

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

THE GILDED AGE & THE OPULENCE OF NEWPORT

MON-FRI OCT 3 - 7, 2022

Departures, as applicable, from Elyria, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Mayfield, Beachwood, Macedonia.

The Gilded Age in our country was a period of major economic change during the second half of the 1800s, with large fortunes being made in relatively short periods and, almost as quickly, many of those who were “very rich”, lost everything that they had previously made. This was also the time in our history where the distinction was made between “old money” and “new money”. During these times, there was an effort to amass “*material possessions*” more than “*spiritual values*”, also termed “*materialism*”. The writers of the day called out greedy industrialists and corrupt politicians, also known as “*captains of industry*” and “*robber barons*” as they endeavored to create monopolies in various industries including petroleum, steel, and transportation.

Newport drew in many residents who have been termed, by some, as the “*ultra-rich*”. These folks were over-the-top with their silverware that was gold plated, large diamonds and, of course, some ridiculously-large mansions.



All four nights of this tour has us staying at the Wyndham Newport Hotel where, upon our arrival, dinner awaits us. During our time here our guide will be taking us for a personal meeting with the “Grande Dame” of Newport and New York Society in the Gilded Age. We will be seeing Newport’s historic buildings and restored homes during our narrated tour in an area with so many points of interest as we travel along Ten-Mile Ocean Drive and the fabulous mansions along tree-lined Bellevue Avenue. Admissions are included for our various visits including The Marble House, completed in 1892, for William Vanderbilt. As big as they are, they were oftentimes called “*Newport Cottages*” by the locals. Much of the family’s money was made from their New York Central Railroad.



- 1.1 We will be enjoying the magnificent Newport Harbor and Bay as we cruise aboard the “*Coastal Queen*”. You will be seeing lighthouses, harbor mansions and forts at their “*picture-perfect best*”. Our touring continues at the Breakers Mansion, the grandest of the Newport “*summer cottages*” and built as an Italian Renaissance Villa. Then we will be enjoying a luncheon at Newport Playhouse Square . . . followed by a live show.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. This tour typically departs between 6 AM and 7:30 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Tour typically returns about 9 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

During our final day in Newport, a local guide will be taking those interested, on a “cliff walk”. Here you can enjoy the natural beauty of the stunning coastline with so much architectural history. This morning we will be touring Rosecliff Mansion, commissioned for a Nevada silver heiress and completed in 1902. Portions of several films, including “*The Great Gatsby*” and “*27 Dresses*”, were filmed here. An “Afternoon Tea” is included today to let us see yet another aspect of the lifestyle of this period. We will also be visiting the Green Animal Topiary Garden, located in Portsmouth. It is the oldest and most northern topiary garden in the country. This estate overlooks the Narragansett Bay and includes over eighty sculptured trees along with the other collection of topiary. There were so many fascinating stories, structures and events of the Gilded Age here in Newport, and you will see and learn so much during this expanded tour destination.



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Package includes 8 meals plus an afternoon tea



\$1424 per person in a double
\$1404 per person in a triple
\$1384 per person in a quad
\$1789 per person in a single

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