Newport Mansions

2019

Make Your Own History

The Preservation Society of Newport County
Newport, Rhode Island

NewportMansions.org
Create Your Own Newport Mansions Experience at The Breakers Welcome Center

A Warm Welcome is Waiting for You!

Whatever your interest - servant life, decorative arts, technology, architecture, landscapes or family history - you’ll find it at the Newport Mansions. You can learn about our audio or guide-led tours, behind-the-scenes and underground tours, children’s tours, garden tours, custom tours and more, at The Breakers Welcome Center.

You can also purchase tickets and memberships online or at each of the Newport Mansions.

Refreshments are available daily for ticketed guests and members.

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.

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**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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The Garden Café offers the perfect setting for a beverage, snack or lunch. Enjoy the beauty of the manicured grounds as you plan the rest of your day.

**Open Daily**

**Indoor & Outdoor Seating Available**

Available to Preservation Society members & ticket holders

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**Beneath The Breakers**

See the technology that made the elegance possible.

**Daily**

Below The Breakers was a marvel of Gilded Age technology. Take a guide-led tour through the boiler room, tunnel and basement to learn how daily life in that era was transformed by new wonders.

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

**Tours Daily**

Reservations Required

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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.

Events@NewportMansions.org

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.

John James Audubon: Obsession Untamed

Through November 3, 2019

This exhibition colorfully explores the naturalist’s relentless pursuit of the birds of America and Audubon’s singular determination in seeing his beautiful artworks published.

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.

Special Art Installation at Marble House

Nicolas Party at Marble House is a site-specific installation in which renowned artist, Nicolas Party, unites the past with the present through a selection of new works.

This installation reflects Party’s own relationship with the space, his fascination with Alva Vanderbilt Belmont (the original owner of Marble House), and his experience working with marble as a material. Party’s work is influenced by the Surrealist movement, which pairs elements generally considered “mismatched” in an attempt to draw the viewer’s attention to visual details often overlooked.

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The Preservation Society of Newport County ART&NEWPORT

Enjoy a beverage or snack at the Chinese Tea House

Chinese Tea House at Marble House

Bordering the Cliff Walk and offering sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean on one side and Marble House on the other, the Chinese Tea House is the perfect spot to relax and enjoy a beverage, snack or lunch and the view!

Indoor & Outdoor Seating Available
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Through September 2019
Nicolas Party at Marble House
Curated by Dodie Kazanjian
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 elaborate Classical Revival gardens on the grounds were developed between 1907-1914. At the western end of the property is the lavish sunken garden, with its colorful display of French parterre beds filled with pink begonias, blue ageratum, fine specimen trees, clipped hedges, fountains and marble pavilions.

Through a guide-led tour, learn about the men and women “below stairs” who serviced the social whirl during the Gilded Age. Maintaining the elaborate lifestyle of one of Newport’s most elegant homes required the hard work of more than 40 men and women. Go behind the scenes, hear the personal stories and see photos of the butler, Ernest Birch; his wife, the cook Grace Rhodes; and one of the maids, Nellie Lynch Regoli.

You’ll see…
- Basement work areas, including kitchens, laundry room, boiler room and coal tunnel
- Third floor servant living quarters
- A rooftop view of Newport (weather permitting)

This is a true upstairs/downstairs tour. You will climb several flights of stairs.

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Reservations Required
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**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.

**Guide-led Tours** Every 30 minutes 10 am – 5 pm

Don’t Miss the Chateau-sur-Mer Landscape Tour!
Use your smart phone to explore the grounds.

*Included with your admission.*

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**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. Its furnishings reflect the King family’s success as China Trade merchants, with rare furniture, silver collections and Chinese decorative arts.

**Through September 2**

**Guide-led Tours** Hourly on the hour 10 am – 5 pm

*September 3 – October 14*

**Guide-led Tours** 10 am • 12 pm • 2 pm • 4 pm

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“Always worth the visit! The mansions are beautiful and well maintained. Plus, everyone working in the houses is pleasant and readily available to help. I have been so impressed that I joined the Society as a member! If you like history, opulence, mansions... these tours are for you!”

