



Newport History Tours

A collaborative program of
The Newport Historical Society and Newport Restoration Foundation



Group Walking Tour Offerings

Step back into Newport's Golden age through Newport History Tours. Stroll through exquisitely preserved living neighborhoods. Hear stories of revolution and ruin, struggles for religious liberty, and remarkable entrepreneurship among Newport's diverse people. The Newport Historical Society and the Newport Restoration Foundation are your sources for authentic Newport history. Join expert guides as we open wide the doors of history and invite you to explore Newport's central place in American history.

Discover Colonial Newport Inside & Out

Discover the remarkable story of early Newport - and its central role in American history - on this stroll through Historic Hill. Consider adding on a visit inside one of Newport's historic Colonial buildings.

Lantern Tour of Colonial Newport

Feel transported through time on a lantern-lit tour of the exquisitely preserved neighborhood of Newport's Historic Hill. The content of this tour is similar to Discover Colonial Newport Inside & Out.

Newport's Buried History: Slavery and Freedom Tour

On this stroll, hear inspirational stories about Newport's people of color. Inside the c.1697 Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House, see what investigations in the attic have revealed about the lives of enslaved Newporters. Then tour a burying ground featuring beautiful and unusual gravestones made in memory of African men, women, and children in the 1700s.

Old House ABCs Tour

Starting with a 1699 Meeting House and ending amid the Victorian splendor of lower Bellevue, this interactive walking tour features 300 years of architectural gems, in one of the best-preserved cities in the country. Learn to identify styles & date houses, spot interesting building elements, & pick up preservation techniques to apply to your own house or community.

Rum and Revolution Tour

From colonial taverns to Prohibition, this interactive walking tour is an entertaining & informative history of drinking. Newporters have gotten drunk - and very rich - on rum, a critical aspect of the seaport's history. Through jovial, authentic history-telling, learn about the changing role of alcohol in our culture.

Tastes of the Working Waterfront Tour

Taste, touch & smell your way through history on this tour of the Lower Thames Street neighborhood. Chocolate, spices, and rum flavored old Newport's kitchens and commerce. Explore the wharves where these goods were made and traded, while hearing lively stories about sailors & boatbuilders, smugglers & merchants, and working women & immigrant families.

The Other Summer Colony: Newport's Forgotten Nineteenth-Century Intellectuals Tour

Join us for a walk through the Kay, Catherine and Old Beach Road neighborhoods as we explore the lives of Newport's forgotten nineteenth-century intellectuals, artists, scientists and more.

History Detective Tour for Youth Groups, Schools or Families

Students in grades 3-7 can discover Newport's colonial history, its religious and racial diversity, its role in the American Revolution, and its remarkable architecture on an interactive guided tour. Students work in pairs to complete a worksheet, recording their observations in words and drawings.

Specialists' History Walking Tours

Tours on specialized subjects such as colonial craftsmanship, religious diversity and houses of worship, Newport scoundrels, women's history, or holiday themes are available. (Prices for the Specialists' Tours vary, call for details.)

Group Tour Details and Information

- **Cost:** \$10 / person (minimum fee applies). \$5/person for *History Detective tour*. Admission is complimentary for one group leader for each tour group.
- **Duration:** Each tour is approximately 75 minutes long but can be longer or shorter as needed.
- **Capacity:** Groups of more than 15 people may be divided into groups of 12 or less per Guide.
- **Flexible Tour Departures:** Walking tour departure options include the Gateway Visitors' Center, hotels in Newport's Historic Hill, the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, or the Newport Colony House.
- **Parking & Restrooms:** Complimentary bus parking and public restrooms are available at the Gateway Visitors' Center at 23 America's Cup Avenue; for directions and more information, see www.gonewport.com.
- **Accessibility:** Some sites have limited access for wheelchairs & strollers; call for information.
- **Payment:** Prices subject to change. A nonrefundable deposit (typically \$75) is due at least 14 days before the tour date; balance is due upon arrival. Payment may be made by check, cash, money order, Visa, or MasterCard.
- **Late Arrivals:** Tour guides will accommodate late arriving groups whenever possible, but tours may have to be shortened or cancelled in some instances.
- **Group Meals & Event Rentals:** The Newport Colony House is also available for rentals; call 401-846-0813.
- **For more information or to book a tour contact:**



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