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The Best 5 Winter Ocean Weekends in New England

Hunker down in a friendly coastal town to reflect and reset for the year ahead.

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New England's most reliable snowplow clears beaches day and night, keeping the band of land at water's edge walkable—and enjoyable *if* you're dressed right. Wintertime waves are mesmerizing; the ocean's restorative energy a constant. So why not heed salt water's call when lodging rates—and seashells—are the best you'll find all year? These beloved coastal communities have quieter alter egos worth getting to know. Read on for a list of the best winter ocean weekends in New England.

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NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Now is when locals can sip coffee as they steer along Ocean Drive: no constant braking required. It's when getting out on the water means etching your way across the Newport Skating Center's freshly groomed ice. Stepping out on the Cliff Walk or Easton's Beach is invigorating. Mansions, the Audrain Automobile Museum, Newport Vineyards' Saturday farmers' market, and other attractions offer indoor respite. And overnight guests appreciate the Chanler at Cliff Walk's butler-drawn aromatherapy baths or afternoon tea at Castle Hill Inn (pictured above) all the more. The back half of February brings 10 days of Winter Festival fun, and Saint Patrick's Day turns the city green long before spring does. discovernewport.org

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