

# MANSIONS & GARDENS OF NEWPORT, RI

## Featuring

- ❖ **Newport, RI Flower Show** – Rosecliff Mansion
- ❖ The Breaker Mansion
- ❖ The Elms Mansion
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- ❖ Blithwold Mansion and Gardens, Bristol
- ❖ Sonnenberg Gardens, Rochester
- ❖ Parker F. Scripture Botanical Garden
- Plus – new this year.....
- ❖ The Exclusive ‘**BLUE GARDEN**’ of Newport



***Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020***

Expanded - now SIX days/FIVE nights

**THIS TOUR SOLD OUT IN 14 DAYS IN 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, Blithwold 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.



- ❖ **SONNENBERG GARDENS & MANSION**

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.



## ❖ New This year – the exclusive – **BLUE GARDEN of Newport**

Among the many notable gardens created by Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., and the Olmsted firm, the “**Blue Garden**,” designed for Arthur Curtiss and Harriet Parsons James, remains a unique expression of landscape art.

The Blue Garden today has been reinterpreted into a palette of lower maintenance blue and white flowering shrubs, perennials, annuals, and vines — all of which ensure that the garden’s unique ambiance will be sustained.



## ❖ This tour will also include visits to fabulous Private gardens in the Newport area

### **Tour Itinerary:**

Day 1 - We travel from the GTA – cross the border and spend the afternoon discovering the fabulous **SONNENBERG MANSION/GARDENS**. We then continue to Syracuse, where 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.

Day 2 - After breakfast, we drive through Providence – capital of Rhode Island on our way to Bristol – the home of the **beautiful BLITHEWOOD MANSION and Garden**. We then continue to the oceanfront community of Newport, where we will make our way to our home for **THREE** nights. – at the Wyndham Newport Hotel. 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 shore line 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 have an extra day in Newport – to sightsee – enjoy the waterfront – check out more private gardens and then in the afternoon – we have an exclusive tour of **THE BLUE GARDEN**. Dinner is then on your own – either at the hotel, or by shuttle to the Newport waterfront. (B)



Day 5 – After enjoying breakfast on our last day in Newport, we then head to the fabulous **ROSECLIFF** mansion – discovering the **NEWPORT FLOWER SHOW**. After lunch, we bid Newport adieu and head north - 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 6 After breakfast, we head for Canada, but not before stopping for a quick visit to the **PARKER F. SCRIPTURE BOTANICAL GARDENS**. We then head to Canada, arriving in the GTA in the evening. (B)

Please note that itinerary is subject to change and adjustment.

#### YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One Night – Holiday Inn Express, Albany, NY
- **THREE** Night's at the **ideally located** Wyndham Newport Hotel, Newport, RI
- One Night – Embassy Suites, Destiny USA, Syracuse, NY
- Five 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: \$ 1,449. (Canadian – no HST)** Per person/double occupancy      **Single occupancy \$ 1,999.**

*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 February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**OR A non-refundable deposit of \$ 250. is due upon booking – balance due on May 1st, 2020**

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**PICK-UP INFORMATION:** Suggested departure from Bowmanville – travelling west into Toronto/GTA with continuous pick-ups along the route to Buffalo. This is subject to change and will be decided by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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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