

featuring Two Newport Mansions, *The Polar Express* and *A Christmas Carol* Dinner Train

**5 DAYS • 8 MEALS** Explore Newport, Rhode Island during the holidays and experience the gloriously decorated Breakers and Marble House mansions, a live retelling of *A Christmas Carol* aboard the Dickens Train and a ride on *The Polar Express*.

DAY 1 Arrive in Rhode Island: Arrive today at Providence, Rhode Island's T. F. Green Airport and transfer to your hotel in Newport. Meet your fellow travelers at 6:00 p.m. in the hotel lobby for a welcome dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. Meal: D

DAY 2 The Breakers Mansion, The Dickens Train and Holiday Lantern Tour: Begin the day with a drive along Newport's famous ten-mile long Ocean Drive. Take in the rugged beauty of the shoreline's scenery and see the fabulous homes along Bellevue Avenue. Then stop at The Breakers Mansion, the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in turn-of-the-century America. The glitter of gold and sparkle of holiday silver will dazzle you as the mansion is decked out in Yuletide finery. Music and spectacular decorations highlight the celebration of Christmas at The Breakers. In the afternoon take a Holiday Lantern Tour to hear the history of early American Holiday traditions during a stroll through town. Later, climb aboard the Newport Dinner Train for an

evening of humbugs, ghosts and redemption. The Marley Bridges Theatre hosts an interactive retelling of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in an evening of music, laughter, food and spirits aboard this custom-designed theatre car.

Meals: B, D

DAY 3 Marble House, Newport Vineyard and the Newport Playhouse: Begin at Marble House Mansion, another summer cottage of the Vanderbilt family, completed in 1892. See this icon of the American Gilded Age filled with hundreds of poinsettias, evergreens and wreaths. Decorated Christmas trees reflect the magnificent décor and dining tables with period silver and china complete the elegant setting. Then, stop at Newport Vineyard to sip and savor the fine products at this local winery. Get a behind-the scenes winery tour and sample some of the estate-grown wines. Enjoy some free time for lunch and shopping. In the evening, you are treated to the Newport Playhouse for an evening which includes an extensive hearty buffet, a spectacular holiday-themed live performance and a fun-filled cabaret. Meals: B, L



DAY 4 Blithewold Garden, Linden Place Mansion and *The Polar Express*: Today is spent in Bristol, Rhode Island, a picturesque colonial village draped with holiday spirit. During the holidays, Blithewold Garden is transformed into a dazzling display with each room filled with elaborate decorations. Later, visit Linden Place Mansion where a towering Christmas tree framed by a four-story spiral staircase, elegant decorations and original artwork by local artists. Then it's off to Blackstone Valley for a fun excursion aboard *The Polar Express*. Enjoy storytelling, sing-a-longs, holiday games and even a visit from old Saint Nick himself. Tonight, enjoy a delicious holiday feast in Bristol at a special farewell dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. Meals: B, D

DAY 5 Travel Home: Your holiday ends with a group transfer to Providence's T. F. Green Airport at 9:00 a.m. for flights out after 12:00 p.m. Meal: B

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Newport Marriott, Newport, Rhode Island





## Tour Highlights

- 8 Meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners
- · Free roundtrip airport transfers
- Spend four nights in beautiful downtown Newport, Rhode Island and take the ten-mile long Ocean Drive
- Tour the Vanderbilt family's Breakers Mansion, richly decked out in Yuletide finery
- Take the Holiday Lantern Tour with a local guide through downtown Newport
- Be a part of The Marley Bridges Theatre interactive retelling of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* aboard the Newport Dinner Train
- Tour Marble House Mansion, an American Gilded Age icon filledwith elegant Christmas decorations
- Stop at Newport Vineyard to sip and savor their fine products
- Tour Blithewold Garden and see its dazzling display of elaborate decorations
- Visit Linden Place Mansion featuring a towering Christmas tree framed by a four-story spiral staircase
- Ride The Polar Express train in Blackstone Valley for a jolly excursion which includes storytelling, sing-a-longs and a visit from old Saint Nick himself
- \$25 in Mayflower Money

2021 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM
December 1	\$1,799	add \$599
2022 DEPARTURE		
November 30	\$1,829	add \$609

Call for air rates and schedules from your city to and from Providence.

Rooms for the night before and after the tour are available. Cost for a room in Newport is \$239, tax included.