

SPEAKEASY

MYSTERY

TOUR DETAILS (timing can be customized)

9:00am-10:00am: Ocean Drive Tour

Meet your step-on guide, Betty Czech, who will be dressed as a speakeasy proprietress and will reveal Newport's little-known history during Prohibition. Together, you'll drive down Thames Street – a former speakeasy haven – and Betty will point out Narragansett Bay, where the Coast Guard created a national shock wave by intercepting an infamous rum running boat, the Black Duck, and fatally firing on three rum runners.

10:00am-11:30am: Tour of Marble House

See the Chinese Tea House at the famed Newport mansion, Marble House, the "summer cottage" of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. The lady of the house, Alva Vanderbilt Belmont, later divorced William and married Oliver H.P. Belmont, who lived just down Bellevue Avenue. Alva once supported Prohibition but later pushed for its repeal. A socialite turned suffragette, Alva held rallies here to support women's right to vote.

(Another mansion or museum can be substituted, such as the newly renovated Belcourt, Alva's second former mansion on Bellevue Avenue.)

11:30am-12:15pm: Cliff Walk

Weather permitting, take a short stroll along the Cliff Walk to Belmont Beach, the site of a botched smuggling scheme. If weather is a problem or the group prefers, the motor coach tour will include a drive past Easton's Beach.

* 12:15pm-3:00pm: "Speakeasy" Lunch at La Forge Casino Restaurant on Bellevue Avenue or Johnny's Restaurant in the Wyndham Hotel Newport

Your guide, the speakeasy proprietress, will whisper the password for entry. During lunch, performers will present a fun, speakeasy-themed Murder Mustery that you will help solve. Along the way, you will meet some of the era's famous bootleggers!

Tour guests are encouraged to wear vintage accessories.

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

- Harbor Cruise
- Overnight Accommodations



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