

Rhode Island

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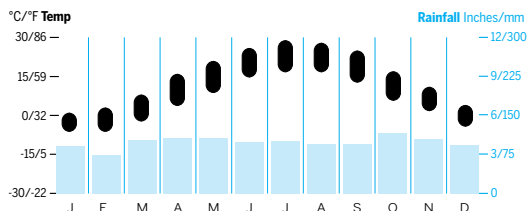
Why Go?

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 (OK, its *only* city) brim with fantastic museums and galleries, gorgeous old neighborhoods and 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. No wonder the Vanderbilts and their friends decamped here for summer balls and swimming. You'd be wise to follow suit.

When to Go

Providence



Jun This is the Ocean State, so hit the beach. In Newport, Rose-cliff hosts the flower show.

Jul & Aug Newport's festival season is in full swing with classical, jazz and folk music.

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



Rhode Island Highlights

- 1** Experiencing Providence's artsy side at **AS220** (p218) and the monthly art shindig, **Gallery Night** (p214)
- 2** Driving or cycling the scenic East Bay with stops for shopping and a quality coffee cabinet at **Tiverton's Four Corners** (p221)
- 3** Wiping ocean spray from your glasses while standing between the roaring Atlantic and Gilded Age mansions on the **Cliff Walk** (p226)
- 4** Slurping oysters on **Point Judith Pond** and beach-hopping along **South County beaches** (p232)
- 5** Kicking back with a glass of bubbly at the Portsmouth polo or a keg of locally brewed beer at the Folk Festival in **Fort Adams** (p228)
- 6** Getting back to nature: bird-watching, hiking and fishing on **Block Island** (p236)