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The Best Time To Visit Newport, Rhode Island Is The Fall



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Newport, Rhode Island has long been a summer playground of the rich and famous, from way back when “rich and famous” meant New York’s high society, and not celebrities snapping up waterfront homes, like Jay Leno recently did. But here’s a controversial opinion: summer isn’t the best time to be in Newport. The crowds, and the city’s increasing popularity, make the season a challenge. On peak weekends, Newport’s population goes from its normal 27,000 residents to upwards of 100,000. This is why any local will tell you that the fall - specifically

from mid-September to mid-October - as actually the best time of year in Newport. Here's how to spend a perfectly New England weekend off-season in The City By The Sea.

Oceanfront Accommodations

[The Chanler at Cliff Walk](#) is one of Newport's most coveted hotel destinations. Suites that directly overlook Easton's Beach - and come with a private sauna and outdoor hot tub - can cost upwards of \$1,000 per night in season, but off peak cost closer to half of that price. The hotel's restaurant, newly rebranded as Cara, offers high-end tasting menus and has a lounge with one of the city's coziest fireplaces.



Have the island to yourself when you stay at the Rose Island Lighthouse

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Because of its location on Goat Island, [Gurney's Resort](#) is surrounded by water on all sides. In a fitting touch, the hotel has a herd of miniature goats who live in a tiny mansion on the property. There's also an outdoor saltwater pool - still swimmable on warm days - and a spa with oceanfront treatment views. But if you want to be even closer to the water, book the [Rose Island Lighthouse](#), where you can be the keeper of a real working lighthouse on your own private island.

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