

***A Gilded Age Christmas: Newport, RI
December 5 (Thu) - 7 (Sat), 2024
3 Day Tour***

Meals Included: 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners

Day 1 Thursday (D)

6:40am Depart Allentown, PA (Calvary Temple)
7:00am Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)
7:20am Depart William Penn Park & Ride - Lot C-1
Arrive Tarrytown, NY
Holiday Classic Mansion Tour at Lyndhurst Mansion

See Lyndhurst mansion transformed into an extravagant wonderland of holiday splendor. Described as one of the “Ten Best Historic Holiday Tours” by USA Today, Lyndhurst goes all-out during the holiday season, filling the mansion with elaborate tableaux of décor, which change every year. Dozens of Christmas trees are expertly decorated and designed to complement the elegant period furnishings within the rooms of the house. During this month only, our curators bring out rarely-seen items that belonged to Lyndhurst’s former owners. This is a once-a-year opportunity to see many of the glittering possessions that are usually tucked away in our archives.

Lunch stop on own
Check into hotel - Two (2) Nights
Wyndham Newport Hotel
Dinner included at LaForge Casino Restaurant

Day 2 Friday (B,D)

Breakfast at hotel
Guided tour of Newport

See Newport’s two famous scenic routes – Bellevue Avenue lined with opulent mansions - Summer cottages” built by titans of industry and society during the Gilded Age, and Ten Mile Ocean Drive where you can gaze at spectacular waterfront estates and unparalleled ocean views!

Time and lunch on own in Newport
Holidays at the Newport Mansions

Surround yourself with the magic of the Newport Mansions during the holiday season! See The Breakers, Marble House and The Elms in all their festive finery – a beloved Newport tradition.

These great Gilded Age houses will welcome visitors with spectacular holiday displays. Nearly 30 Christmas trees are exquisitely decorated to complement the décor and theme of each room, like Mr. Vanderbilt’s tree in The Breakers, ornamented with trains and top hats! Hundreds of poinsettias, garlands, wreaths and fresh floral arrangements add color, warmth and life. As always, the 15-foot-tall poinsettia tree in the Great Hall of The Breakers – made up of 150 poinsettia plants – provides a perfect holiday photo opportunity.

Self-guided tour of Marble House

William Vanderbilt built Marble House as a 39th birthday present for his wife Alva Vanderbilt. It was a social and architectural landmark that set the pace for Newport's subsequent transformation from a quiet summer colony of wooden houses to the legendary resort of opulent Gilded Age mansions. The house was designed by the architect Richard Morris Hunt, inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles. The cost of the house was reported in contemporary press accounts to be \$11 million, of which \$7 million was spent on 500,000 cubic feet of marble.

Return to hotel

Dinner included at the hotel – Johnny’s Restaurant

Sparkling Lights at the Breakers

Sparkling Lights at The Breakers brings the magic of the holidays inside and outside this landmark Gilded Age mansion! You’ll stroll along a half-mile-long path glittering with hundreds of thousands of holiday lights while music fills the winter air. See illuminated displays and sparkling surprises along the way. Tour the opulent interior of The Breakers decorated in holiday splendor.

Day 3 Saturday (B,D)

Breakfast at hotel

Self-guided tour of The Elms

The Elms was the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Julius Berwind, whose fortune was made in the coal industry. Architect Horace Trumbauer modeled it after the 18th-century French chateau d’Asnieres outside Paris. The Elms combines the elegance of French style with the grandeur of the Gilded Age. Its landscape and art collections are among the finest in Newport.

Depart Newport

Lunch and time on own at Olde Mistick Village

7:30pm Approximate arrival in Lehigh Valley

Price Per Person:	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>
	\$892	\$746	\$679	\$649

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