

# MANSIONS & GARDENS OF NEWPORT, RI

## Featuring:

- ❖ **Newport, RI Flower Show** – Rosecliff Mansion
- ❖ The Breaker Mansion
- ❖ The Elms Mansion
- ❖ Private gardens of Newport
- ❖ Green Animals Topiary Garden
- ❖ Blithewood Mansion and Gardens, Bristol
- ❖ Sonnenberg Gardens, Rochester
- ❖ Parker F. Scripture Botanical Gardens



*Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### ❖ NEW ENGLAND'S PREMIER FLOWER SHOW!



The Newport Flower show offers spectacular garden displays, flower competitions and a fantastic shopping experiences PLUS the bonus is that it is held in and around one of America's most beautiful and storied Gilded Age mansions, **Rosecliff**.

Rosecliff was commissioned by Nevada silver heiress Theresa Fair Oelrichs in 1899, and is modeled after the Grand Trianon, the garden retreat of French kings at Versailles. Boasting Newport's largest ballroom, Rosecliff became the setting for many of Newport's most lavish parties, including the famous White Ball in 1904.

**It offers a spectacular view overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and along the world-famous Cliff Walk.**

### ❖ THE BREAKERS:

The Breakers is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial pre-eminence in turn of the century America.

The Breakers opened in 1948 to raise funds for the Newport Mansion Preservation Society.



- ❖ **THE ELMS:** The Elms was the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Julius Berwind of Philadelphia and New York. Mr. Construction of The Elms was completed in 1901 at a cost reported at approximately \$1.4 million.

The elaborate **Classical Revival gardens** on the grounds were developed between 1907 and 1914. They include terraces displaying marble and bronze sculpture, a park of fine specimen trees and a lavish lower garden featuring marble pavilions, fountains, a sunken garden and carriage house and garage.



- ❖ **THE BLITHWOLD MANSION AND GARDENS:**

Located on beautiful Narragansett Bay, Blithewold is one of the finest garden estates in New England. Discover a dozen different gardens, specimen trees, and a 45-room English style manor house, all chronicling a rich social history of the lives of one family over a span of more than 100 years.



- ❖ **GREEN ANIMALS TOPIARY GARDEN** is the oldest and most northern topiary garden in the US with 80 pieces of topiary throughout the gardens, including animals and birds, geometric figures and ornamental designs sculpted from California privet yew and English boxwood. 88 acres of historic landscapes represent an outstanding collection of garden design, horticulture and early tree and plant propagation. Green Animals remains as a rare example of a self-sufficient estate combining formal topiaries, vegetable and herb gardens, orchards and a Victorian house overlooking Narragansett Bay.



- ❖ **SONNENBERG GARDENS**

One of the most treasured landmarks in the Finger Lakes Region, over 35,000 visitors have enjoyed the relaxing nature and beauty of its garden since 1973.

Much of the signature floral design and landscaping seen today at the nine formal gardens bears the imprint of local philanthropist Mary Clark Thompson.

**The Greenhouse complex at Sonnenberg**, built between 1903-1915, is one of the few remaining intact Lord and Burnham Greenhouses in the United States.



## ❖ **PARKER F. SCRIPTURE BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Dedicated in 1985 and rededicated in 1996, to honor a local nurseryman and former County Legislator, Parker F. Scripture, the Parker F. Scripture Botanical Gardens surround Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County and are situated on 15 acres of land owned by Oneida County. These community / educational gardens are maintained by approximately 50 Master Gardener Volunteers.



## ❖ **This tour will also include tours to Private gardens in the Newport area**

### **Tour Itinerary:**

Day 1 - We travel from the GTA – arriving in Albany in the later afternoon. Our hotel is ideally situated close to two malls; therefore, a little shopping and eating is on the agenda for the remainder of the day. Dinner at a local restaurant included. (B, D)

Day 2 - After breakfast, we drive through Providence – capital of Rhode Island on our way to the oceanfront community of Newport. The afternoon will be spent at the fabulous **ROSECLIFF** mansion – discovering the Newport Flower Show. Following the show, we will make our way (under 10 mins.) to our home for two nights. After checking in, we will end our day with a Welcome dinner at our hotel. (B,D)

Day 3 – After breakfast, we begin our discovery of the NEWPORT MANSIONS:

**ELMS MANSION** - This elaborate “Summer Cottage”, fashioned after an 18th century French chateau, features uncompromising collections of 18th century French and Venetian paintings, and Oriental jades. The Elms is surrounded by an elaborate Classical Revival garden featuring marble and bronze sculptures, fountains, a sunken garden and carriage house.

**BREAKERS MANSION** - The Breakers is the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in turn of the century America. Enjoy the views from this sumptuous estate, perched high on a bluff, overlooking the Atlantic.

**CLIFF WALK** - Enjoy this world-famous coastal walkway featuring the natural beauty of Newport's shoreline and the architectural history of the gilded age.

We will also visit some area private gardens. Dinner will be on your own – with a shuttle service provided from the hotel (B)

Day 4- After breakfast, we check out of our hotel and travel to Bristol to tour the **beautiful BLITHEWOOD MANSION and Garden**. A visit to the **GREEN ANIMALS TOPIARY GARDEN** is also on the agenda for today.

Lunch and shopping on your own in the charming New England town of Bristol, a water-front downtown village.

In the afternoon we bid adieu to Rhode Island and head for the Finger Lakes district of New York State. Our accommodation is at the ideally located Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse– directly across from “DESTINY USA” the largest mall in northern NY state. You can unwind at the Happy Hour at the Embassy Suite it's their specialty with plenty of snacks to enjoy OR walk across the covered walkway to the former Carousel Mall.(B)

Day 5 – After enjoying breakfast, we then head west to the **SONNENBERG MANSION/GARDENS**. Following this tour, we then head to Canada with a quick visit to the **PARKER F. SCRIPTURE BOTANICAL GARDENS. (B)**

Please note that itinerary is subject to change and adjustment.

**YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- One Night – Holiday Inn Express, Albany, NY
- Two Night's at the **ideally located** Wyndham Newport Hotel, Newport, RI
- One Night – Embassy Suites, Destiny USA, Syracuse, NY
- Four breakfasts – Two Dinners plus “Happy Hour” at the Embassy Suites
- Admission/tours to the items listed in the Itinerary
- Services of HNA Travels Tour Director – Margaret Dailey-Plouffe

**COST: \$ 1,149. (Canadian – no HST)** Per person/double occupancy      **Single occupancy \$ 1,549.**

*We apologize for the large single supplement, but this is a result of the high cost of the accommodation which is due to the excellent location of the hotels and the weak Canadian dollar.*

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$ 50. If fully paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**A non-refundable deposit of \$ 250. Is due upon booking – balance due on May 1st, 2019**

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*We will gladly take all your personal information; fully explain the details of the excursion and go over the pick-up points and travel requirements. A current Canadian Passport is required.*

**PICK-UP INFORMATION:** Departure locations will be determined at time of booking. This tour will originate in Burlington and travel eastward on the 401.

**Travelling more than** 80 km from a scheduled pick-up? We will share the cost of your hotel night prior to departure – yes, we will arrange your accommodation at a departure location and pay 50% of your hotel night, prior to departure (max. allowance is \$ 50 per room). Please contact the office for more information.

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