

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Drive Yourself Weekend

Christmastime in Newport, RI

Friday, November 30 – Sunday, December 2, 2018



IT'S THE 48TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN NEWPORT—a city-wide festival celebrating the glorious traditions of the holidays! We'll stay at The Hotel Viking—in the center of the celebrations with historic buildings decked out in holiday finery, fun (and free) events and wonderful shopping. The magnificent historic houses put on an amazing holiday display of spectacular evergreens, decorated trees, plus thousands of poinsettias and wreaths. We've included admission to Holiday Evening at The Breakers and Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff, set within the iconic staircase, salons and ballroom of the mansion.

CHRISTMAS IN NEWPORT OFFICIALLY STARTS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Includes

- Two nights' four-star accommodations: The Hotel Viking, Newport
- ***Nutcracker*** performance at Rosecliff
- Holiday Evening at **The Breakers**
- Luggage handling and parking at hotel

Rates

\$499 per person double occupancy
Triple and single accommodations maybe available on request. Per person deposit is \$150.

Accommodations

The Hotel Viking

One Bellevue Ave Newport, RI 02840
401-847-3300

The Hotel Viking, located at the top of Newport's Historic Hill and a member of Historic Hotels of America, is convenient to Newport's many attractions, including Newport Harbor and Waterfront. With the character and service of a small boutique hotel, it showcases 209 rooms and suites resonating Old World charm, yet updated with modern amenities.

Directions from Boston (70 Miles)

Follow Route 93 South to Route 24 South which merges and becomes Route 114 South (West Main Rd). Follow 114 South for approximately 6 miles until you enter Newport. Route 114 South then becomes Broadway. Follow Broadway past the Newport Hospital (on the left). After a few blocks, you will see a Dunkin Donuts on the left. The first left hand turn after that is Ayrault St. Take your first left on Ayrault street and follow to the 1st stop sign and turn right onto Kay St. Follow Kay St. to the traffic light and Hotel Viking is located straight through the intersection.

Valet parking is included in your package. Please pull up to the front of the hotel.

Check-in time is 4pm. However, we have requested early check-in at 3pm. If rooms are available the hotel will be happy to check guests in early. Baggage can be stored until rooms are ready.

On Sunday, please be sure to check out at the front desk to pay for any incidentals you have incurred. Check-out time is 11am. However, late check-out of 12pm has been requested.

Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff – Friday, 4pm or 7:30 pm

Join Island Moving Company this holiday season for a one-of-a-kind performance of *The Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff*; set within the iconic staircase, salons and ballroom of Rosecliff mansion. You don't want to miss this Newport holiday tradition!

"The secret of "A Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff is in its sense of scale, proportion, musicality and good stage manners. As you follow the action from room to room here, you're so close to the performers that you're involved in a new way." Alastair Macaulay, chief New York Times Dance critic

Island Moving Co.s Annual **Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff** uses Newport's most romantic mansion to stage a unique version of the holiday classic. Don't miss this unforgettable, enchanting experience of watching dancers, toy soldiers, and mice turn Rosecliff Mansion into the Land of Sweets.





Holiday Evening at the Breakers, Saturday, 6-8pm

Don't miss Holiday Evenings at the Newport Mansions for an extra special and unique experience. Enjoy live holiday music and light refreshments as you stroll through softly lit rooms, taking in the ambience of a Gilded Age holiday.



Please note that The Elms and Marble House are also decorated for the season and tours are available on your own at your own expense.

Newport Mansions

The glitter of gold and the sparkle of silver will dazzle you as you tour three magnificent mansions decked out in Yuletide finery. Music, tours, and spectacular decorations highlight the celebration of Christmas at the Newport Mansions. We invite you to make holiday memories with your family by visiting The Breakers, The Elms and Marble House this holiday season.

Thousands of poinsettia plants, spectacular evergreens, trees, wreaths and fresh flowers and 19th century style ornaments turn the houses and their grounds into a Christmas wonderland. Dining tables set with period silver and china and mannequins dressed in authentic costumes complete the elegant setting.

