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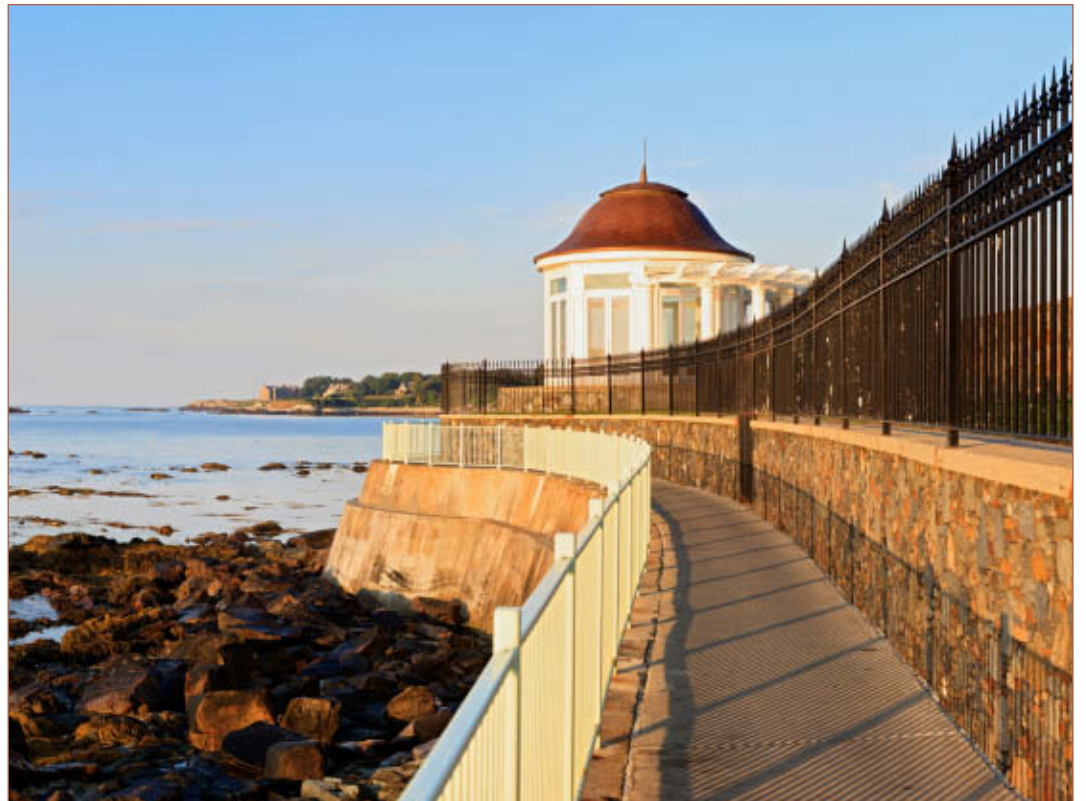
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Travel



The smallest state has lots to offer..

ARMANDO Bisceglia is a well-travelled man. Over the years, the restaurateur and sommelier has scoured the globe for the best food and wine to use at his Italian eatery Trattoria Zooma in Providence.

But despite frequently jetting off to some of the world's most picturesque locations, Armando's own happy place is not too far away from his home in Rhode Island.

"There is nothing better in life than sitting on a deckchair on the beach at Ocean House," he says.

My wife Rachel and I had just begun our tour of America's smallest state, and just a few hours before dining with Armando in the bustling Federal Hill area of Providence.

We had flown into Boston, MA, with Virgin Atlantic, before driving an hour south in our Hertz rental car, *writes Richards Jones*

On our first morning, we saw Providence from the sunlit water during a River Boat Tour, as Captain Tom pointed out the

city's landmarks including the site of the famous WaterFire celebrations, the Manchester Street Generating Station, Fox Point Hurricane Barrier and The Hot Club bar, which may be familiar to movie buffs as a filming location from *There's Something About Mary*

From our next base in South Kingstown, we were all set to explore South County, the coastal region centred around Rhode Island's seasonal vacation communities.

After Armando's claim a couple of days before, there was only one place to start – Ocean House.

Perched high on the bluffs of Watch Hill, with views of Long Island and Connecticut, this quintessential New England seaside guest house and resort is apparently a firm favourite of the Clintons.

The lavish property was meticulously reconstructed brick by brick in 2003 to reflect its rich turn-of-the-20th-century history, and some of its quirky touches – the cosy cinema,

colourful gelato stall, and pale blue striped towels – are reminders of a bygone era.

However, Ocean House's pièce de résistance is unquestionably its beach, where the warm waves of the Atlantic lap the golden sugary sand.

The following day we jumped on a ferry in Galilee over to Block Island, which has long been a honey trap for New Englanders seeking sun and surf. We rented bikes and cycled over to Mohegan Bluffs and the Southeast Light lighthouse, where we quenched our thirst with Del's Frozen Lemonade. We hired kayaks to see more of Trims Pond and Rat Island

For the final couple of days in Rhode Island, Rachel and I set a course for the sailing capital of the world, Newport where we went for a driving tour of Ocean Drive, learning more about Eisenhower House and the Bay Walk around Adams State Park fortress, plus Jackie Kennedy's childhood home, Hammersmith Farm – the site of the Kennedys wedding reception in 1953.

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How to get there...

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Richard Jones flew to Boston Logan airport with Virgin Atlantic which offers direct flights from

Manchester from £467 one way.

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