



THE CHANLER

A folding sign pitched at the edge of the circular driveway reads "Come and warm up at the hot chocolate bar." Through April 2, there's no reservations required making The Chanler at Cliff Walk seem more approachable than at first glance. Recently awarded a World's Best designation 2023 by *Travel + Leisure*, let's be real, the 19th-century mansion – and only hotel on Newport's famed Cliff Walk – looks a little intimidating. Accommodation options on five acres include villas, signature rooms, estate rooms, and manor rooms, outfitted in authentic Gilded Age style, replete with draperies, paintings, fireplaces, and chandeliers. Rooms look like they should be behind velvet museum ropes – but they're not – and endearing touches like RI-made Anchor Toffee under a glass cloche – plus a welcoming staff, add up to making guests feel very much at home. The Chanler has two on-site eateries: The Cafe for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Cara, a Forbes Five-Star restaurant serving dinner only Thursday-Sunday – or truly indulge in a five or 8-course blind tasting presented by Executive Chef Jacob Jansinski. There's also The Lounge, a handsome room for handcrafted cocktails and vintage spirits. With Easton's Beach below, the property offers views of the Atlantic so majestic, you might just wish to get snowed in. Various Getaway Packages make the already discounted winter rates (less than half the price of summer) even more palatable.



THE GRADUATE

The term "grande dame" comes to mind when entering Graduate Providence. Formerly the Providence Biltmore, the entire place imbues a cinematic glamor, from the ornate lobby with its glass elevator to a colorful front desk set-up that would make Wes Anderson swoon. Built in 1922, the landmark is a part of the city's history, and thanks to Chicago-based owners AJ Capital Partners, the mindful renovation kept the iconic letters on the building. On the main floor, there's Reiners Bar and Game Room, which also handles in-room dining and drinks, and across the lobby is Poindexter Coffee, a fabulous joint for java and street-level city views. The Retreat Package encourages a visit with massages at the on-site Norwich Spa. Special rates include government, university, and alumni visitors.

