sparkling seascapes, historic lighthouses, Gilded Age opulence, regattas, and high society. From centuries-old mansions dotting the coastline to stately coastal forts and narrow streets brimming with history, Newport is a stunningly beautiful place that never fails to impress.

Originally founded as a colony for religious freedom in the 17th century and evolving into America's society capital by the 19th century, Newport tenaciously embraces its rich past. Throughout the centuries, this city by the sea has held claim to several historic firsts: America's first synagogue, circa 1763 (Touro Synagogue); lending library, circa 1747 (Redwood Library and Athenaeum); and tavern, circa 1673 (The White Horse Tavern), all of which remain in operation. Newport was also site of the first U.S. Open tennis match in 1885, an achievement detailed in the city's International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum ([tennisplace.com](http://tennisplace.com)).



FEATURE

## The Chanler Inn at Cliff Walk

NEWPORT'S ELEGANT MANSION BY THE SEA KEEPS HISTORY IN STYLE

A CELEBRATION of Gilded Age glamour, **The Chanler Inn at Cliff Walk** offers guests the true experience of Newport mansion life. Twenty unique rooms and suites represent various periods of European and American history through design. The Imperial English Tudor

rooms, for example, would have Henry VIII proud with its dark, masculine, and ornate decor. Likewise, the Louis XVI room captures the essence of 18th-century royal opulence, bedazzled with gold trim, blue-and-mustard furnishings, and old-fashioned clocks. Regardless of

décor, all 20 of Chanler's bespoke suites embody a common theme of romance.

The boutique hotel was originally constructed in 1873 as the summer home of John Winthrop Chanler and Margaret Astor Ward. Nowadays, the Chanler is also connected to the 3.5-mile Cliff Walk path, granting immediate access to Newport's other famed mansions and nearby Easton's Beach.

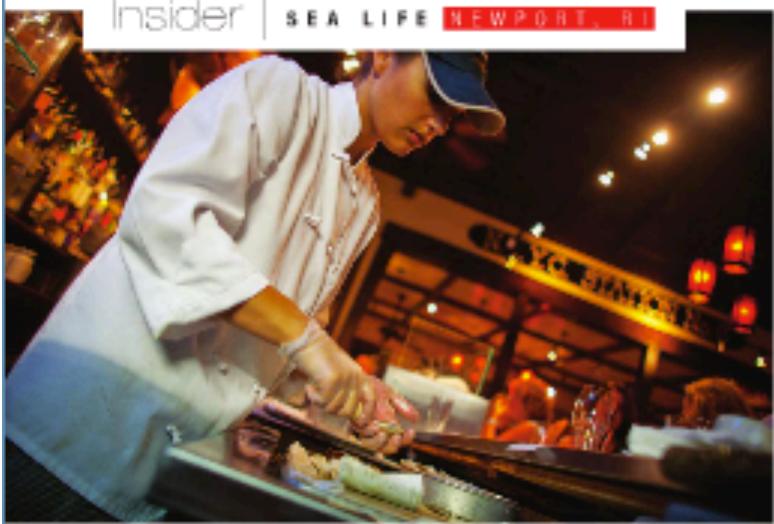
Upon arriving in their rooms or



Honorable  
mention:  
Left, the  
English Tudor  
suite; Right,  
The Chanler's  
exterior.

suites, guests are greeted with a box of gourmet cookies, perfect to help digest the "wow factor" of the interiors. After a day spent roaming around Newport, the Chanler's Spiced Pear restaurant delivers gastronomic greatness from its showroom-style open kitchen with specialties such as butter-poached Maine lobster with truffled leeks, candied beets, and sunchoke purée, as well as Roast duck breast in blood orange jus.