All three houses are decorated and open daily for tours. The Breakers opens daily at 9 am, The Elms and Marble House open at 10 am. The last tour admission at all three houses is at 4 pm, and the houses & grounds close at 5 pm.

HOTEL VIKING

Opened in 1926, this historic Newport hotel is 5 minutes' walk to Thames Street and is less than 1 miles from the Cliff Walk to the city's historic mansions. There is an on-site spa. Guests staying at the Newport Viking Hotel can enjoy swimming in the indoor pool and exercising in the on-site fitness center. On-site dining at the One Bellevue restaurant is also available. A flat-screen cable TV and a snack basket are provided in every room at the Viking Hotel. These air-conditioned rooms also have an in-room safe. A variety of relaxing treatments are available at the SpaFjor. Easton's Beach is 6 minutes' drive from the hotel and the marina is 10 minutes' walk away. Fort Adams State Park is 3 miles from the property. This is our guests' favorite part of Newport, according to independent reviews. They gave the location an excellent score of 9.3!

Hotel In Room Amenities & Guest Services:

Use of Fitness Center, Pool and Hot Tub

Pool and beach towels provided

Wireless internet, guestroom and lobby

Daily coffee, in room

Safe, in room

Flat screen LCD TVs in all guestrooms

Gourmet honor baskets

Irons/ironing boards

Renovated baths with rain head shower heads, terry robes on request

Starbucks Single Cup Coffee Makers

Christmas in Newport...a city-wide celebration fostering the historic traditions of the holiday season.

Founded in 1971, Christmas in Newport began as a two-week festival that celebrated the noncommercial traditions of the holiday season. Now in its 48th year, the annual program boasts multiple activities for nearly each day of the December calendar. In a community collaboration among residents, businesses and the city, only clear bulbs illuminate the scenic harbor and wharves, the restored colonials of the Point and Historic Hill sections, and the Victorian splendor of Bellevue Avenue. The lights are meant to simulate candlelight and to recapture the candlelit holidays of bygone days.

Sample of activities

- **Holiday Histories Walking Tour**, 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Newport Historical Society. Hear the history of early American holiday traditions on an evening walking tour. Learn how colonial Newporters recognized (or didn't) the holidays. \$15 adults, \$10 for NHS members and active duty military with ID, \$5 children ages 5-12. Reservations required. Weather permitting. 841-8770. www.newporthistory.org
- **Salve Regina Madrigal Chorus** performs at Seaman's Church Institute, 5 p.m. The Seaman's Church institute, 18 Market Sq. Free. Info 401-847-4260 www.seamansnewport.org

