Newport Mansions

2017

Make Your Own History

The Preservation Society of Newport County

Newport, Rhode Island

www.NewportMansions.org
Create Your Own Newport Mansions Experience

Whatever your interest - servant life, fashion, decorative arts, technology, architecture, landscapes or family history - you’ll find it at the Newport Mansions. Choose from audio or guided tours, behind-the-scenes and underground tours, children’s tours, garden tours and more, including events like the Newport Flower Show and Newport Mansions Wine & Food Festival.

There’s something for everyone at the Newport Mansions.
The Breakers is a surviving jewel of the New York Central Railroad fortune, making a statement about the global sensibilities of the Vanderbilt family. The 70-room summer estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt II includes a two and a half story high Great Hall and a Morning Room adorned with platinum leaf wall panels. Its interiors feature rare marble, alabaster, and gilded woods throughout.

The Breakers 1895 National Historic Landmark

See the boiler room, tunnel and basement of The Breakers as you learn about the new domestic technology that transformed daily life in the Gilded Age, including

- The development of electricity;
- The emergence of the modern elevator;
- The modern plumbing & laundry facilities;
- The revolutionary infrastructure that heated and cooled the great house.

The Breakers Family Tour

Children will love hearing the voice of The Breakers “talk” directly to them in this imaginative audio tour. Hear from family members and staff, and see fanciful creatures like the dolphin hiding under the grand staircase and the dragons in the dining room.

Bring YOUR family – and your imagination!

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**PLAN AN EVENT**

Glistening white and boasting ocean views, Rosecliff provides the perfect backdrop for any special occasion. Whether planning a corporate event or grand wedding, this Gilded Age masterpiece is the ideal setting.

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**ROSECLIFF 1902**

The audio tour brings Rosecliff’s history and romance to life with never-before-told stories and first person remembrances of its colorful families. From Tessie Oelrichs, who built this fantasy in terra cotta, to the Monroes of New Orleans, the last family to call Rosecliff home, you’ll discover the very human story of Newport’s great party house.

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**An Exhibition at Rosecliff through January 1, 2018**

Featuring 42 original designs from Pierre Cardin’s private archives, the exhibition celebrates the talent and vision of one of the world’s most successful fashion designers, from the 1950s through 2016.

*Included with Rosecliff admission*
Marble House 1892 National Historic Landmark

Created by Alva Vanderbilt and Richard Morris Hunt and inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles, Marble House contains 500,000 cubic feet of marble. Intended as an ultimate statement of Gilded Age privilege, only a few years later it hosted Alva’s “Votes for Women” rallies on the back lawn. Hear the words of Alva Vanderbilt, her daughter Consuelo and many more, brought to life in the award-winning audio tour.

The Elms 1901 National Historic Landmark

The summer retreat of coal magnate Edward Berwind and his wife Herminie, The Elms was a thoroughly "modern" house in 1901. So technologically advanced for its time it appeared to work "as if by magic," it also houses monumental art works, including wall-sized Venetian paintings, Chinese lacquer panels and tapestries.

**The Elms Servant Life Tour**

Hear the stories of the staff members, including the butler Ernest Birch, cook Grace Rhodes, and one of the maids, Nellie Lynch Regoli.

You’ll see…

- Their third-floor living quarters, kitchens, coal cellar, boiler room and laundry rooms
- A rooftop view of Newport (weather permitting)

“The Elms Servant Life Tour”

Butler & Footmen

Alva Vanderbilt

See and hear how the Duke of Marlborough proposed to Consuelo Vanderbilt, his American princess.

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Bellevue Avenue History Trail

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour along Bellevue Avenue to learn about one of America’s most legendary streets. A series of 11 markers provides comprehensive information about the history of both existing and long-gone buildings.

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Parking available at all Preservation Society properties. Map is not to scale and not all roads are shown.
2017 Schedule
Schedule subject to change.

Christmas at the Newport Mansions

November 18 – December 2  Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms & Marble House

December 3 – January 1, 2018  Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House & Rosecliff

Holiday Evenings at the Newport Mansions
The Breakers – November 25, December 2, 9, 23 & 30  6 pm – 8 pm
The Elms & Marble House Duet – December 16  6 pm – 9 pm

All Houses and Grounds close 1 hour after last tour admission.

Daytime tours of The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House & Rosecliff are self-guided audio tours unless otherwise noted. Guide-led tours at all other houses except Green Animals Topiary Garden.
Hunter House  c. 1748  National Historic Landmark

Pass through the front door of Hunter House and you step back into Newport’s 18th-century Golden Age, the era before the American Revolution. It was the home of a merchant, ship owner and colonial deputy, and later became the Revolutionary War headquarters of the French Navy. You’ll see up close a great collection of exquisite colonial furniture, created by legendary Newport craftsmen like the Townsends and Goddards.

