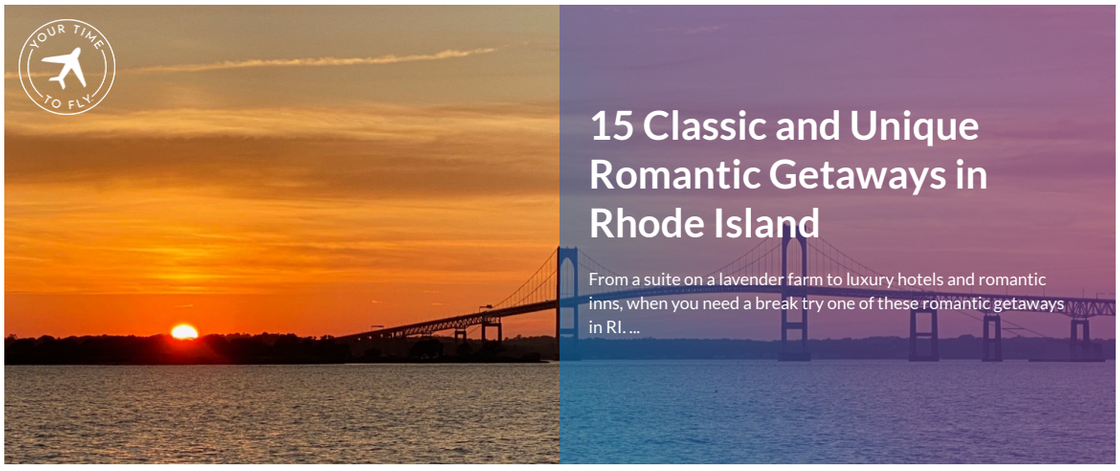

15 Classic and Unique Romantic Getaways in Rhode Island

From a suite on a lavender farm to luxury hotels and romantic inns, when you need a break try one of these romantic getaways in RI. ...

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When you live in the smallest state, it may seem like there are no unexplored corners left for an escape. But if you look hard enough, there are plenty of cozy bed and breakfasts, luxury boutique hotels, and truly unique places for romantic getaways in Rhode Island.

Whether you need a change of scene for a staycation, or you are looking for a weekend getaway from New York or Boston, I've selected some of the best places for a romantic weekend getaways in Rhode Island. From glamping to farm stays to luxury inns to getaways on a boat — the Ocean State has something for everyone. And the good news is, you never need to drive very far!

Romantic Getaways in Rhode Island

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The Ocean House, Watch Hill, RI

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This historic hotel stands tall on the dunes of Watch Hill, a recognizable symbol of beachfront luxury. The butter yellow beach hotel, with its wrap around porches, beckons those looking for a throwback to bygone days with all the modern amenities that luxury travels desire. Its sister hotel, the Weekapaug Inn, is more family oriented, but The Ocean House is purely for those that want to indulge — with a price tag to match.

The Ocean House offers an on-site spa, multiple dining options including lunch on the verandah, Sunday Jazz brunch, lobster boils on the beach, and other signature culinary events. For a real splurge, look into booking a spot at the Secret Garden champagne bar serving up Veuve Clicquot champagnes in the summer, or reserve your own “gondola” in the Fondue Village in the winter.

The Ocean House is located at 1 Bluff Avenue, Watch Hill, RI 02891

The 1661 Inn, Block Island, RI

The 1661 Inn offers 24 rooms, ranging from premier to simple, and this family-operated inn also has four other properties nearby for those looking for more privacy. Perfect for couples looking for a getaway that doesn’t break the budget, many rooms offer ocean views, spa tubs, and even fireplaces.

The 1661 Inn typically offers a famous champagne buffet breakfast daily, while The Oar serves up sushi overlooking the Great Salt Pond. You can also enjoy a famous Block Island Mudslide and classic New England lobster roll while enjoying the view. Enjoy a romantic stroll through the Inn’s garden and orchard, or stop to see the collection of farm animals.

