

Why Newport is Now a Fun and Low-key Girlfriend Getaway Destination

This playground for the rich and famous is now surprisingly down-to-earth.



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If you think Newport is only for people who own yachts, couples getting hitched or super preppies sporting whale belts and excessive lime green and pink apparel, get ready to throw those stereotypes overboard. What was once a summer playground for socialite families (think Vanderbilts and Astors) has evolved into a laid-back vacation destination and girlfriend getaway hot spot—thanks to affordable boutique hotels, an eclectic restaurant and bar scene, three local wineries and plenty of retail therapy to help melt away men, career or kid-related stresses.

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Girlfriend GETAWAY THE REDBOOK WAY: TO NEWPORT, R.I.

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Most Charming Hotel
Hotel Viking
Follow in Jackie O's footsteps with a stay at this historic boutique property.



Kick Off Your Girls Weekend



Shopping Trip:
Bannister's Wharf
Dash boutiques, nautical fashion and local art.



Spa Day: SPAFJOR
Must-try treatment:
Abhyanga Massage and Drift to Sleep facial.

Book a Table at
...and try this!

Salvation Cafe
Pad Thai



Grab Cocktails Here
...and sip

The Fifth Element
The Element Martini



The Wharf Pub
*Staller Chicken and the
 Homemade Poutine*



*Circe vodka with a splash
 of white grape juice*



Clarke Cooke House
*Dark 'n Stormy: Gosling's
 black rum and ginger beer*

Newport is famous for its...



Yachts / Sailing
12 Meter Charters
Sail aboard legendary America's Cup yachts!



Haunted History
**Ghost Tours
 of Newport**
*From Ghost Ships to
 Graveyard Crypts, discover
 the city's spooky past with
 a lantern-led tour through
 the shadowy streets.*

**Experience
 High-Society Life**

**Afternoon Tea
 at One Bellevue**

*Learn proper tea etiquette
 while indulging in homemade
 scones, finger sandwiches
 and classic brews.*

**Tour the
 Rosecliff Mansion**

*Explore this lavish property
 that famously served
 as Gatsby's mansion
 in the 1975 classic film.*



Don't Leave Newport Without Experiencing...

The Cliff Walk

*3.5 mile shoreline trail past
 opulent mansions.*



Must Do: Winetasting



Newport Vineyards

New Tasting Room, Bakery/Deli and Bric Restaurant.

Greenvale Vineyards

Perfect for a picnic lunch and live jazz.



Best of Newport

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