

LEADERBOARD



The Breakers, summer home of the Vanderbilts



Sailing away: a classic 12-meter boat



Tennis Hall of Fame

Newport, Rhode Island

No American city has a better golf pedigree than Newport. The first U.S. Open and Amateur were played at Newport Country Club, one of the five founding clubs of the U.S. Golf Association. But the town is better known for sailing—it hosted the America's Cup from 1930 to 1983—and as the summer playground of the Vanderbilts, Astors and their ilk. Fall is a perfect time to visit. The crowds are gone and the sailing, not to mention the golf, are ideal.

—Mark S. Murphy

GOLF

If you can't get on Newport C.C., **Newport National Golf Club** is a worthy alternative. The Arthur Hills design uses deep, grass-faced bunkers and firm aprons to create a challenge. Head west to **Exeter Country Club**, a Geoffrey Cornish parkland course, and **Fenner Hill Golf Club**, a layout that demands precise irons.

Thirty-five miles up Narragansett Bay in Providence is **Triggs Memorial Golf Course**, a restored 1932 Donald Ross muni.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Castle Hill Inn & Resort offers a restored mansion and beachside cabanas to go with spectacular sunset views. The **Hotel Viking** is a Roaring '20s landmark that recently underwent a \$7 million renovation. The **Chanler at Cliff Walk** is true to its name, sitting above the crashing surf. Or stay at an historic inn, such as the **Francis Malbone House**.

DINING

Castle Hill and **Chanler** offer formal dining that takes advantage of local,

seasonal ingredients. **22 Bowen's Wine Bar & Grille** is a first-rate steakhouse. The **Red Parrot** offers a Caribbean flavor. For the best burgers,



15th hole, Newport National

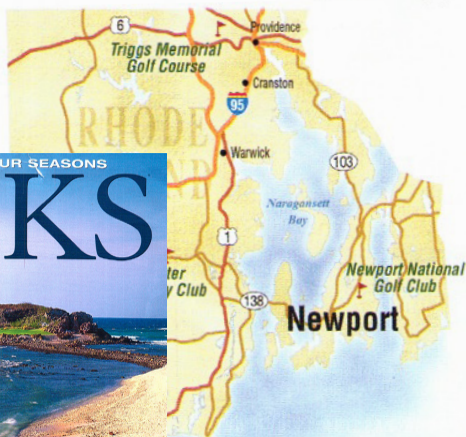
locals head to the **Caddy Shack** at the Jamestown nine-hole just across the bridge from Newport.

ACTIVITIES

Walking is *de rigueur* in Newport. Stroll and shop along narrow colonial thoroughfares like **Thames Street** and waterfront facilities like **Bowen's Wharf**. For a trek that's both more scenic and strenuous, take the 3.5-mile **Cliff Walk**, with the rocky coast on one side and Newport's famed **Mansions** on the other. You can also visit the **International Tennis Hall of Fame** or sail out with **12 Meter Charters** on an America's Cup boat.



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