



**Club Trip to Newport, Rhode Island
&
The Newport Flower Show: “The Grand Tour”**

June 21-24, 2023



Wednesday, June 21



Arrive on your own at the [Newport Marriott](#). The Providence, RI airport is most convenient to Newport and is approximately 30 minutes from the hotel.

We will gather for dinner at [The Safari Room at Ocean Cliff](#) overlooking Narragansett Bay.

Thursday, June 22

We will start the day with a trip to the [Green Animals Topiary Garden](#), the oldest topiary garden in the United States.



Next, we will tour [The Elms](#), a Gilded Age “cottage” designed by Horace Trumbauer for coal baron Julius Berwind.

We will break for lunch in the Yacht Club Room at [The Mooring](#), a seafood restaurant located on Newport Harbor.



Following lunch, we will visit the garden of Bettie Pardee, author of [Private Newport: At Home and in the Garden](#) and [Living Newport: Houses, People, Style](#). [Click here](#) to read a *flower* magazine article on Bettie’s stunning garden.



Next is a visit to [The Breakers](#), one of Newport’s most iconic cottages. It was designed by Richard Morris Hunt and decorated by Ogden Codman for Alice and Cornelius Vanderbilt.



We will end our day with dinner at the [Clarke Cooke House](#), a Newport staple for the past 50 years.

Friday, June 23



Our last day begins with a trip to the beautiful Blue Garden, which was created in 1908 and restored in 2012. [Click here](#) to read a *flower* magazine article about the garden and its restoration.



Next is a visit to [Rough Point](#), designed by Peabody & Stearns for Frederick Vanderbilt. The house was purchased in 1922 by James Buchanan Duke. His daughter, Doris, inherited the house in 1925 and enjoyed it until her death in 1993.

Lunch in the Ocean Room at [Castle Hill Inn](#) will follow. Castle Hill is a Relais & Châteaux hotel and offers spectacular views of Narragansett Bay.

After lunch, we will visit [Walnut Point Arboretum](#). This diminutive private oasis boasts over 70 plant species.

Friday afternoon offers a few hours of free time for shopping, additional sightseeing, or resting!



Our trip to Newport culminates with the Newport Flower Show Opening Night Party at [Marble House](#). Our shuttle will run back to the hotel at least twice, so leave as early or late as you wish. If you are still hungry after the party, there are numerous restaurants near the hotel.

Saturday, June 24

Saturday offers the opportunity to re-visit the Flower Show or wrap up your shopping, then head to the airport.

The Details

Cost: \$1200 per person

What's included:

- entry to all houses, gardens, and the Opening Night Party,
- transportation to and from the hotel, various sites, lunches, and dinner,
- dinner on Wednesday and Thursday night, including alcohol,
- lunch on Thursday and Friday, including wine.

What's not included:

- airfare,
- transportation to and from the airport,
- breakfast,
- Friday night dinner,
- lodging: we have a block of 16 rooms at the Newport Marriott at a rate of \$399 per night. Rooms have 2 queen beds or 1 king bed; please consider sharing a room with a friend.

What to pack:

- Late June average temperatures in Newport are highs in the mid-70's and lows in the low 60's.
- For daytime touring: As rain is unpredictable, it would be wise to pack a raincoat, umbrella, and shoes that are compatible with rain and/or mud. We will be outdoors a great deal, so a sun hat and sunscreen are also advisable.
- For dinner: Jackets are required or suggested for men, so plan on the equivalent for ladies.
- For the preview party, Bettie Pardee has [recommended appropriate attire](#) in her blog.
- Bring earbuds; some sites have self-guided audio tours.

Supplemental reading:

[Newport in Flower](#) by Harriet Jackson Phelps (2010)

[Private Newport: At Home and in the Garden](#) by Bettie Bearden Pardee (2004)

[Living Newport: Houses, People, Style](#) by Bettie Bearden Pardee (2014)

[A Newport Summer: Off Bellevue](#) by Ruthie Sommers (2022)

[The Blue Garden: Recapturing an Iconic Newport Landscape](#) by Arleyn A. Levee (2019)

[The Vanderbilts](#) by Jerry E. Patterson (1989)

[Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty](#) by Anderson Cooper (2022)

[The Richest Girl in the World](#) [Doris Duke] by Stephanie Mansfield (1992)

[The Silver Swan; in Search of Doris Duke](#) by Sallie Bingham (2020)