

Christmas Mansions In Newport



The Breakers Music Room, John Corbett, Courtesy of The Preservation Society of Newport County

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Welcome to **Newport, RI**, America's first resort town in the "Ocean State". Founded in 1971, "**Christmas in Newport**" began as a two-week festival that celebrated the noncommercial traditions of the holiday season. Only clear bulbs illuminate the scenic harbor and wharves and the Victorian splendor of Bellevue Avenue. The lights are meant to simulate candlelight and recapture the candlelit holidays of bygone days.

Day 1: Travel and overnight in **Connecticut**.

Day 2: Upon arrival in **Newport**, enjoy free time for lunch (on own) and shopping on the historic downtown waterfront filled with cobblestone shopping wharves lined with antique stores, art galleries, specialty shops and restaurants.

Meet your local guide at the Newport Transportation Center. Meet Mrs. Caroline Astor, the Grande Dame of Newport, and New York Society in the Gilded Age of the late 1800's. Enjoy the charm of Newport's historic buildings and restored homes on this narrated tour covering over 150 points of interest. Take in the rugged beauty of **Ten-Mile Ocean Drive and the fabulous mansions along tree-lined Bellevue Avenue**.

Enjoy a self-guided tour of the **Breakers Mansion**. The Breakers is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family social and financial preeminence in turn of the century America.

Dinner is included this evening at your hotel. Following dinner enjoy a re-creation of a **Newport Cotillion**. Music will be provided by a local musician as you enjoy dancing a waltz and then learn easy-to-follow steps for a contra dance. (B,D)



Marble House - Courtesy of The Preservation Society of Newport County



Day 3: The **Elms and Marble House** --two National Historic Landmarks and icons of the Gilded Age in America--are filled with thousands of poinsettias, fresh flowers, evergreens, and wreaths. A total of 28 decorated Christmas trees reflecting individual room decor anchor many of the magnificent spaces. Dining tables set with period silver and china complete the elegant setting. The windows of each mansion are lit with individual white candles, in keeping with the colonial tradition.

Enjoy a self-guided tour of **Marble House**. Built between 1888 and 1892 for Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. It was a summer house, or "cottage", as "Newporters" called them in remembrance of the modest houses of the early 19th century. But Marble House was much more; it was a social and architectural landmark that set the pace for Newport's subsequent transformation from a quiet summer colony of wooden houses to the legendary resort of opulent stone palaces. Fireplace mantels on the second floor of Marble House will be decorated by regional garden clubs in a friendly competition.

Arrive at the **Newport Playhouse** in time for included buffet lunch and show (TBD).

Following the performance Company Members will continue to entertain with a **Holiday Cabaret**, a vaudeville style review filled with songs and laughter.

Free time downtown for **Holiday Shopping**. (B,L)



Breakers Mansion, Courtesy of Frank Shoemaker

Day 4: Board the coach for the Sailing Museum. **The Sailing Capital of the World** – Newport has a longstanding sailing history that is evident everywhere in the “City-by-the-Sea” from the many colonial sea captains’ homes that line the streets of Newport’s downtown, to the busy Newport Harbor that is a destination and home port, to some of the most renowned sailing and motor yachts in the world. Newport even has a busy downtown street, America’s Cup Avenue, dedicated to the most famous sailing race!

The Sailing Museum is situated in the historic Armory building on the waterfront in downtown Newport. The Sailing Museum features interactive exhibits, displays chronicling the history of the sport, and galleries honoring inductees into the National Sailing Hall of Fame and the America’s Cup Hall of Fame.

Next is a self-guided tour of the **Elms Mansion**. The Elms was the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Julius Berwind of Philadelphia and New York. Mr. Berwind made his fortune in the coal industry. The glitter of gold and the sparkle of silver will dazzle you as you tour The Elms magnificent mansion decked out in Yuletide finery. Thousands of poinsettias, spectacular evergreens, fragrant trees, decorated wreaths, fresh flowers, and 19th century style ornaments turn The Elms and its grounds into a Christmas wonderland. (B,L)

Travel and overnight in **Connecticut**.

Day 5: Return home with the glittering and dazzling memories of a Gilded Age Christmas. (B)



The Sailing Museum, Courtesy of Frank Shoemaker



The Elms Dining Room - John Corbett, Courtesy of The Preservation Society of Newport County



Walking Code: 4 - This tour requires a heavy amount of walking. To truly experience the program and destination, you need to be able to participate in physical activities such as long walking tours, walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs and periods of standing. Some of the touring days may be longer, with select included activities occurring later in the evening.

Cost per person, per room occupancy:

\$1,299.00 double	\$1,213.00 triple
\$1,155.00 quad	\$1,599.00 single

Includes: Transportation, lodging, four breakfasts, two lunches, dinner, three mansion tours, touring and admissions per itinerary, baggage handling, and taxes.

Deposit: \$100.00 per person
Insurance: Optional; see below
Balance due: October 4, 2024; Please call for availability after balance due date.

Cancellation Policy: Prior to 60 days - No Charge; 59 days or less - **NO REFUND**

Written notice of cancellation is required before monies refunded.

Insurance: Travel Insurance is optional. To be eligible for the waiver of pre-existing medical condition exclusion, the protection plan must be purchased within 15 days from the time you make your initial trip deposit and for the prepaid non-refundable payments or deposits. If purchased, the insurance premium is refundable during the 15 day review period, unless you have filed a claim or departed on your trip. The insurance premium is non-refundable after the 15 day review period.

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Depart: 6:00 am - Sewickley
 6:30 am - Pittsburgh
 7:00 am - Monroeville
 7:15 am - Irwin
 7:30 am - New Stanton

Return: Approximately between 7:00-8:00 pm