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Next Stop, Newport

Get a dose of **New England** charm in the home of the Hall of Fame Open

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► For many, Newport, RI, conjures dramatic visions of America's Cup yachts and seaside mansions. But for tennis fans, Newport means the **International Tennis Hall of Fame**—where on July 22, Kim Clijsters and Andy Roddick will be inducted. That's the same weekend as the finals of the Hall of Fame Open, the first tournament of the U.S. summer stretch.

Newport is a favorite venue of many ATP players who enjoy mixing the sport with leisurely off-court diversions. If you're in town for the action this summer, take their lead and indulge in the city's fresh seafood, crisp ocean breezes and relaxed atmosphere.



Where to Eat

1. Breakfast

The Newport Shipyard is home to **Belle's Café**, where you can enjoy omelettes and breakfast burritos with a dockside view of the Newport Bridge and boats bobbing in the water. It's a calming way to start your day.



NEWPORT BRIDGE

2. Lunch

There are many lovely lunch spots in Newport. But for a true Rhode Island experience, hit up a seafood shack. **Flo's Clam Shack** opened in 1936 and remains the epitome of a fisherman's joint, serving fried clams and chowder.



FLO'S CLAM SHACK



3. Dessert

What's a seaside vacation without an ice cream cone, sundae or shake? **Newport Creamery** was the original milk delivery service in town; today it offers a full range of sweet treats and breakfast items. Try the "Awful Awful," a shake made of vanilla, chocolate, coffee, strawberry, mint and a handful of other tasty flavors. Despite the name, it's a delectable blend.

4. Drinks

Put on your finest and drop by the **Castle Hill Inn** for a cocktail on **The Lawn**. A drink (or three) from the comfort of an Adirondack chair overlooking the ocean is one of the best ways to spend an evening in Newport.

Wine aficionados, head to **Newport Vineyards**. The property, fresh from a multi-million-dollar renovation, sits on a hill overlooking Rhode Island Sound. There are 60 vineyard acres, a restaurant, a café, a tasting room, a tank room and spaces for live music.



NEWPORT VINEYARDS

5 Dinner

A new location for acclaimed restaurant **Stonesacre Pantry** in historic Washington Square highlights the Newport dining scene this summer. It will offer a seasonal and sustainable menu supporting local fishermen and farmers. The former space on Thames Street is still worth a visit, as it's now home to **La Vasca**, a Basque-style wine bar from the same culinary team. There, tapas and pintxos make great accompaniments to your beverage of choice—or go bigger with a paella or whole-roasted fish.



STONEACRE PANTRY

What to Do

1. Play

Court time is limited during tournament week, but **The Hall of Fame Tennis Club's** intimate, historic venue is a great place for a lesson or match at other times of the year. Hit on one of 13 grass courts for a unique experience.



2. Get Your Groove On

Newport Jazz Festival's lineup includes Bela Fleck & The Flecktones and Audra Day (August 4-6). Meanwhile, the **Newport Folk Festival**, July 28-30, will feature Fleet Foxes and Drive-By Truckers. More into classical music? The **Newport Music Festival**, with concerts inside some of the city's stately mansions, runs July 7-23.

3. Gaww

About those mansions: they could be straight out of *Downton Abbey* or Versailles. Take a tour for a closer look at Newport's crown jewels, which include The Breakers, Rough Point, Rosecliff and **The Elms**.



4. Stay

Not surprisingly, the classic New England-style inn is a popular choice in Newport, with good options including **Hotel Viking** and **The Chanler at Cliff Walk**. For a true resort getaway, though, summer visitors may want to consider **Gurney's Newport Resort & Marina**—it is the former Hyatt Regency, with a

top-to-bottom revamp. The resort has waterfront views, a full-service spa, a kids' club and, as of May, a new signature restaurant, **Scarpetta**.

For something a little simpler, **The East Island Reserve** in Middletown has 24 new one-bedroom cottages, plus traditional hotel rooms and suites.

5. Walk

Get your requisite steps for the day with a world-class view. The 3.5-mile **Cliff Walk** path winds along the backyards of some of Newport's most striking mansions, including the Ochre Court at Salve Regina University, with the ocean crashing against the rocks on the other side.





6 Learn

You can't leave town without a visit to the **International Tennis Hall of Fame**. The museum honoring the sport's greats was renovated in 2015 and offers interactive experiences like a trivia touch table and a Roger Federer hologram, alongside early US Open trophies and venerable artifacts.



7. Swim

One of the most popular of Newport's numerous beaches is **Easton's Beach**, a.k.a. 1st Beach. It has a playground and a merry-go-round for kids, plus refreshments, and is conveniently located at the start of the Cliff Walk.



EASTON'S BEACH

8. Sail

If you want to go big and authentic, spring for a yacht tour, charter or sailing excursion on Newport Harbor and **Narragansett Bay**. Options include schooners, fishing boats and America's Cup 12-meters. Then, enjoy a 'Gansett.



NARRAGANSETT BAY



9. Shop

The historic waterfront downtown is home to some great boutiques and antique stores. Take a stroll down **Bellevue Avenue, Spring Street** and **Thames Street** for a vibrant mix of fashion, gifts and homewares. **Bannister's Wharf**, the one-time hub of colonial Newport and modern-day marina, brims with eclectic shopping options.