*Trip Advisor Traveler Review*
Pass through the front door of Hunter House into Newport’s 18th-century Golden Age, 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. See a great collection of exquisite colonial furniture, created by legendary Newport craftsmen like the Townsends and Goddards.

Guide-led Tours 10:30 am • 12:30 pm • 2:30 pm • 4:30 pm

This masterpiece of the American Shingle Style features 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.

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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.
Customize your own unique and exclusive tour experience by arranging Private and Personal Tours. Your guide will lead you through your choice of our historic houses spanning three centuries of American art, architecture, social history and landscapes. Hear stories of railroad tycoons and dollar princesses as you’re surrounded by 22k gold and platinum leaf wall panels and Bacarrat crystal chandeliers. Up to 10 persons per tour.

**Private Tours**

The most exclusive experiences are Private Tours offered only at limited times of day when our house museums are not otherwise open to touring by the public.

**Available**

- **The Breakers** Weekdays at 5:45 pm
- **Marble House, The Elms, Chateau-sur-Mer & Kingscote** Daily 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- **Hunter House & Isaac Bell House** By appointment

**Personal Tours**

Personal Tours can be arranged during normal operating hours.

To request your custom tour 401.847.1000, ext. 105 or CustomTours@NewportMansions.org

NewportMansions.org/CustomTours
House to House Walking Times      Average Times

Kingscote [*] to The Elms [*] 12 Minutes
The Elms [*] to Chateau-sur-Mar [*] 12 Minutes
Chateau-sur-Mar [*] to The Breakers [*] 12 Minutes
Chateau-sur-Mar [*] to Rosecliff [*] 16 Minutes
Rosecliff [*] to Marble House [*] 7 Minutes

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

Audio Tour Languages
Audio tours of The Breakers, The Elms, & Marble House available in English, Spanish, German & French.

Audio tours of The Breakers & The Elms also available in Chinese.

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Enjoy a Beverage, Snack or Lunch

Garden Café at The Breakers & Chinese Tea House at Marble House

Whether it’s the lush, tree-lined Gilded Age landscape bordering the Garden Café at The Breakers or the sweeping vista of the Atlantic Ocean behind the Chinese Tea House at Marble House, take a break in between touring and grab a snack, beverage or lunch. Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery.

Indoor & Outdoor Seating Available

Available daily to Preservation Society members & ticket holders

Daily offerings include coffee, pastries, fresh salads, wraps, sandwiches, yogurt, snacks and hot and cold beverages.
World Class Wines & Award Winning Chefs

The Burgundy Grand Cru Dinner at The Elms
Wine & Rosecliff Gala
Grand Tastings at Marble House
Celebrity Chef Demonstrations
Vintner Dinner at Rosecliff
Seminars at The Breakers Stable & Carriage House
Newport After Dark Party
Sunday Jazz Brunch

September 19-22
Supporting Historic Preservation in Newport, RI

NewportMansionsWineAndFood.org
Christmas at the Newport Mansions

The glitter of gold and sparkle of silver will dazzle you as you tour these Gilded Age mansions decked out in Yuletide finery.

**November 23 – January 1, 2020   Open Daily**
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House & Rosecliff

Enjoy live holiday music and light refreshments as you stroll through these great houses. Don’t miss an extra special and unique experience!  **Saturdays, November 30 – December 28**

**Holiday Evenings at the Newport Mansions**

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**Newport Style.net** is your online connection to all the casual elegance and fun that is distinctively Newport. Every purchase helps support the mission of The Preservation Society of Newport County.

Shop online at **NewportStyle.net**

**Newport Mansions Stores**

Newport Mansions Stores are located at The Breakers, Marble House, The Elms, Rosecliff, Green Animals Topiary Garden and on Bannister’s Wharf. Tour admission is not required to shop at any of our stores.
Hours of Operation

March 30 – November 2
The Breakers & Rosecliff open at 9 am.
All other properties open at 10 am.
Last admission at Rosecliff is 4 pm.
Last admission at Chepstow, Hunter House &
Isaac Bell House is 4:30 pm.
Last admission at all other properties is 5 pm.

June 29 – September 1
Last admission at The Breakers is 6 pm weekends, 5 pm weekdays

September 3 – October 14 Last admission at Kingscote is 4 pm

November 3 – January 1, 2020
The Breakers & Rosecliff open at 9 am.
All other properties open at 10 am.
Last admission at all properties is 4 pm.

