

Weekend in Providence

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Since November 5, Regional Sky has flown directly to Rhode Island from Saint Hubert Airport. As it is at the Providence Airport, the smallest in the United States, that the plane lands, this is a great opportunity to spend a little weekend in the capital of this state.



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Many murals adorn the streets of Providence. On this one is the photo of the current founder and director of the Tomaguag Museum, the only museum in the city on the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada.

Old city of refuge for the puritans expelled, Providence has kept a great openness and a great taste for freedom. It is a welcoming and lively city, which is defined as the capital of creativity. With 11 universities and 89,000 students, which represents almost half of its population, should we really be surprised?



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Dominating the city, the Superman Building, so named because of its resemblance to the Daily Planet in the Superman TV series. This building with Art Deco architecture is the Industrial National Bank.

Historic places

Everywhere, its red brick buildings remind us that the capital was once an industrial city, a kingdom of cotton mills, which attracted many Quebec families in the 19th century. After the bankruptcy of its factories in the mid-1920s, the city slumbered for a long time until works came out of its lethargy in the 1990s. Some creative people got involved, and many factories were turned into museums, in restaurants and hotels, and now welcome visitors to these places full of history. The result is beautiful, and the works that are done here and there are the promise of beautiful surprises to come.



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HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND:

We are staying

- Providence Hotel. 19th century hotel located in the very heart of the historic district. hotelp Providence.com
- NYLO. This charming boutique hotel in the Warwick district, about 45 minutes from the city center, takes us into the former Fruit of the Loom. nylohotels.com/warwick

To do

- The Rhode Island Red Food Tours not only allows you to visit several restaurants and taste their food, but also to follow a guide telling the history and culture of the city. The tour lasts three hours and costs US \$ 69 per person or US \$ 84 with alcohol.
- Arcade, the oldest shopping center in the country, is full of vintage shops, restaurants and local delights.
- Hope Street / Summit, for their vintage shops, restaurants and cafes.
- Blackstone Valley Visitors Center (Pawtucket). A visit to realize the importance and the number of cotton factories in which thousands of our ancestors worked. tourblackstone.com
- Slater Mill Historic Site, to discover the difficult life of factory workers, especially children. Touching! Facebook@slater.mill

Where to eat

- Sarto. This brand new restaurant, whose name means "tailor" in Italian, is located in a former clothing factory. Italian cuisine beautifully revisited. sartoprovidence.com
- Apponaug Brewery. A brasserie offering a delicious and surprising cuisine. Also located in the former Fruit of the Loom factory. appaugbrewing.com
- Sydney. An original coffee where the lawyer steals the show. sydneyvpd.com
- Mercer's Deli, for a gourmet and very generous lunch. mercersdeli.com
- Trinity Brewhouse, for a meal, or for a beer playing pool. trinitybrewhouse.com
- Modern Diner. This historic restaurant (dating from 1872) is the first restaurant in the country to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, moderndinerri.com