

# The Best Places to Go for Memorial Weekend

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For most Americans, Memorial Weekend in the US marks the start of summer. The long weekend is the first taste of summer vacation for friends and families around the country that honors our fallen soldiers. To enjoy a weekend of great weather and even better company, whether you're staying local or seeking a weekend getaway, we've rounded up the most popular Memorial Weekend destinations around the country.



## Newport, Rhode Island

Newport is home to many of our nation's 'firsts:' The first restaurant, bar and library were opened here, and today it remains one of the most exclusive places to summer. Whether you're staying at the lively [Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina](#), surrounded by boats, or opt for something quieter (but still on the water), [Castle Hill Inn](#), it's guaranteed great weather and fun for an adults-only getaway or with the little ones. Wherever you end up, take to an Adirondack chair with a classic milk punch and watch yachts sail by.

While in town, explore the Cliff Walk, the Preservation Society mansions (there are 13 historical homes to tour), a trip to White Horse Tavern (the oldest restaurant in America), as well as sailing excursions and tennis and golf. Thames Street and Bowen's Wharf are dotted with local shops, restaurants and bars. While here, you can also tour the International Tennis Hall of Fame (on display are legendary pro's outfits from over the years), or the Audrain Auto Museum for the [classic-car](#) enthusiast.