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**NATIONAL TRUST COUNCIL TRIP
AND CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION**

NEWPORT, RI | OCTOBER 18-20, 2018



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THE CAMPAIGN FOR AMERICA'S NATIONAL TREASURES

We look forward to gathering the National Trust Council for the first time with our Board of Trustees in Newport—a city defined by three centuries of history and a striking sense of place—for a special weekend celebrating *the Campaign for America's National Treasures*. Newport's stark cliffs, abundant heritage, and Gilded Age splendor will provide a stunning backdrop as we honor the passion, vision, and dedication of the philanthropists who stepped forward to support *the Campaign* and help us create a stronger, more united nation.



WEATHER: Average temperatures in October in Newport are in the low 60s during the day with evenings in the low 50s.



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PREVIOUS PAGE: Newport Bridge, *iStock.com*

ABOVE, CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Touro Synagogue, courtesy Touro Synagogue; Blue Gardens, courtesy Blue Gardens; Whitehorn House, courtesy Newport Restoration Foundation

Touro Synagogue

IN ADDITION TO ITS EXQUISITE BEAUTY and design, steeped in history and ideals, National Trust Historic Site Touro Synagogue is a thankful result of one of the earliest preservation efforts in the United States. Dedicated in 1763, the synagogue was closed when all but seven of the city's Jews were forced to leave during the British occupation of Newport in 1776. When the son of the synagogue's original rabbi died in 1822, he left money to preserve the building in hopes that the building would be reopened. With the growth of its congregation, and after significant restoration, the site returned to service in the 1890s and stands today as an enduring symbol of religious freedom for all Americans.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

All times approximate; itinerary subject to change.

12:30–1:30 Office Hours at the Hotel Viking (Pelham Boardroom)

Since 1926, the iconic Hotel Viking has hosted nearly a century of celebrities and dignitaries with gracious hospitality and breathtaking views of Newport's Bellevue Avenue. Questions about the weekend? Stop by and say hello to the team!

Afternoon Tour Options *(Choose one of the following)*

CASUAL ATTIRE, COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES

1:30–4:00 Colonial Newport

Join award-winning architectural historian John Tschirch on a journey through colonial Newport. Visit Touro Synagogue, a National Trust Historic Site, and the Redwood Library and Athenaeum—both designed by Peter Harrison, who is credited as America's first architect. Explore Trinity Church on Queen Anne Square and the Whitehorn House's exquisite collection of Newport and Rhode Island furniture from the late 18th century—both lasting contributions of Doris Duke and the Newport Restoration Foundation to the preservation of Newport's rich colonial heritage.

2:00–3:30 Hammersmith Farm

Visit Hammersmith Farm, the childhood home of Jacqueline Bouvier where she and Senator John F. Kennedy held their storybook 1953 wedding reception and, during his presidency, retreated to the "Summer White House." The estate has been painstakingly restored to its original Victorian appearance by our hosts, Eaddo and Peter Kiernan.

2:00–4:00 Newport Gardens

Discover two of Newport's lavish landscapes, including an exclusive look inside the private Blue Garden, a *hortus conclusus*, or secret garden, designed by Fredrick Law Olmsted Jr. from 1911-1913, and private home and garden of Bettie Pardee, Parterre.

5:30–7:30 Welcome Reception

BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

Kick off our celebratory weekend with fellow Council members and the Boards of the National Trust.

7:30 Return to Hotel; Dinner on Your Own



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Rough Point, courtesy Newport Restoration Foundation; Breakers Stable & Carriage House, courtesy The Preservation Society of Newport County; Marble House's gothic room, courtesy The Preservation Society of Newport County

Rough Point

FIFTY YEARS AGO, heiress, philanthropist, and pioneering preservationist Doris Duke founded the Newport Restoration Foundation and championed one of the largest preservation efforts in American history. Her majestic Rough Point mansion, built by Frederick Vanderbilt in the late 19th century and purchased by her father three years before his death in 1925, was bequeathed to the Foundation upon her passing in 1993 and now serves as a public museum with an extensive collection of fine and decorative arts and a sprawling historic landscape with panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

All times approximate; itinerary subject to change.

CASUAL ATTIRE, COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES

9:30–11:30 Morning Tour Options *(Choose one of the following)*

Doris Duke's Rough Point

Experience Doris Duke's art-filled Rough Point mansion, now owned and operated as a public museum by the Newport Restoration Foundation.

McKim, Mead & White

Join Paul Miller, curator of The Preservation Society of Newport County (PSNC) and author of *Lost Newport*, on a guided excursion of the Isaac Bell House and other early commissions from the firm that would define the signature look of America's Gilded Age.

12:00–2:00 Lunch at The Breakers Stables & Carriage House

Enjoy lunch at The Breakers Stable & Carriage House, a property of PSNC. The 1895 stables were designed by Breakers architect, Richard Morris Hunt, to house coaches, 28 horses, and their grooms during the family's time in Newport.

