



Wheaton Park District presents....



# Christmas in Newport

featuring Two Newport Mansions, *The Polar Express* and Grand Bellevue Dinner Train

**Tour Dates:** December 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**DAY 2 Newport's Ocean Drive and Newport Playhouse:** Begin the day with a drive along Newport's famous ten-mile long Ocean Drive. Take in the rugged beauty of the shoreline's scenery and see the fabulous mansions along Bellevue Avenue. Then, you are treated to the Newport Playhouse for an afternoon which includes an extensive hearty buffet, a spectacular live performance and a fun-filled cabaret. Later, take a Holiday Lantern Tour to hear the history of early American Holiday traditions during a stroll through town.

**Meals: B, L**

**DAY 3 Linden Place, Blithewold Mansion and *The Polar Express*:** Today is spent in Bristol, Rhode Island, a picturesque colonial village draped with holiday spirit. Visit Linden Place Mansion where a towering Christmas tree framed by a four-story spiral staircase, elegant decorations and original artwork by local artists. During the holidays, Blithewold Mansion is transformed into a dazzling display with each room filled with elaborate decorations. Then it's off to Blackstone Valley for a fun excursion aboard *The Polar Express*. Enjoy storytelling, sing-a-longs, holiday games and even a visit from old Saint Nick himself. Tonight, enjoy a delicious holiday feast in Bristol at a special farewell dinner hosted by your Tour Manager. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 1 Arrive in Rhode Island:** Arrive today at Providence, Rhode Island's T. F. Green Airport and transfer to your hotel in Newport. Meet your fellow travelers at 6:00 p.m. in the hotel lobby for a welcome dinner hosted by your Tour Manager.

**Meal: D**

**DAY 4 The Breakers Mansion, Marble House and the Grand Bellevue Dinner Train:** Begin the day at The Breakers Mansion, the grandest of Newport’s summer “cottages” and symbol of the Vanderbilt family’s social and financial preeminence in turn of the century America. The glitter of gold and sparkle of holiday silver will dazzle you at the mansion decked out in Yuletide finery. Music and spectacular decorations highlight the celebration of Christmas at The Breakers. Then visit Marble House Mansion, another summer cottage of the Vanderbilt family, completed in 1892. See this icon of the American Gilded Age filled with hundreds of poinsettias, fresh flowers, evergreens and wreaths. Decorated Christmas trees reflect the magnificent décor and dining tables with period silver and China complete the elegant setting. This evening climb aboard the Grand Bellevue Dinner Train for an evening of music, laughter, and fine food aboard this custom designed theatre car. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Travel Home:** Your holiday ends with a group transfer to Providence’s T. F. Green Airport at 9:00 a.m. for flights out after 12:00 p.m. **Meal: B**

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Newport Marriott, Newport, Rhode Island

2024 Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
December 4	\$2,879	\$719

**Pricing includes complimentary Home round-trip Transfer to Chicago O’Hare Airport on exact dates of tour.**

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*



Blithewold Mansion is transformed into a dazzling holiday display

**Tour Highlights**

- 8 Meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners
- Free roundtrip airport transfers
- Spend four nights in beautiful downtown Newport, Rhode Island and take the ten-mile long along Ocean Drive
- Attend the Newport Playhouse live production and an afternoon of hearty food and live cabaret
- Take the Holiday Lantern Tour with a local guide through downtown Newport
- Tour Blithewold Mansion and see its dazzling display of elaborate decorations
- Visit Linden Place Mansion featuring a towering Christmas tree framed by a four-story spiral staircase
- Ride *The Polar Express* train in Blackstone Valley for a jolly excursion which includes storytelling, sing-a-longs and a possible visit from old Saint Nick himself
- Tour the Vanderbilt family’s Breakers Mansion, richly decked out in Yuletide finery
- Tour Marble House Mansion, an American Gilded Age icon filled with elegant Christmas decorations
- Enjoy a farewell dinner aboard the Grand Bellevue Dinner Train for an evening of music, laughter and food



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**Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – \$250 per person (optional)**

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

- 61 days and more – deposit amount
- 60 – 31 days – 20% of the tour cost
- 30 – 15 days – 30% of the tour cost
- 14 – 1 day prior – 40% of the tour cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour – 100% of the tour cost
- No refund on unused portion

**TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL**

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EASY			ENERGETIC	

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