Chateau-sur-Mer  1852  National Historic Landmark

A product of the America-China Trade and one of America’s great Victorian houses, Chateau-sur-Mer was home to three generations of the Wetmore family. You’ll see hand-carved Italian woodwork, Chinese porcelains, Egyptian and Japanese Revival stenciled wallpapers, and rare trees from as far away as Mongolia.

“The Bell House...wonderful and breathtaking, inside and out. It matches the finest houses of Europe measure for measure. The Arts and Craft style was of particular interest. The guide was extremely knowledgeable and fascinating, a most enjoyable experience.”

Trip Advisor Traveler Review

Personal Tours

For the most memorable experience, book a personal tour through one or more houses of your choosing. Your small group of family, friends, colleagues or clients can have their own tour guide to lead them through each of the properties and answer their questions.

Personal Tour fees start at $405, include annual membership and can accommodate a maximum 15 persons per tour.
To arrange a personal tour, call 401.847.1000 ext. 105.

Isaac Bell House  1883  National Historic Landmark

The Isaac Bell House is a masterpiece of the American Shingle Style featuring Arts and Crafts interiors, Japanese-inspired columns, and a sweeping open floor plan. Together with Kingscote, these two picturesque cottages illustrate Newport’s evolution as a premier place for great design, fine living and the creation of a distinctly American style of architecture.
THE NEWPORT MANSIONS® ARBORETUM

Newport was renowned in the 18th century as the “Eden of America.” The properties of the Preservation Society have been officially recognized as one of only a handful of accredited arboreta in New England. Our 88 acres of historic landscapes represent an outstanding chapter in the nation’s history of garden design, horticulture and early tree and plant propagation.

KINGSCOTE 1841 National Historic Landmark

Built in 1841 for Georgia plantation owner George Noble Jones and rebuilt for the King family in 1881, Kingscote still possesses original rooms from each era. At the center is one of America’s greatest dining rooms, with Tiffany glass and a unique cork ceiling. Its furnishings reflect the King family’s success as China Trade merchants, with rare furniture, silver collections and Chinese decorative arts.

GREEN ANIMALS TOPIARY GARDEN c. 1860

A lion, a camel, a bear, oh my! These and dozens of other fanciful animals, a sailing ship, teacups, spirals and other geometric shapes sculpted from living plants populate one of the oldest topiary gardens in North America. The Brayton family home is located on the grounds of Green Animals. A self-guided tour of the house is included with your admission.

CHEPSTOW 1861

This charming Italianate-style cottage was designed by Newport architect George Champlin Mason. Today it reflects the mid-20th-century style of its last owner, Alletta Morris McBean, a descendant of Lewis Morris III, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The house contains original family furnishings, and a collection of important 19th-century American paintings, including Hudson River landscapes.
Re-Discover Christmas at The Newport Mansions®

November 18 to January 1, 2018

• Daytime Tours
  The glitter of gold and the sparkle of silver will dazzle you as
  you tour The Breakers, The Elms & Marble House decked out in
  Yuletide finery.

• Holiday Evenings
  Enjoy live holiday music & refreshments as you
  stroll through these
  Gilded Age mansions.

• Sunday Visits
  With Santa Claus
  The jolly old elf will visit
  The Breakers, The Elms and
  Marble House. Bring your
  children and your camera!
  Included in regular
  daytime admission.

• Newport Nutcracker
  at Rosecliff
  Be a part of the classic
  holiday tale at the most
  romantic Newport Mansion.
Benefits of Premium Membership

- All the benefits of Standard Membership
- Free PLUS upgrade (one guest free per visit)
- Free Participation in the North American Reciprocal Museums Association (NARM)
- Free guest passes
- Opportunity to rent a Preservation Society venue

Benefits of Standard Membership

- Free & unlimited admission to regular tours for one year
- Discounts on The Elms Servant Life Tour & Beneath The Breakers Tour
- 10% discount in our Newport Mansions Stores
- Free Members Only Program
- Savings on events, lectures and films
- Discount on Newport Harbor tours

STEWARD $250 ($180 tax-deductible)
Premium Membership benefits plus 4 single-use guest passes.

PATRON $500 ($395 tax-deductible)
Premium Membership benefits plus 6 single-use guest passes and recognition in Annual Report.

BENEFACCTOR $1,000 ($825 tax-deductible)
Premium Membership benefits plus 10 single-use guest passes and recognition in Annual Report.

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Getting Around Newport
Park your car at the Newport Visitors Center, 23 America’s Cup Ave. and purchase an all-day pass to ride RIPTA. Ride the Yellow Line trolley to the Newport Mansions.

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