

# PARK

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black strapless gown and silver heels, is sitting on a red couch. She is holding a red and white striped popcorn bucket. Next to her is a man with a beard, wearing a black leather jacket, pants, and boots, and a black hat. He is also holding a popcorn bucket. The background is a red wall.

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# A Majestic

We recently had the pleasure of visiting the enchanting city of Newport, Rhode Island. From the fascinating Maritime Center, charming colonial architecture and breathtaking beaches and delicious seafood, my stay in Newport left me planning my next visit back. Despite its small size, Newport packs a punch with its rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes. From the grand mansions to the scenic Cliff Walk to the fine dining, every corner of this island offers something unique and memorable.

Rhode Island possesses a palpable sense of history, evident in its many historical sites and landmarks. Newport is remarkable city for packing so much culture and natural beauty into its 11 square miles without ever feeling crowded. A visit to The Breakers and the grandest of Newport's Gilded Age mansions is not to be missed. Built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II, this opulent 70-room mansion showcases the extravagance of the late 19th century. The architecture and intricate details of these grand estates are as breath-

taking as their views of the Atlantic Ocean. I suggest not skipping a guided tour for a deeper understanding of this "Age of Robber Barons." Newport's cobblestone streets, particularly along Thames Street, add to the city's historic charm. These streets are lined with boutique shops, restaurants, and colonial-era buildings, making every stroll a journey through time.

Its lengthy and dramatic coastline is why Rhode Island has been dubbed The Ocean



# CALLING

## The Small but Mighty City of Newport, Rhode Island

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State. The Cliff Walk is a 3.5-mile scenic pathway that combines the natural beauty of Newport's rugged coastline with the architectural splendor of its historic mansions. As you stroll along the path, you'll be treated to the stunning ocean views, wildflowers and swaying weeping beech trees, and glimpses of grand estates through the red maples and oak trees.

Newport is home to a remarkable urban forest, thanks to the efforts of the Newport Tree Conservancy. The city's trees provide a



lush, green canopy inland that enhances its beauty and offers a refreshing respite on warm days.

Newport offers a vibrant and diverse dining scene that caters to a variety of tastes and preferences. Bar 'Cino is a standout in the heart of Washington Square, known for its Italian-inspired cuisine. This employee-owned restaurant's cozy atmosphere and friendly staff make it a favorite among locals and visitors alike. Their menu features delicious options like their delicious thin crust pizzas you slice yourself with scissors, shared plates with an impressive assortment of red wines, white wines, and creative cocktails and mocktails.

Another absolute gem of the dining scene in Newport is Giusto which is located at Hammett's Hotel in the downtown waterfront district. Giusto brings a unique twist to Italian cuisine through the lens of Rhode Island. The restaurant's dishes are designed for sharing, offering a fun and creative dining experience. Highlights include the shaved Brussels sprout Caesar salad and savory scotch meatballs. The upbeat ambiance and knowledgeable staff add to the overall charm of Giusto and their Freestyle Tasting menu is

well worth the reasonable price for the culinary adventure the Owner, Chef Kevin O'Donnell and Executive Chef William Reitzel and staff will provide!

For those looking to enjoy an outstanding meal with an outstanding view, Newport Vineyard and Restaurant is the perfect destination. Situated on over 100 acres of preserved farmland, this venue combines award-winning wines, fresh craft beers, and farm-to-table dining. Executive Chef Andy Teixeira's menu changes frequently, featuring dishes made with ingredients from their greenhouse or local farms. Guests can enjoy gourmet options like New England clam pizza and Taproot beer-braised chicken, share mushroom toast and a Mediterranean inspired Nomadic Nibbles board with feta, hummus olives and almond stuffed dates for example. Don't forget to pick up a few bottles of wine to bring home with you!

Newport, Rhode Island, truly is a small but mighty island that promises an unforgettable experience for every visitor. Whether you're a history buff, a nature lover, or a foodie, Newport has something special to offer. **P**

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