

# MANSIONS & GARDENS OF NEWPORT, RI

## Featuring

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



***Tuesday June 20th to Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

FIVE days/FOUR nights

**THIS TOUR SOLD OUT IN 14 DAYS IN 2019!**

## Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 - We travel from the GTA eastbound, cross the border at the Thousand Islands and enjoy a picnic lunch at the quiet, serene **PARKER F. SCRIPTURE BOTANICAL GARDENS** in Oriskany, New York. We then make our way eastward to West Springfield, MA. A welcome dinner will be enjoyed by all. (L, D)

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**. Upon arrival in the oceanfront community of Newport, we will enjoy a City Tour, plus visit some private gardens in the area. Then we check into our hotel. We then continue to the oceanfront community of Newport, where we will make our way to our home for **Two** nights. – at the Sonesta 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 shoreline and the architectural history of the gilded age.

Between “cottage” visits, you will have time to stroll the waterfront business section for purchase of your lunch.

In the late 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 4 – After enjoying breakfast on our last day in Newport, we then head to the fabulous **Marble House** 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 5 After breakfast, we head for Canada, but not before stopping to discover the fabulous **SONNENBERG MANSION/GARDENS**. Lunch will be served at the Gardens. We arrive in the GTA in the early evening. (B, L)

*Please note that itinerary is subject to change and adjustment.*

#### YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One Night – Hampton Inn, West Springfield, MA
- Two Night's at the ideally located Sonesta Hotel, Newport, RI
- One Night – Hampton Inn, Albany (Colony) NY
- Four breakfasts – Two lunches – Three dinners
- Admission/tours to the items listed in the Itinerary
- Services of HNA Travels Tour Director – Margaret Dailey-Plouffe

**COST: \$ 1,599.00 per person/double occupancy (No HST) – single occupancy \$ 2,199.**

A non-refundable deposit of \$ 400. is required upon booking– total due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

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

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

**Marble House** was built between 1888 and 1892 for Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. It was a summer house, or "cottage," as Newporters called them in remembrance of the modest houses of the early 19th century. But Marble House was much more; it was a social and architectural landmark that set the pace for Newport's subsequent transformation from a quiet summer colony of wooden houses to the legendary resort of opulent stone palaces.

**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. The 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 Private gardens in the Newport area**

*Itinerary is always subject to change.*

**READY TO BOOK?** Simply call us and you are on your way

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- ✓ *A current Canadian Passport is required.*

**PICK-UP INFORMATION:** This tour is travelling eastbound from the GTA. There will be a maximum of three pickets in the GTA and then pickups in the Oshawa/Belleville/Kingston areas – plus a possibly shuttle for the Ottawa gardeners.

Please call the office to discuss your pick-up options.

**CANCELLATION INSURANCE AND OUT OF THE COUNTRY INSURANCE is always recommended, please contact SANDERSON TRAVEL INSURANCE 1-877-226-8728 and tell them HNA TRAVELS sent you!**

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