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15 Most Romantic Hotels in Newport, Rhode Island

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When choosing which storybook New England destination to land on for your honeymoon, allow us to remind you of one pertinent detail that sets Newport, RI apart: [John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis](#) wed there. If that doesn't solidify the "City by the Sea" as the frontrunner, perhaps its Gilded Age mansions and dozens of romantic hotels will help.

"Newport is steeped in history and was the original summer playground for America's well-heeled characters and notable families," says travel expert Tom Marchant. "In many ways it still is and it operates with a sort of discreet sensibility, one of the last bastions of a very particular kind of America's ruling class—but the town itself is far from unwelcoming and brittle."

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Tom Marchant is the co-founder of luxury travel company [Black Tomato](#).

"There is a distinctly romantic notion to the gentility and history of Newport, juxtaposed with a new generation who has arrived," continues Merchant. "Newport's dramatic cliffs dotted with legendary summer 'cottages' are utterly breathtaking, as is its [nautical setting](#)."

Located only one-and-a-half hours from Boston and three-and-a-half hours from New York City by car, Newport is a no-brainer for an easy road trip if you're in the mood for a [mini, post-pandemic type of 'moon](#). It's also ideal for a honeymoon year-round, with each season providing a different draw.

The summer is prime time for Newport with outdoor activities like sailing, boating, golf, tennis, and more, but fall is when you want to saddle up to a fire pit and make s'mores, as Merchant puts it. "For honeymooners or couples, the fall tends to be a bit quieter, giving it cozy, hygge-like vibes and it's especially pretty in late September when the leaves begin to turn," he adds. And let's not forget those mansion decorations come the holiday season. A snow-dusted Newport is a whole new level of striking.

Regardless of when you decide to go, Newport's most romantic hotels will be ready for you when you do. Here are a few of our favorites.

BRIDES TIP

The current outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. As the situation remains fluid, we'll be sharing tips and stories from industry experts to give you of-the-moment advice and help you navigate wedding planning today. For the most up-to-date guidelines and latest on travel restrictions and requirements, check the CDC and U.S. Department of State websites.

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Downtown Newport's latest luxury lodging can be found at Hammetts Hotel, which is well-positioned for a romantic rendezvous in the heart of the action. For starters, the 84-room property boasts four spacious suites with views of America's Cup Ave or the Newport Yachting Center Marina,

plus Italian linen-covered beds you won't want to leave. It's their 9,000 square foot deck in the middle of The Wharf that makes accessibility to shops and restaurants (including their own Giusto) effortless, however, and a rotating roster of local artists' work can also be seen throughout the common areas for purchase.