

BRIDES

HONEYMOON • LOCATIONS

15 Most Romantic Hotels in Newport, Rhode Island

by [Kelli Acciaro](#) | Updated 06/17/21

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."

"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.

06 Hotel Viking

of 15



COURTESY OF HOTEL VIKING

Even if you've never been to Newport, you've probably heard of Hotel Viking—a Historic Hotels of America member and 208-room landmark that occupies One Bellevue Ave. This grande dame dates back to 1926 and has seen many famous faces waltz through its doors (Ella Fitzgerald and Bob Dylan were

regulars), but million-dollar renovations year after year keep it far from antiquated. There's a lantern-lit garden for romantic walks, stately suites outfitted in tassel-trimmed textiles, and a state-of-the-art wellness sanctuary made for self-care seekers. Spa Fjör's larger-than-life Himalayan sea salt wall and CBD-infused treatments will keep you relaxed all weekend long, as will their heated indoor pool and hot tub.