

# The best places in New England to visit around Christmas

These destinations are brimming with holiday cheer.



You can follow a map of "Winter Lights" in Cape Ann this holiday season. *Melissa Cox Photography*

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For New Englanders who want to remain close to home this holiday season — but still enjoy the benefits of travel — many festive cities and towns are worth exploring.

The following 10 New England destinations are bursting with Christmas spirit, according to local and national travel experts.

## Wander through mansions in Newport, R.I.

Bring decadence to your holiday season by visiting a Gilded Age mansion decked out for the holidays. Newport, R.I., which recently ranked among **the best Christmas towns in the nation** by *Travel + Leisure* magazine and among **the most spectacular light displays in the U.S.** by Frommer's, is hosting its annual **Holidays at the Newport Mansions** through Jan. 1, 2023. The Breakers, Marble House, and The Elms are chock full of ornately decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, and fresh floral arrangements. The Breakers features a 15-foot poinsettia tree in the Great Hall as well as an outdoor light display.