

NEWPORT WINTER WONDERLAND

Savvy travelers know well the special pleasures of visiting an iconic destination in the off-season, between December and March. Here in New England, one of our favorite places to visit is Newport, Rhode Island, which is among the region's most charming seaside cities, any time of year, but with a special seasonal magic to warm your heart during the off-season.

Newport in winter offers the same summer amenities that delight visitors year after year – majestic mansions from the Gilded Age, cultural riches and historical landmarks, artisan retail shops and amazing cuisine, outdoor walks and stunning seascapes, and always, the friendly hospitality of the locals. Plus, prices are lower in winter, crowds are smaller, and you get to experience this beautiful city in its essence, all while enjoying life and helping to sustain the community.

CHRISTMAS IN NEWPORT

Newport loves Christmas so much it celebrates for the entire month of December. Now in its 53rd year, *Christmas in Newport* has festivities each day that honor the season. Hosted by residents, shopkeepers and local civic leaders, these events raise thousands of dollars to give back to charities throughout the community. Handel's *Messiah*, Santa Claus sightings, tree lightings and caroling, teatime and holiday dinners, there's so much to do during *Christmas in Newport*.

NEWPORT WINTER FESTIVAL

The 36th Annual Newport Winter Festival runs from February 16-25 and offers 10 days of live music, foodie contests, kid-centric

activities and more than 150 events. It's a perfect way to mark school vacation week, or just to soak up the family atmosphere. For the kids, there's

magicians, storytellers, a teddy bear picnic and lots of fun activities. For adults, enjoy live bands, craft brews and comedy shows. And check out the annual chili cookoff, as local chefs and restaurants vie to see who has the best chili in town.



IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

Newport's Irish connections date back to the 18th century, and the Hibernian spirit has thrived ever since. During Irish Heritage Month each March, Newport offers dozens of concerts, cultural and historical events, lectures and pub and culinary activities. The highlight of the season is the 67th Annual Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, 2024. The two-hour parade kicks off at Newport City Hall, travels down Thames Street to Carroll Avenue through the Fifth Ward and ends at St. Augustine's Church. It's a great family event full of Irish pride.

NEWPORT WINTER FOODIES STROLL

Want to get a real taste of Newport cuisine? The Foodies Stroll offers a 1-mile guided walking food tour through Newport's historic Thames Street. Learn about the city's rich history while savoring classic cuisine from local restaurants. Tasting locations include the Gardiner House, Vieste, Midtown Oyster Bar and The Vanderbilt. The strolls take place on Fridays and Saturdays in February and March.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NEWPORT

December 3

Handel's *Messiah*
Rosecliff Mansion

December 9

Christmas Open House
Newport Irish History Museum

December 10

A Classical Christmas
First Presbyterian Church

December 21

Winter Solstice Story Time
Newport Public Library

December 24

Christmas Eve Service
Emmanuel Church

January 7

New Year's Jazz Brunch
Blithewold Mansion

January 18

Chef Tasting Series
Hamilton Hoppin House

February 16-25

Newport Winter Festival
Various Venues

March 1-31

Irish Heritage Month
Various venues

March 16

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Downtown Newport

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