All houses & grounds close one hour after last tour admission.


2019-2020 Schedule

Through March 29 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms & Marble House

March 30 - May 17 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House, Rosecliff,
Chateau-sur-Mer & Green Animals Topiary Garden
Green Animals Topiary Garden opens April 13.

May 18 – October 14 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House, Rosecliff,
Chateau-sur-Mer, Green Animals Topiary Garden,
Chepstow, Hunter House, Isaac Bell House & Kingscote
The Breakers Stable & Carriage House open June 29– September 2.

May 18 – October 14 Open Daily
Marble House closed September 20.

October 15 – November 22 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House, Rosecliff &
Chateau-sur-Mer
Rosecliff closed November 4 - December 7.

Christmas at the Newport Mansions

November 23 – January 1, 2020 Open Daily
The Breakers, The Elms, Marble House & Rosecliff
Rosecliff closed November 4 – December 7.

All properties closed Thanksgiving & Christmas.

December 24 – Last admission 3 pm.

Holiday Evenings at the Newport Mansions
The Breakers – November 30, December 7, 14, 28 6 pm – 8 pm
The Elms & Marble House Duet – December 21 6 pm – 9 pm

“Family Friendly Mansion! The ABSOLUTE BEST PART is The Breakers offers a children’s tour, which is fabulous! My niece loved hearing the “old house” talk to her and tell stories about the kids that lived there! The adults even switched over to hear the children’s version... it was entertaining to us, too!”
— Trip Advisor Traveler Review

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Membership is the Best Value

Join Today
Free admission to all 11 properties

Admission & Membership

Members Free

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Excluding The Breakers & Hunter House

Premium Tour $24 $49 $16
Expiration to The Breakers, Marble House, The Elms, Rosecliff and Lunch at Garden Café at The Breakers or Chinese Tea House at Marble House

Beneath The Breakers Tour $15 $20 $10

The Elms Servant Life Tour $12 $15 $7.50

Hunter House Free $35 $8

Multi-house tickets not valid at Hunter House

Winter Passport Free $35 $10

Expiration to all properties open November 23, 2019 to March 31, 2020

STUDENT $35 (tax deductible)
Standard benefit for one student. Valid student ID required.

INDIVIDUAL $55 (tax deductible)
Standard benefit for one adult.

DUAL $80 (tax deductible)
Standard benefit for two adults living in the same household, no children.

HOUSEHOLD $95 (tax deductible)
Standard benefit for two adults and all children ages 6–17 in the same household.

MILITARY $15 Discount on Individual, Dual or Household. For active, reserve or retired military with valid military ID.

PLUS Upgrade $35 Add to any Standard Membership. Bring 1 guest Free per visit. Member must accompany guest.

Benefits of Membership

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
• Invitations to exclusive programs
• Savings on events, lectures and films
• Discount on Newport Harbor & helicopter tours
• Opportunity to arrange a custom tour

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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

STEWART $250 ($178 tax deductible)
Premium Membership benefit plus 4 single-use guest passes.

PATRON $500 ($392 tax deductible)
Premium Membership benefit plus 6 single-use guest passes and recognition in Annual Report.

BENEFACtor $1,000 ($820 tax deductible)
Premium Membership benefit plus 10 single-use guest passes and recognition in Annual Report.

“Buy Membership! It was cheaper to buy a Preservation Society membership and you were able to see & tour all of the sites. Your membership is good for a year, and you can go back during the Christmas season and see their display.”

Trip Advisor Traveler Review

How To Join

Online: www.NewportMansions.org
In Person: Visit any Newport Mansions ticket desk
Membership 401.847.1000 ext. 111
Office: Members@NewportMansions.org 424 Bellevue Ave. Newport, RI 02840
Stop By For A Snack
Garden Café at The Breakers
Chinese Teahouse at Marble House

Coffee, pastries, fresh salads, wraps, sandwiches, yogurt, snacks and hot and cold beverages available daily.

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Share your visit experience.
When you get home, please rate us on
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For updates on Preservation Society activities while you’re in Newport, download the FREE BUKI app at letsbuki.com

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