

RHODE ISLAND RHYTHMS

September 29-October 3, 2025

Known for its sandy shores and seaside Colonial towns, this tiny state makes a big impression. Newport is famed for sailing and the magnificent Gilded Age mansions and the stories they tell. In addition, we will hear tales of rum running aboard the *Rum Runner II*, learn about oyster farming, and tour the synagogue where the idea of religious liberty was practiced. All of this and so much more await you in Rhode Island.



Space is limited.
Register today!

DAY 1 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

NEWPORT

(Dinner)

Today we will depart from our designated pick-up locations and transfer to the airport for our flight to Rhode Island. Upon our arrival in Providence, we'll be met by our motorcoach, who will take us to the coastal city of **Newport**. There, we will settle into **The Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina** and freshen up for a delicious welcome dinner.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

NEWPORT

(Breakfast, Dinner)

After breakfast, we will travel to **Providence, the Capital of Rhode Island**. Our first stop is **Benefit Street**, one of the most historical streets in Providence. Our tour includes the **John Brown House**, the **Providence Athenaeum**, the **Stephen Hopkins House**, and the **First Baptist Church in America**. These stops will introduce us to the lives of a Providence slave trader and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence as well as welcome us to the country's second-oldest library, where Edgar Allan Poe could often be found. Then, we are off to the **Botanical Gardens in Roger Williams Park** to explore this tropical oasis featuring indoor and outdoor gardens and over 150 species of plants. Up next is an immersion in pasta, wine, and pastries as we visit **Federal Hill**, a well-known Italian neighborhood. We'll enjoy lunch on our own at one of the many authentic Italian restaurants here and explore some of the shops. After lunch, we return to Newport and board the **Rum Runner II** for a Newport harbor cruise. This is an actual rum runner from the days of prohibition in America! We'll hear stories of our vessel's maritime history and view the coastline of Newport and the beautiful homes that adorn the coast. Once back on land, we will enjoy a lively dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEWPORT

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before another great day of exploring Newport. First, on the agenda, we will learn about oyster farming from Perry Raso, the owner of the **Matunuck Oyster Bar**. Perry needed a dock when he set out to be an oyster farmer, so he purchased a restaurant simply for its dock, and now it's one of the most popular restaurants in Rhode Island. We will enjoy lunch here before continuing our adventures. This afternoon, we will delve into the lives of the Gilded Era elite with a tour of **The Breakers**. Considered the grandest of the Newport mansions, this seventy-room Italian Renaissance-style villa was built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II. It symbolized the Vanderbilt family's social and financial superiority at the turn of the century. Here, we will marvel at the architectural style of William Morris Hunt's masterpiece and learn a little about Newport's summer society. We'll head back to the hotel, where the rest of the day is yours, to explore. Dinner is on your own tonight at one of the many restaurants in the area.

DAY 4 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

NEWPORT

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Breakfast this morning will be enjoyed at the **International Tennis Hall of Fame**, followed by a tour of the museum and a game of croquet. Then, we'll venture along **Ocean Drive** to glimpse some of Newport's other historic mansions. Our next stop will be **Fort Adams**, where we will experience over 190 years of American history, military culture, architecture, and engineering. This is the largest fortification on the East Coast and was built during the Civil War. Our attention will then turn to the **Touro Synagogue**, the country's oldest Jewish house of worship. Newport and the colony of Rhode Island are the places where the ideas and ideals of religious liberty, tolerance of belief, and the separation of church and state were first practiced in the Americas. We'll celebrate America's invention of religious freedom at the synagogue's Visitor Center before lunch at the **Viking Hotel**, a Historic Hotel of America that has hosted many celebrities and dignitaries like John and Jackie Kennedy. This afternoon, we'll enjoy a spectacular tour and tasting at **Greenvale Vineyards**, a second-generation winery on the shores of the Sakonnet River. A wonderful farewell dinner this evening will cap off our day.

DAY 5 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

HOME

(Breakfast)

After breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our flight home with wonderful memories of our time in Rhode Island.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

For full tour terms and conditions, please visit www.stardestinations.com/terms-cortrust-rhode-island



INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airport transfers
- Round-trip air to Providence (air allowance of \$600)
- Private motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights' accommodations at The Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina
- 8 meals (4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners)
- Admission to attractions as stated on itinerary
- Porter service of one bag per person at hotel
- Taxes and gratuities for included services
- Professional tour manager

Not included in the price of this tour:

Meals other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, travel protection plan, current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, **you must:**

- Be able to walk/stand 2-3 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to maneuver some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

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TOUR PRICING

\$3,319 per person, double

\$3,829 per person, single

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(Payment may be sent with your deposit or with final payment to CorTrust Bank)

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A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

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MAY 30, 2025**

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