The 1661 Inn is located at 5 Spring Street, New Shoreham, RI 02807

Hotel Manisses, Block Island, RI

Those seeking a romantic Block Island getaway will be drawn to the updated Victorian splendor of Hotel Manisses. This boutique hotel offers beautifully landscaped gardens, unique dining experiences, and a central location for exploring “The Block.”

Hotel Manisses offers exceptional customer service, from a pre-arrival concierge to thoughtful touches in the newly-appointed guest rooms, making for a perfect romantic getaway.

Hotel Manisses is located at 251 Spring St, New Shoreham, RI 02807

Lavender Waves Farm

Lavender Waves Farm, South Kingstown, RI

What could be more romantic than staying in a luxury suite on a lavender farm? The Lavender Waves Farm is located on 14 bucolic acres near the coast. Home to 4,000 lavender plants, along with a small selection of barnyard animals, this luxury suite is built with reclaimed wood from a 150 year-old silo.

The bedroom features a four-post king size bed with an amazing view of the lavender field. Downstairs the open kitchen and living room also offer farm views. This Airbnb suite has been lovingly designed from massage jets in the rainfall shower to the amethyst geode sinks from Estonia. To top it off, your hosts also offer the option of a home-cooked, lavender-inspired meal for two in your suite.

Lavender Waves Farm is located at 3814 Commodore Perry Highway, South Kingstown, RI 02879

The Break Hotel, Narragansett, RI

This 16-room boutique hotel in Point Judith embraces a retro-chic vibe of the beach community. Close to Narragansett’s famous beaches and walkable to the Block Island ferry (and some of the best lobster rolls in the state), The Break Hotel is perfect for those looking for a bit of beach fun.

The stylish suites feature distinct touches such as fireplaces, heated bathroom floors, and high-tech amenities. Kick back and relax at the heated pool, enjoy a cocktail at the ocean-view rooftop lounge, or set out to explore the area.

The Break Hotel is located at 1208 Ocean Road, Narragansett, RI 02882

Glamping at The Preserve, Richmond, RI

Looking for something a bit more "out of the box?" Try glamping at The Preserve. This members only residential and recreation club also offers overnight stays in its treehouse, Airstream, or luxury glamping tent.

This lifestyle community offers horseback riding, zip lining, ATV riding, rock climbing, hunting, golfing, and even fishing.

The Preserve is located at 87 Kingstown Road, Richmond, RI 02898

Lionel Champlin Guest House, Jamestown, RI

This historic Victorian residence served as a tea room in the 1920s and has since been converted into an en-suite inn in bucolic Jamestown. Each room of the Lionel Champlin guest house offers an en-suite bathroom and access to common sitting room, where coffee/tea and light snacks are served.

Located steps from the main dining and shopping street, guests can explore this quieter island, including its many farms, beaches, and fabulous Beavertail State Park, or hop the ferry over to Newport for the day from the downtown marina.

Lionel Champlin Guest House is located at 20 Lincoln Street, Jamestown, RI 02835

Casey's Houseboat, Newport, RI

You don't need to travel to Amsterdam to experience houseboat living. Casey's Houseboat is anchored on the north end of Newport Harbor and offers stunning sunrises and sunset views behind the Pell Bridge. There are two bedrooms up top so pick your view!

The private marina offers easy access to town and the historic mansions, charming shops, and top-notch dining. Guests also have use of two single kayaks, just steps outside of the door. And if you do want to do your own cooking, there is a full galley kitchen and a gas grill on the dock.

The Lawn at Castle Hill Inn

Castle Hill Inn, Newport, RI

Offering some of the best sunset views in Newport, the Lawn at Castle Hill Inn is where you will want to sip champagne with your significant other, sitting in Adirondack chairs and holding hands as you watch the sun sink below the horizon. This Relais & Chateaux property is the epitome of seaside romance blended with historic elegance.

Castle Hill Inn offers 33 guest rooms and suites on a 40-acre peninsula bordering the Atlantic Ocean. The hotel offers a boutique spa featuring Farmaesthetics, using products grown locally. Fine dining featuring local cuisine is offered in The Dining Room, with more casual fare served on The Lawn. Nearby, guests can enjoy all the wonders of Newport.

