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Everything You'll Want To Do In Newport, Rhode Island

All you really need to know: There are lobster rolls involved.



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The coronavirus pandemic is still impacting travel, and destinations around the world have different COVID-19 restrictions in place. Always check and adhere to local government policies as you're planning any future trips.

If your daydreams consist of fresh seafood, salty air, and stunning historic mansions... I have nothing to say other than that Newport, Rhode Island, deserves your undivided attention.



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Allow me to take your hand and guide you through a weekend itinerary best described as perfection, chronicling where to sleep, eat, walk, and then eat some more.

WHERE TO STAY

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The Wayfinder Hotel is a boutique property created by local chefs, artists, and entrepreneurs in the Newport area — and it's **just** far enough away from the hustle and bustle of noisy Thames Street that you can sleep peacefully.



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It's only a nine-minute drive to the very middle of Thames Street, though! So you're not *too* far away.

Address: 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd., Newport, RI 02840

Rates: \$260+/per night

To quote every cartoonish real estate agent: location, location, location. The luxurious **Hammetts Hotel** is nestled right on the wharf and smack-dab in the middle of their main street — aka anything you need (from coffee to cocktails to shampoo) will be mere steps away.



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Sip on wine and beer flights at **Newport Vineyards & Taproot Brewery**, a lush destination complete with lovely outdoor greenery that *breathes in fresh air* we could certainly all use.



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There's even a sprawling marketplace packed with local goods, vino, and brews you could purchase and bring home with you. You can also make reservations via [OpenTable](#).

Address: 909 E Main Rd., Middletown, RI 02842

Live like a Vanderbilt (vicariously that is) via a stroll through [The Breakers Mansion](#), a sprawling hunk of real estate and an iconic National Historic Landmark that no amount of Zillow-ing can prepare you for.



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One sprawling mansion not enough for you? Understandable, but don't fret. There's a whole slew of historic homes — Marble House, the Elms...you can read all about them in this [Newport mansion guide](#).

Address: 44 Ochre Point Avenue, Newport, RI 02840

And another tourist-y activity you **must** cross off your bucket list: the **Newport Cliff Walk**! Stroll all (or some of the) 3.5 miles of the eastern shore for gorgeous coastline views and an additional peek at more historic mansions.



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Starting point: 117 Memorial Blvd., Newport, RI 02840

Ending point: Bailey's Beach (often referred to as **Reject's Beach**)

Book a [boat tour](#)! Highly recommended: one that involves orange juice and champagne. This sightseeing cruise is given from a converted lobster boat and provides up-close views of Claiborne Pell, Newport Bridge, and Castle Hill — and even includes a complimentary mimosa.



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Get tickets from Viator starting at [\\$28](#).

Unearth buried treasure at Newport Marketplace & Antiques, a personal favorite stop due to the fact that I paid \$9 for this delightful century-old book. 'Tis one of my most prized possessions (high praise, considering "tchotchkes" are my middle name).



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Address: 130 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840

Newport is home to some gorgeous sand and surf, including Easton's, Bailey's, and Gooseberry beaches! So slather on that sunscreen, pack a bikini or 10, and spend a lazy afternoon catching some rays.



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Easton's Beach is located at 175 Memorial Blvd., Newport, RI 02840, and it actually marks the beginning of the Newport Cliff Walk!

Stroll along Narragansett Bay, and take a gander at the iconic [Castle Hill Lighthouse](#) — tours are not open to the public, but you can still ogle its beauty from the shoreline.



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We love a fun and free activity.

Address: 800–870 Ocean Ave., Newport, RI 02840



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Nestled right on the water, **The Coffee Grinder** provides a quiet escape from the bustle of Thames Street. Grab your morning java and some banana bread, and head out to their "backyard" where you'll be met with **takes deep breath** the most lovely salty breeze.



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Address: 33 Bannister's Wharf, Newport, RI 02840

Salvation Cafe is **the** brunch, lunch, or dinner spot if you're in the mood for slightly funky fare. Plus, eclectic decor and craft cocktails await: Think a cucumber cooler with Farmer's organic gin, elderflower cordial, cucumber, and limeade.



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Reservations can be made via [Resy](#).

Address: 140 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840

Wave ciao to a delicious Italian feast at [Mamma Luisa](#), a cozy abode specializing in authentic dishes that make you feel as if you're sitting in Bologna (where Mamma Luisa herself actually hails from).



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Reservations can be made via [OpenTable](#).

Address: 673 Thames St., Newport, RI 02840

Head over to [Nomi Park](#) in the Wayfinder Hotel! Their lobster roll was buttery and delicious, the mussels were immaculate, and IDK what else to tell you other than that I salivate when I think of my meal.



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Address: 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd., Newport, RI 02840

And speaking of lobster rolls — [The Newport Lobster Shack](#). It's a must. I saw it had tons of online reviews, scoured it from my mind because I assumed "tourist trap," but went to it after a ton of locals told me it was genuinely delish.



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Address: 150 Long Wharf, (Trailer), Newport, RI 02840

And with that, I bid you adieu — time to pack up your entire wardrobe and head on over to Newport, Rhode Island, for the ideal weekend getaway. Have any more suggestions? Drop 'em in the comments below.