

***A Gilded Age Christmas: Newport, RI
December 6 (Sun) - 8 (Tue), 2026
3 Day Tour***

Meals Included: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Afternoon Tea, 1 Dinner

Day 1 Sunday (D)

6:10am Depart Allentown, PA (Calvary Temple)
6:30am Depart Bethlehem, PA (L.V.I.P)
6:50am Depart William Penn Park & Ride - Lot D
 Arrive Mystic, CT
 Olde Mistick Village – lunch and time on own

Olde Mystick Village is a charming outdoor shopping center designed like a 1720s colonial village, featuring unique shops (fudge, jewelry, gifts), diverse restaurants (pizza, seafood), a movie theater, and picturesque features like a town green, duck pond, gazebos, and walking paths, creating a quaint, walkable experience with New England ambiance and seasonal events

Arrive Newport, RI
Check into hotel - Two (2) Nights
Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina
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.

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.

Dinner included at the hotel

Day 2 Monday (B, Afternoon Tea)

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!

Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & Arboretum – Self-Guided Tour

Blithewold is a 33-acre summer estate with grand views of Narragansett Bay and is nationally significant in American history as one of the most fully developed and authentic examples of the Country Place Era. The property features a 45-room mansion filled with family heirlooms, and is framed by a series of lovely gardens that range in character from mysterious to exotic and from poetic to practical. Each year in late December, the Van Wickle/McKee family would return to Blithewold to celebrate Christmas and the New Year. The household staff would arrive days before the family to ready the house for all the holiday celebrations. The head gardener and caretaker would gather evergreen boughs and cut down a tall tree from the property. The housekeeper and maids would decorate the tree in the entrance and the mantles in each room with the greenery, ensuring that their visitors would be welcomed into a warm house filled with the fragrance of Christmas. Everywhere you look, you'll be filled with the joy of the holiday season past and present.

Afternoon Tea at Blithewold

Afternoon Tea has always been a great way to begin or end a special day at Blithewold. Sit back and relax while delighting in a cup of tea, freshly baked scones with sweet cream, and a 3-tiered tray filled with sweets and savory treats.
Simply luxurious!

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 on own at hotel restaurant or to restaurants walkable from hotel

Day 3 Tuesday (B)

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.

Lunch and time on in Newport
Depart Newport
Fast food dinner stop
8:30pm Approximate arrival in Lehigh Valley

Price Per Person:	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>
	\$906	\$759	\$710	\$685

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