





# Connecticut & Rhode Island

## **WITH LAKES, ORCHARDS, VINEYARDS AND COASTAL CLIFF WALKS,**

Connecticut and Rhode Island pack a big punch – even though they're two of the smallest states in the Union. Connecticut's pristine scenery has been luring artists, celebrities and moneyed Manhattanites since the 1900s and it's easy to see what drew them here: a historic rural landscape, genteel pre-Colonial towns, clam shacks and oyster harvests. Just down the road, tiny Rhode Island sports a jagged coastline trimmed with some of the best beaches in the northeast, while the cities of Providence and Newport brim with museums, galleries and gorgeous old cobbled neighborhoods. No wonder the Vanderbilts and their friends decamped here for summer balls and swimming. You'd be wise to follow suit.

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## 7 Rhode Island: East Bay 3–4 Days

A historic drive exploring the founding days of America. (p95)

## 8 Rhode Island: Coastal Culture 4 Days

A meandering tour combining big-city culture with islands and beaches. (p103)

## 9 Quiet Corner 3 Days

Drive along a National Scenic Byway amid gorgeous pastoral scenery. (p111)

## 10 Connecticut Wine Trail 5 Days

Visit rural and coastal vineyards with a dose of modern architecture in between. (p119)

## 11 Lower River Valley 4 Days

Tour the Connecticut River visiting castles and cruising for eagles. (p127)

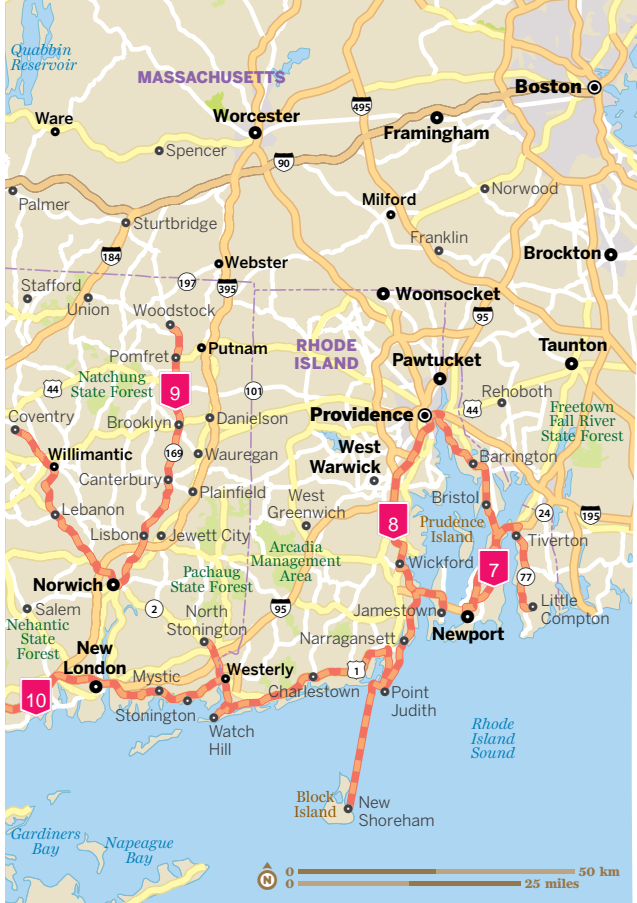
## 12 Litchfield Hills Loop 5 Days

A gourmet trip around the rolling hills and lakes of Connecticut's 'Hamptons.' (p135)

## Classic Trip

## 13 Fall Foliage Tour 5–7 Days

The ultimate fall foliage trip, featuring dappled trails and awesome views. (p143)



## DON'T MISS

### Polo in Rhode Island

Enjoy polo in Portsmouth at the Glen Farm country estate on Trip **7**

### Golden Lamb Buttery

Mingle over drinks, head off for a hayride and then settle down for a gourmet dinner. Reserve ahead for Trip **9**

### Jonathan Edwards Winery

Those in the know pick up lunch along the way to this 48-acre estate overlooking the Atlantic. Perfect for afternoon picnics on Trip **10**

### Philip Johnson Glass House

Tour Connecticut's newest National Trust Historic Site and one of the world's most famous modern houses on Trip **10**

### Bantam Cinema

Watch stylish independent and foreign films in a converted red barn next to Lake Bantam on Trip **12**



Block Island 'Gingerbread' house (Trip 8)