

GARDEN CLUB OF GEORGIA

NEWPORT GARDENS AND GLITZ



June 18-21, 2024
(4 days and 3 nights)

Price per person based on two sharing a room - *\$2,450

Single Supplement - \$1,050

*Includes a \$100 Donation to The Garden Club of Georgia

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Join us for an exciting tour of beautiful Newport, RI. Founded in 1639, Newport is said to be one of the most important port cities in the 18th century North American British colonies. In addition to its colonial past, Newport is known for its rich sailing history, its magnificent coastal scenery, and its opulent gilded age “summer cottages”.

ITINERARY

Tuesday, June 18:

We begin our tour at the TF Green airport in Providence, RI where our coach will meet pick us up at 12:30PM.*

As we make our way to Newport, we will enjoy an included lunch and visit the Green Animals Topiary Garden, the oldest and most northern topiary garden in the United States. Green Animals has 80 sculptured trees and shrubs including 21 delightful animal shapes. Other highlights include the Brayton House, formal flower beds, fruit and vegetable gardens, and beautiful views of Narragansett Bay.

In the late afternoon we will check into the beautiful Brenton Hotel. Newport’s newest luxury boutique waterfront hotel is ideally situated within walking distance of numerous restaurants and shopping.

Dinner is on your own evening.

Meals – Lunch

****Arriving and departing Providence***

The ideal flights from Georgia for this itinerary are:

June 18 - Delta flight 2147 departs Atlanta at 10:02 AM and arrives in Providence at 12:29PM

June 21 - Delta Flight 2147 departs Providence at 1:25 PM and arrives in Atlanta at 4:07 PM

There are numerous alternative flights for those who may wish to arrive earlier or leave later; and driving to Rhode Island is another great option. It is also possible to arrive or depart by train!

Wednesday, June 19:

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then set out for a guided tour of Newport on our private trolley.

The Gilded Age comes alive as you tour Newport and hear all about the lives of the rich and famous of Newport's high society of the 1800s. Enter the world of Vanderbilts, Astors, and the wealthiest of Gilded Age tycoons as you travel Newport's fabulous Bellevue Avenue, peppered with stunning mansions and gardens. Take in the rugged beauty of Ten-Mile Ocean Drive featuring magnificent ocean views and historic Fort Adams.

Following the tour, we head to the Breakers Mansion for a self-guided tour. The Breakers is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial status. The Breakers was built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II and was everything a millionaire of the Gilded Age could want in a summer getaway. A classic Italian palazzo design, the finest American and Italian craftsmanship, views of the sea, and modern technology combined to make the ideal setting for luxurious living and entertaining.

Lunchtime brings us to the Tea House located on the Marble House property for an included tea (light lunch) featuring pastries, savories, tea sandwiches, and sweets. After tea, we tour Marble House, the summer "cottage" of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. The house was designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt who designed Biltmore House in Asheville, NC. Its design was inspired by the Petit Trianon at Versailles, and, according to reports in the contemporary press, cost about \$11 million, of which \$7 million was spent on 500,000 cubic feet of marble.

Later in the afternoon, we will sail around Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay aboard a classic schooner. As we sip mimosas, we will view the magnificent, gilded age mansions, the Newport Yacht Club, Jacqueline Kennedy's summer home, the towering Newport Bridge, the Rock House, and more. Dinner this evening is on your own as you enjoy exploring the area.

Meals – Breakfast, Tea

Thursday, June 20:

After a leisurely breakfast, a private trolley will arrive to whisk us off to the Blue Garden. As we tour the garden, we will learn about its history and restorations. After the tour, there will be some free time to explore the garden on your own before our included lunch.

This afternoon, our first stop is Rough Point the home of the heiress Doris Duke for a tour of the beautiful home and special exhibits. Later we will tour the historically significant Blithewold Estate with its mansion, grand views of Narragansett Bay, gardens, and arboretum.

This evening we gather for a farewell dinner.

Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Friday, June 21:

This morning following breakfast we head to the 28 th Annual Newport Flower Show. The theme this year is "At Home".

We will depart around 11:15 for our return to the Providence airport.

Meals - Breakfast

Tour Inclusions:

Three night's accommodations at the Brenton Hotel

Three breakfasts

Two Lunches

One High Tea

One Dinner

Admissions and Tours:

Rough Point – Doris Duke Mansion

Blue Gardens

Green Animals Topiary Garden

Blithewold Mansion and Garden

The Breakers Mansion

Marble House

Guided tour of Newport's Ten Mile Drive

Champagne Schooner Cruise

Admission to the Newport Flower Show at Rosecliff

Luggage handling at the hotel (one bag per person)

Hotel taxes; meal taxes and gratuities

Transportation by motorcoach and trolley per the itinerary

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

- A nonrefundable Deposit of \$500 per person is required at time of registration. The deposit will be refunded if the entire trip is cancelled.
- Registrants will receive information about optional trip insurance. This insurance can be purchased at any time; however, if insurance is purchased at or before final payment due the pre-existing condition exclusions will be waived.
- Final payment is due April 1, 2024.
- For cancellation after final payment, the cancellation penalty is 100% of trip cost.

Reservations will be accepted until April 1, 2024; however, early registration is recommended as space is limited.

Tour Conditions:

Not included in the price is airfare, single room supplement, individual transfers not specified in the itinerary, laundry, excess baggage, items of a personal nature, and optional travel insurance.

ACCOMODATIONS: The per-person tour price of \$2,450 is based on double occupancy. Single room supplement is \$1,050. Roommates are not guaranteed. You will be charged the single supplement if you do not have a roommate, and none can be found.

FORCE MAJEURE: Boutique Tours, Inc. and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with this itinerary shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; or, for loss, injury, death, inconvenience, or damage as a result of circumstances amounting to force majeure. Force majeure means any event or circumstance that Boutique Tours, Inc. or the supplier of the services in question could not foresee or avoid. Such events and circumstances may include, acts of God, actual or threatened war, insurrection, riots, strikes, civil action, decisions by governments or governing authority, technical or maintenance problems with transport, changes of schedules, or operational decisions of air carriers, terrorist activity or the threat thereof, industrial action, natural or nuclear activity, epidemic, pandemic, illness, physical injury, quarantine, medical or customs or immigration regulation, delay, or cancellation, adverse weather conditions, fire and all similar events outside the control of Boutique Tours, Inc. and/or the supplier of services.

This right is reserved to cancel the trip if a minimum of 20 bookings is not reached by April 1, 2024. The schedules contained herein are subject to change without notice.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is highly recommended. You will receive information for purchasing an optional travel insurance policy after your registration is received.

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Registration Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse/Roommate: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (city/state) (zip)

Telephone: (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
(Home) (cell) Business or Day)

E-mail: _____

Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Hotel Accommodations Preference: ___ One King ___ Two Beds ___ Single Room

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone: _____

Item	Per Person Deposit	Total Amount
Land Package – Total Cost \$2,450 per person (Add \$1,050 for Single Supplement)	\$500	\$

Please send registration form and check payable to Boutique Tours, Inc. to:

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