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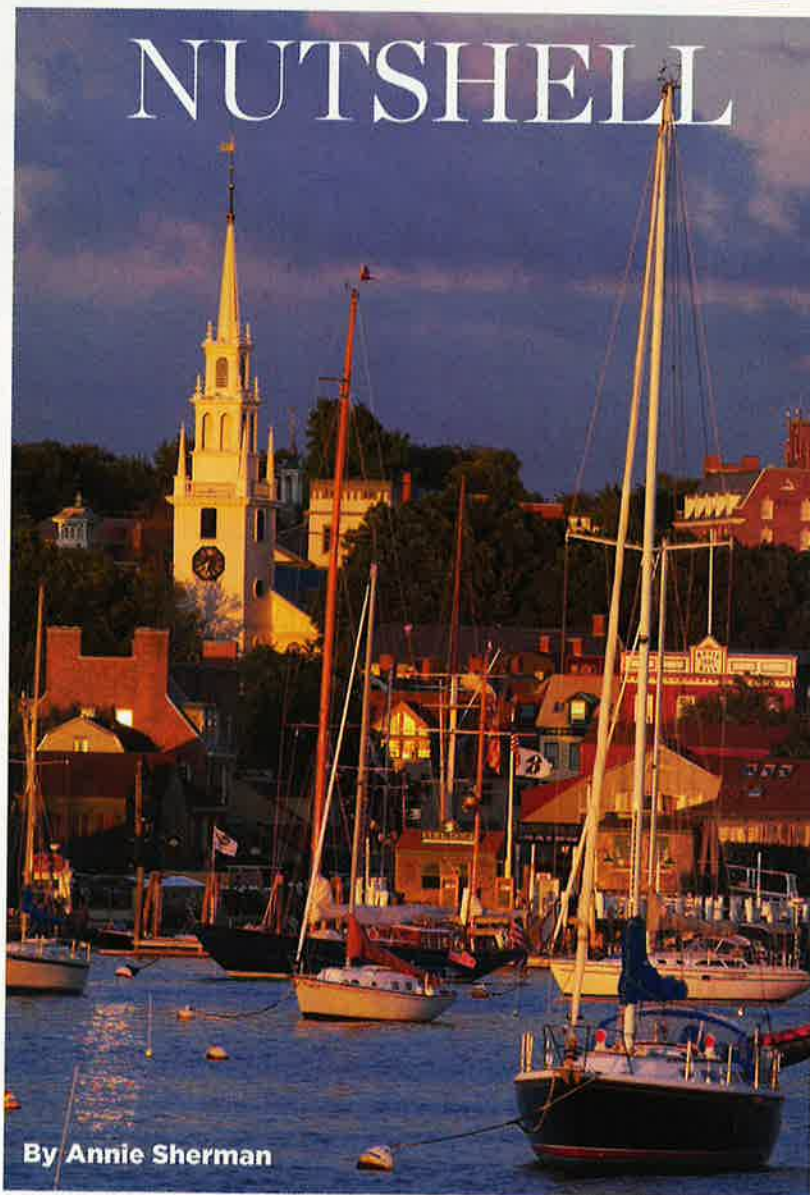
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NEWPORT

NUTSHELL

This quaint city on the southeastern shore of Rhode Island was established in 1638, and still claims the country's largest collection of wooden homes from the colonial era. The city hosted the America's Cup from 1930 to 1983 and today attracts millions of visitors each year who come for the sailing and other water sports, fine food, natural environment, and dramatic architecture. The America's Cup World Series dominates the calendar from June 23 to July 1, but don't miss Newport's many additional offerings.



By Annie Sherman

Where to Stay

Whether you need all the amenities or prefer a quaint bed-and-breakfast away from it all, you'll find plenty of comfort in Newport.

HOTEL VIKING

Newport's oldest hotel boasts 208 rooms and suites with old-world charm

and an award-winning spa and restaurant, all within walking distance of downtown's sparkling waterfront.

1 Bellevue Ave.
hotelviking.com

THE ALMONDY BED AND BREAKFAST INN

Smell the sea from this downtown

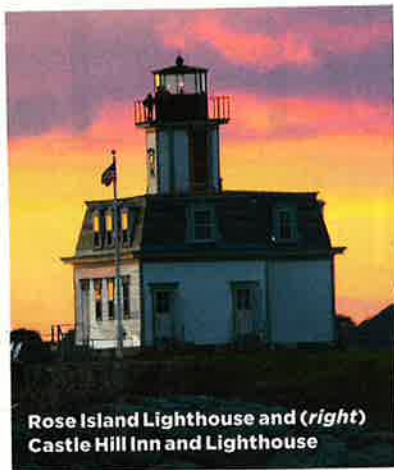
Victorian B&B as you relish the freshly prepared gourmet breakfast and period antiques collected by the owners. Reserve early — their five rooms fill quickly.

25 Pelham St.
almondynn.com

ROSE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

An explosives storage station for the U.S.

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Rose Island Lighthouse and (right) Castle Hill Inn and Lighthouse

Navy during both World Wars, Rose Island and its now fully restored lighthouse accommodate visitors who seek bucolic seclusion. Stay for the night or be lighthouse keeper for the week on your own 18.5-acre island in the middle of bustling Narragansett Bay.

roseisland.org

HYATT REGENCY NEWPORT HOTEL & SPA

More than just a modern hotel retreat: Relax poolside, get a couple's massage, and hop aboard a Newport Harbor tour, all before you enjoy a complimentary champagne toast at sunset.

