

# Rhode Island

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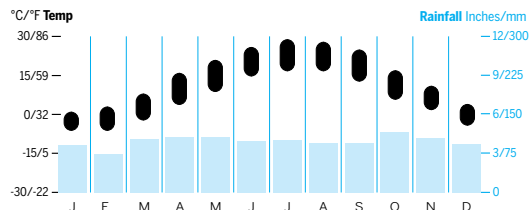
## Why Go?

Rhode Island, the smallest of the US states, isn't actually an island. Although it takes only 45 minutes to traverse, this little wonder packs in over 400 miles of coastline with some of the finest white-sand swimming beaches in the northeast, deserted coves, rugged seaside cliffs and isolated lighthouses.

Hugging the shoreline before heading inland, delightful resorts, quaint colonial villages and extravagant mansions give way to lush fields of berry farms, vineyards, and the horse studs of Middletown and Portsmouth. Rhode Island's two cities, Providence, of working-class roots, and Newport, born of old money the likes of which most cannot conceive, are each among New England's finest, brimming with fantastic museums, neighborhoods boasting utterly gorgeous historic homes, and an urban fabric of top-notch restaurants and seriously cool bars. It's no wonder the *nouveau riche* continue to flock here for summer shenanigans.

## When to Go

### Providence



**Jun** This is the Ocean State, so hit the beach. In Newport, Rosecliff 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 Cliff Walk** (p228) Gawk between the roaring Atlantic and stoic mansions of Newport's Bellevue Ave.
- 2 Providence** (p211) Wandering in and around the city's happening downtown core.
- 3 WaterFire** (p215) Witnessing the urban-revival spectacle of Providence's hugely popular festival.
- 4 Tiverton** (p220) Touring the historic charm of the scenic East Bay.
- 5 Westerly** (p234) Hitting the beach with the bronzed locals at Misquamicut State Beach.
- 6 Portsmouth** (p227) Sipping champagne while taking in a polo match.
- 7 Newport Folk Festival** (p228) Kicking back with a keg of locally brewed beer (not by yourself!) at this fab fest.
- 8 Champlin's Seafood** (p233) Gorging on fresh lobster in Narragansett before boarding the Block Island Ferry.
- 9 Watch Hill** (p235) Relishing the exquisite historic homes and architecture.