Castle Hill Inn is located at 590 Ocean Avenue, Newport, RI 02840

The Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport, RI

Overlooking the famous Cliff Walk and beautiful Easton's Beach, The Chanler at Cliff Walk is the ultimate luxurious romantic escape. This historic mansion hotel offers 20 elegant guest rooms, each custom designed around a particular historical period or theme. On-site, you can enjoy the award-winning Cara restaurant and luxurious in-room spa treatments.

Nearby, you can tour historic mansions, stroll the entire Cliff Walk, set sail in Newport Harbor, or enjoy some boutique shopping.

The Chanler at Cliff Walk is located at 117 Memorial Boulevard, Newport RI 02840

Vanderbilt Hotel Lobby

The Vanderbilt, Newport, RI

Newport offers many historic properties, but this Auberge Resort Collection hotel offers the intimacy and luxury that make it special. Minutes from the Newport Harbor, the rooftop bar offers beautiful sunset views. Cozy even in the winter, the hotel offers wood burning fireplaces, an indoor heated pool, and a billiards room.

The loft suites make a perfect special occasion getaway destination, with a throw back to the Gilded Age that made Newport famous. Whether you enjoy breakfast on the patio, dinner in the restaurant, take a cooking class, or wander into town for a meal, the options are plentiful. See more full review about a romantic getaway to Newport at the Vanderbilt Hotel.

The Vanderbilt is located at 41 Mary St, Newport, RI 02840

East Island Reserve Hotel, Middletown, RI

If your idea of a romantic getaway includes wine tasting, why not stay at a hotel just steps from Newport Vineyards? The East Island Reserve offers 24 one bedroom cottages, 10 studio style hotel rooms and 3 suites.

Ideal for groups if you are traveling with other couples, you can also use the East Island Reserve as a home base for visiting Newport, exploring local wineries, or try adventures like the Rail Explorers or helicopter sightseeing tours.

East Island Reserve Hotel is located at 985 East Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842

No 1 Schoolhouse, Tiverton Four Corners, RI

Another unique stay, the No 1 Schoolhouse in Tiverton Four Corners was built in 1800 by one of the original founding families of Tiverton. The schoolhouse has been lovingly restored using period décor and historic schoolhouse memorabilia, but also offers modern comforts such as a large LCD TV, a working wood-burning stone fireplace, and central air conditioning / heating.

Guests can take a walk around the five-acre grounds past meandering streams and through the woods. It is only a five minute walk to historic Tiverton Four Corners, a quaint three-hundred year old cross-roads village with unique shops, restaurants, galleries, and famous Gray's Ice Cream shop.

Providence skyline from the Pedestrian Bridge

Hotel Providence, Providence, RI

Nestled in the heart of downtown Providence's Arts and Theatre district, Hotel Providence is one of the city's few luxury boutique hotels and the only one to be awarded the AAA Four Diamond rating. The hotel's 80 guestrooms and 16 suites have been artfully designed with antique furnishings and custom pieces by local artists.

Nearby, you can enjoy boutique shopping, galleries, the theater, and the many cafes and restaurants along Westminster Street. Or, talk a walk over to the Providence Pedestrian Street, enjoy a brew and local food trucks at The Guild PVD's beer garden, check out Providence's many murals, or hop on board a gondola or river boat tour to explore the city from the water.

Hotel Providence is located at 139 Matthewson Street, Providence, RI 02903

The Dean Hotel, Providence, RI

If you prefer something a little sexier and hip, plan a romantic getaway to The Dean Hotel. This historical building has been elegantly transformed into a 52-room hotel in the heart of the Providence's DownCity historic district.

The hotel is filled with custom furniture, craftwork from local purveyors and found objects from Europe and beyond. Its rooms are small and quirky, to match the character of the hotel. When it reopens, be sure to check out the Dean Bar. This discreet cocktail lounge and the Boombox karaoke lounge has quite the interesting history.

The Dean Hotel is located at 122 Fountain Street, Providence, RI 02903

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