



Rhode Island

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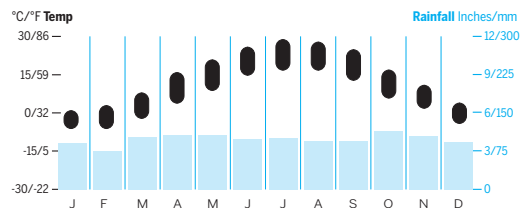
Why Go?

The smallest of the US states, Rhode Island might only take 45 minutes to drive across but it packs over 400 miles of coastline into its tiny boundaries. Quite a lot of this coastline takes the form of white sandy beaches, arguably the finest places for ocean swimming in the northeast. Otherwise there are islands to explore, seaside cliffs to walk along, and isolated lighthouses where you can either indulge in brooding melancholia or maybe hold someone's hand.

Rhode Island's cities (okay, its *only* city) brim with fantastic museums and galleries, gorgeous old neighborhoods, excellent restaurants and bars, all set within a beautiful and walkable urban fabric. Along the coast, you'll find seaside towns with cobblestone streets, colonial-era buildings, extravagant summertime resorts and gilded-age (and contemporary) mansions.

When to Go

Providence



June This is the Ocean State, so hit the beach.

July Newport's festival season is in full swing.

December Providence's Federal Hill comes alive for the Christmas holiday.



Rhode Island Highlights

- 1** Enjoying the close proximity of a picturesque town and a pristine beach at **Block Island** (p284)

2 Wiping ocean spray from your glasses while standing between the roaring Atlantic and gilded-age mansions on the **Cliff Walk** (p279)
- 3** Experiencing Providence's artsy side at **AS220** (p268)

4 Drinking a coffee cabinet at **Gray's Ice Cream** (p283) after a leisurely drive along the coast
- 5** Exploring the seriously charming streets of 18th-century **College Hill** (p264) or the seriously gaudy (but oh-so-delicious) restaurants in Providence's Little Italy, **Federal Hill** (p264)