

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Drive Yourself Weekend

Christmastime in Newport, RI

Friday, December 6 – Sunday, December 8, 2019



IT'S THE 49TH 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

\$539 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 49th 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.

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.*

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2 –3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information*