The service is always top-notch at the Chanler Inn at Cliff Walk, and the front desk staff bears a wealth of knowledge of Newport and its surroundings. The complimentary on-call luxury SUV shuttle moves guests around within three miles of the hotel, putting nearly all of Newport in the palm of their hand. [thechanler.com](http://thechanler.com)



## WHAT TO DO

## ITEMS FOR YOUR NEWPORT ITINERARY

**Viking Trolley** This entertaining, 90-minute scenic trolley tour ventures through downtown Newport and along mansion-clad Ocean Drive. The trip is chock full of history lessons and random facts. For example, did you know the New York Yacht Club is housed in Newport, or that *Moonrise Kingdom* was filmed in Newport? [vikingtoursnewport.com](#). **St. Mary's Church** The oldest Catholic parish in Rhode Island was established on April 8, 1828 and became a major tourist attraction following the wedding ceremony there of Jacqueline Lee Bouvier and John Fitzgerald Kennedy on September 12, 1953. [smrynewport.org](#). **Fort Adams** The largest coastal fort in the United States stands across Newport Harbor in Fort Adams State Park and hosts several local festivals, such as the Newport Jazz Festival. [fortadams.org](#). **Gour-**



**Best Dishes**  
Top, The Mooring is a must-visit spot for fresh seafood. Below, Muse, a fine dining spot renowned for its lobster offerings.

**met Row** Peruse "Gourmet Row" on Bellevue Avenue between Catherine Street and Kay Street with shops like Newport Wine Cellar, Le Petit Gourmet, and La Maison de COCO. **One Bellevue Restaurant** Live like aristocracy with a high tea extravaganza at the Hotel Viking. Enjoy tea, Sir Royals, and a decadent three-tiered tray of tea sandwiches, cakes, and the best scones you've ever tasted. The English never had it so good! [kateking.com](#). **Diego's** Head to Bowen's Wharf for New England's superlative Mexican food. Try the famous Crispy Baja Calamari with Diego's secret spicy seasoning, [diegos-newport.com](#). **The Mooring** Feed your most sumptuous seafood fantasies at this institution on Newport's historic waterfront. Start with a bowl of the award-winning native scallop chowder. Then, feast on the Bag of Doughnuts (lobster, crab, and shrimp fritters with chipotle maple glaze) and Guinness-battered fish 'n' chips with homemade tartar sauce. [moorings-newport.com](#). **Muse by Jonathan Cartwright**

Dress to the nines for a superb evening at this fine dining

restaurant helmed by renowned New England chef Jonathan Cartwright. While Cartwright impresses with all his dishes, the lobster masterpieces are most memorable. Indulge in the deconstructed "Lobster Bisque" with crispy lobster wontons and Cognac crème fraîche, the Buttery Poached Lobster over a bed of sweet corn purée and paprika butter sauce, or the "Open Ravioli of Poached Lobster." [muserhrlgace.com](#). **Spiced Pear** The handsome bar of the Chanler Inn's acclaimed restaurant specializes in fine wines and pear-inspired libations. Kick off the evening with a "Spiced Pear Martini" (pear vodka, amaretto, pear nectar, cinnamon, and lemon juice), an "Incredible Pear" (peach vodka, Hennessey, Grand Marnier, pear nectar, and pineapple juice), or more than a dozen other cocktails. [thechanler.com](#). **The White Horse Tavern** Newport first-timers should most definitely grab a pint at the oldest tavern in America, circa 1673. [whitehorsetavernnewport.com](#). **Fiske Wine, Bar & Kitchen** Enjoy an aperitif or a nightcap at Fiske Wine, Bar & Kitchen, renowned for its seasonal craft cocktails and artisan wines. [fiskeononbar.com](#).

## THE DETAILS

**Closest domestic airport** T.F. Green Airport (TFG), 25 miles away. **Closest international airport** Boston Logan International Airport (BOS), 74 miles away. **Total area** 11.4 square miles (7.7 square miles land; 3.7 square miles water). **County** Newport County. **Population**: 24,672 residents.

**Median household income** \$50,355. **Number of households** 10,616. Median property value \$420,000. **Public parks** Beavertail Point State Park, Fort Adams State Park. **Former famous residents** Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, William Kissam Vanderbilt.

**Claims to fame** Newport Regatta, Newport Mansions, America's Society Capital. **Social Media** Facebook: [com/NewportRhodeIsland](#); Twitter: [#NewportRhodeIsland](#); Instagram: [#newportrhodeisland](#); YouTube: [Sights to See in Newport Blog](#); [newport.com](#).