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## The best hotels in Newport, Rhode Island

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- **As travel slowly picks back up following state shutdowns due to COVID-19, many East Coasters are still booking trips that are close to home in search of coastal scenery, fine dining, and cultural attractions.**

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- **Newport, Rhode Island is one popular choice, with stunning beaches, numerous boating opportunities, and one of the most gorgeous coastal walking paths in New England.**

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- **We've compiled a list of highly-rated Newport hotels to accommodate a variety of budgets with starting nightly rates ranging from \$151 to \$595.**

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While states have mostly reopened following shutdowns in the spring, travelers are largely gravitating towards destinations within driving distance of home that offer ample space for social distancing. When it comes to selecting a nearby getaway with plenty of outdoor opportunities, New Englanders have a wealth of options, but few hold a candle to Newport.

Neither too big nor too small, this scenic city is just the right size to give visitors the space they crave. Newport is a four-season destination, though, with miles of beaches, exploring the spoils of the sea is practically a requirement. Newport is heaven for sailing, surfing, beachcombing, and dining that enjoys an ample supply of briny mollusks and crustaceans.

There's plenty to do on dry land, too. Cliff Walk, a 3.5-mile path that combines coastal scenery with Gilded Age mansions, is Rhode Island's most visited attraction. History buffs will delight in discovering Newport's past, which is still very much present in its architecture and design. Wealthy families with names like Vanderbilt and Astor built magnificent mansions here in the 19th century, earning Newport a reputation as a posh playground.

Despite Newport's popularity with the yachting crowd, you don't need to be a millionaire to vacation here. We've curated a list of hotels to suit most budgets, ranging in price from \$151 to \$595 per night. Each of our picks is committed to [enhanced cleaning protocols](#) in an effort to fight the risk of contracting COVID-19, which experts say is essential when selecting a hotel. These measures include sanitizing room keys, complimentary masks, and no-contact room service, just to mention a few.

However, it is important to note that there is no vaccine for the novel coronavirus, and therefore, safety is never guaranteed. We recommend assessing your own level of risk and following CDC, WHO, and other reputable organizations safety guidelines, and to wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and maintain social distancing.

Additionally, keep in mind that in accordance with the State of Rhode Island Department of Health, visitors to Rhode Island from a state with a positivity rate of COVID-19 greater than 5%, are urged to self-quarantine for 14 days or take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to arrival.

With all that in mind, I scoured the area for the best hotels that won't break the bank. I chose top hotels based on my own extensive travels to Newport, as well as taking into account reviews from trusted travel sites such as Trip Advisor and Booking.com. A notoriously pricey locale, I made sure affordability was a major consideration and all properties come in under \$350, with the exception of one splurge-worthy hotel for those seeking to indulge. All hotels included have well-appointed rooms, good locations, and high guest satisfaction. Additionally, I looked for hotels with standout amenities and unique factors, whether they are historic properties, stock the mini-bar with locally-sourced products, offer guests private patios or in-room fireplaces, or include exceptional water views.

**These are the best hotels in Newport, sorted by price from low to high.**

## Hammetts Hotel



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### **Book Hammetts Hotel starting at \$208 per night**

Centrally located on Commercial Wharf, brand new Hammetts Hotel places guests in the heart of Newport. The hotel is also home to the innovative Sarah Langley Gallery, established to engage both hotel guests and the community in artistic conversations. Exhibits rotate on a seasonal basis with plenty of opportunities to connect with artists, curators, and galleries, though this could be impacted by COVID-19.

The gallery is located in the central corridor of the hotel, while the sun-drenched lobby features floor-to-ceiling windows and abundant seating. There's also a private deck, fitness center, and waterfront restaurant on-site.

Room decor draws from Newport's seafaring heritage with a crisp grays, whites, unfinished woods, and pops of reds and navy dropped in for good measure. Adding a smattering of industrial chic accents are antique black iron sconces and polished nickel pendant lamps, and beds are outfitted with luxury Mascioni linens. Pay attention to art work in the rooms, which are all from artists with strong ties to Newport.

**Trip Advisor Ranking:** 8 out of 17 specialty lodgings in Newport

**Booking.com Rating:** 9.4 out of 10

**Pros:** This art-infused hotel is a winner for guests who crave eye-candy.

**Cons:** If you prefer a low-key stay, this quirky, personality-filled property is not for you.

**COVID-19 cleaning procedures:** The hotel is open and has taken several steps to ensure guest safety while still providing warm hospitality, including the addition of rigorous cleaning protocols such as:

- Increased frequency of sanitization.
- Guests are greeted by a parking attendant who will provide self-parking assistance.
- Plexiglass has been added to the front desk as a safeguard.
- Guest rooms will remain unoccupied for 24 hours after departure.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the property.
- Masks will be provided at check-in.
- Additional COVID-19 safety standards may be found [here](https://www.businessinsider.com/best-hotels-newport#hammetts-hotel-4).

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