

If you thought [Newport](#), the former stomping ground of the Astors and the Vanderbilts, was only worth visiting in the summer, think again. The seaside town — known for its Gilded Age mansions and outdoor music performances — is perfect for cold weather getaways, particularly in mid-February. This is when the [Newport Winter Festival](#) brings the city to life with concerts, beach polo, and even a chili cook-off. When you're done exploring, settle in by the fire at the [Grace Vanderbilt](#) with a hot toddy and s'mores.