1 Goat Island
newport.hyatt.com

OCEANCLIFF

Built in 1864 as a summer retreat for a wealthy New York industrialist, the original wooden OceanCliff was razed to build the existing stone manse. The luxurious resort sits on ten acres of verdant lawns with commanding water views, offering the finest local flavors from its Safari Room Restaurant.

65 Ridge Rd.
newportexperience.com/newport/oceancliff

HAMPTON INN & SUITES

If walking access to downtown Newport isn't a requirement, then comfort and convenience (as well as a cheaper price tag plus complimentary breakfast) are a mere two miles away in neighboring Middletown.

317 West Main Rd., Middletown
newporthamptoninn.com



Where to Dine

Hospitality is Newport's middle name. This city by the sea likes to show its guests a good time, and it starts with a mouthwatering meal. Prepare your taste buds.

ATLANTIC GRILLE

Voted "Best Breakfast" for nearly a decade by readers of *Newport Life Magazine*, this popular diner up the street from Easton's Beach serves the best eggs Benny in the Ocean State.

91 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown
atlanticgrille.com



BRICK ALLEY PUB & RESTAURANT

A visit to Newport is incomplete without waiting for a table at this local institution. An extensive soup and salad bar is only the start of an eight-page menu. Don't miss their popular nachos.

140 Thames St.
brickalley.com

FLO'S CLAM SHACK

A rustic fish-and-chips joint across from Easton's Beach, Flo's is funky and

gloriously authentic. Order at the window, grab a beer, and head to the patio to soak up the rays.

4 Wave Ave., Middletown



FLUKE WINE BAR & KITCHEN

An award-winning cocktail menu and wine list are the first flavors to tempt your palate before a simply delicious menu of locally harvested seafood, meat, and produce.

41 Bowen's Wharf
flukewinebar.com

THE FIFTH ELEMENT

Locals waited almost two years for this hip restaurant to relocate and renovate. Now open, the modern vibe and tasty morsels mean it's packed for dinner and drinks, with live music on weekends.

111 Broadway
thefifthrl.com

THE CLARKE COOKE HOUSE

This multilevel harbor-front restaurant is the place to be seen — blue blazers and pearls galore. Sushi in the Candy Store on the first floor; posh nosh in the aptly named SkyBar; and dancing in the underground Boom Boom Room.



Cliff Walk and (left) Newport International Polo Series

Bannister's Wharf
clarkecooke.com

What to Do

Newport is known for much more than sailing. Take a stroll around and you'll discover architectural and cultural gems, as well as myriad events and activities to keep you entertained.

EASTON'S BEACH

Don't forget your sunblock as you build sand castles, frolic in the sea, and take a nap on one of the Ocean State's many sandy beaches. A fantastic lobster-roll platter at Easton's Beach Snack Bar and the surfing at Sachuest Beach make it tough to decide which one to visit.

175 Memorial Blvd.
cityofnewport.com/eastons

AMERICA'S CUP CHARTERS

The largest fleet of America's Cup-winning yachts is yours to sail here. Charters take you out into Narragansett Bay where you can witness racing first hand, while sunset cruises give you a more relaxing nautical experience.

americascupcharters.com

NEWPORT DISTILLING COMPANY

The first rum distillery in the state (1842) makes Thomas Tew Rum using traditional methods. The distillery was recently featured on the Discovery Channel's *Dirty Jobs with Mike Rowe*. Open daily except Tuesday for tours and tastings.

293 JT Connell Rd.
thomastewrums.com

NEWPORT VINEYARDS

The long, cool growing season and unique microclimate create excellent wines, and this historic winery is one of the best.

909 East Main Rd., Middletown
newportvineyards.com

NEWPORT INTERNATIONAL POLO SERIES

BYO mint juleps and picnic to the polo grounds to enjoy this time-honored game. Teams from around the globe play every Saturday at 5 p.m. during summer.

Glen Farm, 715 East Main Rd.
 Portsmouth
nptpolo.com



SAIL NEWPORT

Learn how to hoist a mainsail like a professional with hands-on instruction from the area's only public sailing center. They offer rentals, too, if you're already a pro.

60 Fort Adams Dr.
sailnewport.org

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS HALL OF FAME & MUSEUM

The only professional tennis tournament in the country played on grass is hosted here July 9–15. At the museum, visitors can sneak a peak at artifacts from Hall of Fame members such as Andre Agassi, John McEnroe, and Monica Seles.

194 Bellevue Ave.
tennisfame.com

FORT ADAMS STATE PARK

A 19th-century fort is the official center of spectator activity for the America's Cup World Series. Watch racing from its lawns, learn about the teams, and explore the fort itself.

90 Fort Adams Dr.
fortadams.org

CASTLE HILL INN

For a more à la carte spectator experience, this historically romantic inn allows visitors to relax on their bay-front property to watch the races. If time allows, lunch on the patio or head inside for a five-star dinner.

590 Ocean Dr.
castlehillinn.com

CLIFF WALK

Newport's most popular attraction isn't a structure at all. This 3.5-mile pathway provides a gorgeous glimpse into the backyards of the rich and famous on one side, and vistas of Easton's Beach on the other.

cliffwalkmap.com

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