NEWPORT
RHODE ISLAND
PORT GUIDE

Small State. BIG Adventures!

- ✓ Walkable downtown
- ✓ Gorgeous coastline
- ✓ Iconic mansions
- ✓ Amazing seafood
- ✓ Easy day trips

DIY HARBOR + THAMES STREET + MANSIONS + CLIFF WALK
PLUS: VENTURE OUT TO NARRAGANSETT OR WATCH HILL

WALKING • HISTORY • SEAFOOD • MANSIONS • COASTAL VIEWS • BEACHES • DAY TRIPS

1 TENDER TO PERROTTI PARK



- Large ships normally tender to Perrotti Park; confirm landing
- Right in downtown
- You're already in the heart of Newport!

2 BOWEN'S + BANNISTER'S WHARVES



- Yachts & harbor views
- Shops, boutiques & galleries
- Waterfront restaurants & bars
- Iconic Newport scenery

3 THAMES STREET



- Shopping & souvenirs
- Cafés & ice cream
- Restaurants & bars
- Nautical everything
- Great people-watching

4 RHODE ISLAND FOOD (MUST TRY!)



- Lobster roll
- Clam cakes
- RI clam chowder
- Stuffed quahogs (stuffies)
- Hot wieners
- Coffee milk
- Del's lemonade (a must!)

5 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN



- Washington Square
- Historic churches
- Colonial homes
- Beautiful old streets
- Rich history throughout

6 CLIFF WALK



- 3.5 miles (you don't have to do it all!)
- Stunning ocean views
- Gilded Age mansions
- FREE
- Some sections uneven; confirm current closures

7 THE BREAKERS



- Iconic Vanderbilt mansion
- Incredible architecture
- Ocean views
- Paid admission
- Must see if you tour one mansion!

8 OCEAN DRIVE



- Scenic coastal drive
- Breathtaking coastline
- Beautiful homes
- Brenton Point State Park
- Trolley, taxi or tour recommended

9 FORT ADAMS



- Historic fort
- Harbor views
- Great photo opportunities
- Beautiful walking areas
- Military history

10 EASTON'S BEACH



- Popular beach
- Near the start of Cliff Walk
- Great for a beach + Cliff Walk combo
- Classic Newport scenery

OUT-OF-TOWN TRIPS NEED A LONG PORT CALL –
choose one destination and prearrange return transport.



NARRAGANSETT, RI



- The Towers
- Beautiful beaches
- Stunning coastline
- Classic RI scenery
- Road trip; traffic and bridge delays vary

IGGY'S DOUGHBOYS & CHOWDER HOUSE (A MUST!)



- ✓ Famous clam cakes
- ✓ Chowder
- ✓ Fresh seafood
- ✓ Doughboys (yes, get them!)
- ✓ Classic Rhode Island experience

WATCH HILL, RI



- Village shops, beaches and harbor; verify seasonal access
- Harbor views
- Boutique shops
- Beautiful seaside homes
- A classic New England town
- Road trip; traffic and bridge delays vary



OTHER OPTIONS


MARBLE HOUSE


THE ELMS


ROSECLIFF


HARBOR CRUISE

GETTING AROUND

- ✓ Tender drops you in downtown
- ✓ Very walkable once ashore
- ✓ Taxis, trolleys & rideshares available
- ✓ Use transportation for mansions, beaches and day trips

FREE THINGS TO DO

- ✓ Walk the waterfront
- ✓ Explore Bowen's Wharf
- ✓ Stroll Thames Street
- ✓ Visit historic downtown
- ✓ Do a section of Cliff Walk
- ✓ Fort Adams park grounds (tour admission separate)
- ✓ Ocean Drive viewpoints
- ✓ Take lots of photos!

GOOD TO KNOW

- ✓ Most large ships tender
- ✓ Follow the **LAST TENDER TIME**
- ✓ Newport is walkable
- ✓ Cliff Walk is FREE
- ✓ Mansions are farther from port
- ✓ Fall is prime cruise season (Sept–Nov)
- ✓ Layers and comfortable shoes
- ✓ Rhode Island is small, but traffic can be real
- ✓ Give extra time if venturing out

WHEN TO HEAD BACK?

- ✓ Confirm ship last tender (earlier than sailing).
- ✓ Include return travel, traffic, tender queues and a generous buffer.
- ✓ Ask port staff before leaving Newport.

SAFETY NOTES

- ✓ Stay in well-populated areas
- ✓ Keep valuables secure
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings
- ✓ Check weather (it can change quickly)
- ✓ Be mindful of rocky areas along Cliff Walk and beaches

BEST PHOTO SPOTS



BOWEN'S WHARF | CLIFF WALK | THE BREAKERS | OCEAN DRIVE | NEWPORT PELL BRIDGE | NARRAGANSETT TOWERS | WATCH HILL

SHORT CALL vs. LONG CALL

- ✓ **SHORT CALL:** waterfront + Thames Street.
- ✓ **LONG CALL:** choose a mansion OR Cliff Walk OR a prearranged outing.
- ✓ Return early for last tender.

Checked Oct 2026 - routes and seasonal services vary.