

# New England vacations: 11 charming coastal towns in Maine, Massachusetts, more

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Bar Harbor is the perfect starting point for any family getaway to Maine, especially if you're headed to Acadia National Park. *Bar Harbor Chamber Of Commerce*

After months of hunkering down under snow and ice, summer and [early fall in New England](#) feel like a collective sigh. Families flock to the northeast's [lake towns](#) and coastal villages for quintessential New England vacations that go all-in on the regional charm. There's plenty of room for long, lazy beach days, hiking up cliffs along protected seashores and savoring those short-but-sweet months before temperatures plunge once more.

Don't miss these seaside villages and coastal towns on your next New England family getaway.

## Newport, Rhode Island



The 3.5-mile Cliff Walk combines the best of the Rhode Island coastline with the best of Gilded Age architecture. *Rhode Island Commerce Corporation*

Step into the world of gilded mansions and Gatsby-style glamour in Newport, Rhode Island. But the town is much more than tours of the [Breakers](#) or the [Elms](#). Go mansion-spotting by walking the scenic [3.5-mile Cliff Walk](#) or drive into town for the [International Tennis Hall of Fame](#). If you have budding music lovers in the family, don't miss the annual [Jazz Festival](#) or [Folk Festival](#), which both take place every summer.