- **Armory Antiques and Marketplace Tree Lighting**, 6 p.m. Armory Antiques and Marketplace, 365 Thames St. Followed by the School Choir of Newport County with caroling till 7 p.m. Outdoors and Free.
- **14th Annual Lucy's Hearth Designer Wreath Sale**, 9-12 p.m., Rotunda at Easton's Beach. Christmas wreaths and table top decorations created by designers, artists, gardeners and florists from the community. Also gourmet sweets bake sale. All proceeds go to Lucy's Hearth. 848-6706.
- **UnDecked Halls: Behind the Scenes at Doris Duke's Mansion in Winter**, Rough Point, 10a.m. – 3 p.m. Experience the quiet house, see the decorated staff wing, and hear about Miss Duke's tropical holiday. Learn how Rough Point's winter caretaking traditions have remained the same for the past half century. Tour the first floor and enjoy refreshments in the staff dining room, not normally open to the public. Tours offered every ½ hour. Adults \$10, children under 12 \$8. 846-4152 X122. www.newportrestoration.org
- **Wreath and Christmas Tree Sale** to benefit Cluny School, 10a.m. – 7 p.m. at the IRYS parking lot, 449 Lower Thames St. Fresh and fragrant, double-faced Canadian balsam wreaths decorated by Cluny School parents. Cluny School Choir to sing at 5:00 p.m. Info at: 401-835-8775 or the school website
- **Trinity Christmas Silver Tea and Boutique**, Honyman Hall, Trinity Church, Queen Anne Sq., 1-4p.m. Holiday high tea, crafts and seasonal greens. \$10. 846-0660. adminassistant@trinitynewport.org
- **Holiday Histories Walking Tour**, 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Newport Historical Society.
- **Annual Bowen's Wharf Tree Lighting and Open House**, America's Cup Ave., 5:45 p.m. Frosty the Snowman and caroling starting at 4:30p.m. City official lights the tree, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by boat (weather permitting) at 5:45p.m. Live Music. Free. 849-2120. info@bowenswharf.com
- **Annual Governor's Ball**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Salve Regina Univ., 100 Ochre Point Ave. \$150 per person, with corporate sponsorship available. Black tie gala with proceeds benefiting Salve Regina's scholarship fund. 401-341-2381. www.salve.edu/give-salve/governors-ball
- **Discover Colonial Newport in Winter Walking Tour**, 11 a.m., sponsored by The Newport Historical Society. Here stories of religious diversity and entrepreneurship, and learn how Newporters made their way in winter during Newport's colonial era. Meet at Museum Shop at the Brick Market, 127 Thames St. \$15 adults, \$10 for NHS Members and active duty military with ID, \$5 children ages 5-12. Reservations required. Weather permitting. 841-8770.46-0592 X116.
- **Newport County Orchestra Holiday Concert**, 3 p.m., Casino theatre, 9 Freebody St. Performances by the Salve Regina Dept. of Music, Theatre and Dance. \$8 general admission, \$5 for seniors/students. 401-341-2295. davis@save.edu
- **Christmas Cards for Working Men at Sea**, 4-5:30 p.m. The Seaman's Church institute, Market Sq. Come to the Seamen's and fill out a Christmas card for men at sea. All cards that are filled out will we graciously picked up by the Reverend Ashley Peckham and delivered to seamen. Info 401-847-4260 www.seamansnewport.org

- **Swanhurst Chorus**, 8 p.m., Swanhurst Chorus, Newport County's standing choral ensemble for over 85 years, will offer "A Little Bach: Cantatas for Christmas" under the direction of conductor Jonathan Babbitt. The evening will feature four delightful Bach Cantatas written for the season. Held at Emmanuel Church at the corner of Spring and Dearborn Streets in Newport, RI. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door, and \$10 for full-time students. For tickets or more information, call 401-682-1630 or visit www.swanhurst.org
- **Christmas at Whitehall**, 1730's Festivities, 2-4 p.m., Whitehall Museum House, 311 Berkeley Ave., Middletown. Seasonal music, lifting a cup of wassail and learning about our heritage. Sponsored by The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the state of RI. Donation welcome. 846-3116. www.whitehallmuseumhouse.org
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- **Nutmeg & Mistletoe**, 1-4 p.m., Sardella's Restaurant, 30 Memorial Blvd. Dick Lupino and the area's best instrumental and vocal musicians perform holiday music for the Matt Quinn Music Scholarship. Reserved seats \$20, general admission \$10. 401-837-9665. dicklupino@gmail.com
- **Newport Community Band Holiday Concert**, 3 p.m., Casino Theatre, 9 Freebody St. SRU Newport Community Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Flute Ensemble performing holiday favorites. Admission \$8, \$5 for students and seniors. 401-341-2295. davis@salve.edu
- **Christmas Songs with an Irish Twist**, 2 p.m., Newport Public library, 300 Spring St. Newport Public Library presents a concert of Christmas music with an Irish twist by Lindsay Straw and Caroline O'Shea. Both are members of the Boston band The Ivy Leaf, who performed at the library in 2013. Straw will sing and play guitar and Irish bouzouki, and O'Shea will accompany on flute. This musical afternoon is free and open to the public. No registration is required, but seating is limited. Doors will open at 1:30PM. 401-847-8720 x208 for Reservations. www.newportlibraryri.org
- **Christmas Carols at Armory Antiques and Marketplace**, 4-7 p.m. Armory Antiques and Marketplace, 365 Thames St. Outdoors, Free.

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

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