Afternoon Tour Options *(Choose one of the following)*

2:15–4:15 Vanderbilt "Cottages" with PSNC

Explore the "summer cottages" of the Vanderbilt family, including two late masterworks of American Institute of Architects founder Richard Morris Hunt: Marble House and the Beaux-Arts Breakers.

2:15–6:00 Free Time/Explore Newport on Your Own

Take the afternoon to discover all that Newport has to offer—by sea for a perspective that can only be captured by harbor tour, or journey by foot along the famed Newport Cliff Walk. For more suggestions, see page 12.

6:30–8:00 Reception at Rockcliff, home of Ann and Samuel Menckoff

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Gather with the National Trust Board of Trustees at the home of fellow National Trust Council members, Ann and Samuel Menckoff. Designed by society architect George Mason, Jr. for T.F. Cushing in 1887, the Tudor style mansion was described in the New York Times as "one of the handsomest of the fashionable residences" in Newport.

8:00 Return to Hotel; Dinner on Your Own *(Recommendations on page 12)*



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Hale House, courtesy Hale House; Center for the Study of Hale Family Art, courtesy Ken Woodcock; Bellevue House, courtesy Ron Fleming

Hale House

COMMISSIONED IN 1873 as a summer home for “The Man Without a Country” author Edward Everett Hale and his family of artists and writers, Hale House was an anchor for the Matunuck art colony for the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 2006, the Pettaquamscutt Historical Society acquired the historic home from Fellow National Trust Council members and Trustee Emeriti Ken and Dottie Woodcock, through whose passion and generosity the house was renovated and restored to now serve the community as a historic site and cultural center under the stewardship of the South Kingstown Land Trust.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

All times approximate; itinerary subject to change.

CASUAL ATTIRE, COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES

9:30–11:30 Morning in Matunuck

Venture to the Barn at Weeden Farm, headquarters of the South Kingstown Land Trust, and follow storyteller and filmmaker Marc Levitt on the journey behind his *Stories in Stones* documentary about the Narragansett Tribal stonemasons whose picturesque stone walls have defined the woods and hills of southern New England for more than four centuries.

Fellow Council member Ken Woodcock will host us for a special tour of the Hale House, painstakingly restored to its original appearance and beloved place in the local arts community, as well as the Center for the Study of Hale Family Art, Ken’s private collection of art created by the Hale family and other local artists, housed in a purpose-built gallery building nestled near the Woodcock summer home, less than a mile from Hale House.

12:30–2:30 Lunch at The Dunes Club

Enjoy lunch with the National Trust Board as guests of Dottie and Ken Woodcock at the National Register listed Dunes Club overlooking Narragansett Bay. Built in 1939, the Dunes Club’s expansive Colonial Revival clubhouse replaced the original structure which was washed away by the New England Hurricane of 1938.

2:30–3:00 Return to Newport

3:00–5:00 Free Time

5:30 Cocktail Reception & Dinner: *the Campaign for America’s National Treasures Celebration at the home of Ron Fleming, Bellevue House*

FALL GARDEN COCKTAIL ATTIRE; OUTSIDE EVENT, PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY

Join the National Trust Board of Trustees for our *Campaign Celebration* at Bellevue House, home of preservation pioneer and fellow National Trust Council member Ron Fleming, to mark the important milestone celebrating all we have achieved through the success and your support of *the Campaign for America’s National Treasures*.

REGISTRATION » *plan your trip*



OPPOSITE: The Hotel Viking, courtesy the Hotel Viking

The Hotel Viking

THE HOTEL VIKING WAS OPENED by community leaders in 1926 to accommodate guests of the famous Newport “400” families during the lavish summer season and has hosted a who’s-who of events and high-profile guests throughout the years, including President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy, the Astors and the Vanderbilts, as well as military leaders and international dignitaries. The Hotel Viking is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also a prestigious member of Historic Hotels of America.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register for the weekend by filling out the registration form, sent separately. Costs for the full weekend are \$1,500. Fees cover on-site transportation, meals listed, tours, event costs, etc. Full payment is due by **Monday, September 10, 2018** and is non-refundable.

National Trust Council weekends are curated especially for the Council, and offer an on-the-ground look at the Trust’s work. Fees for these trips reflect the per person costs of providing the experience, and are not considered tax deductible donations.

GETTING THERE

Transportation will be provided throughout the weekend to and from all programmed events. We will not be providing transportation to and from the airport or train station for this weekend.

BY AIR: T.F. Green Airport (PVD)
pvdairport.com

BY TRAIN: Central Station
Kingston, Rhode Island Station
1 Railroad Avenue
West Kingston, RI 02892
amtrak.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Viking
One Bellevue Avenue
Newport, RI 02840



RESERVATIONS: 401.847.3300 or 1.800.556.7126

BOOKING GROUP: National Trust for Historic Preservation

RATES: \$199 October 18 and 21; \$319 October 19 and 20 for Standard Viking Suites; limited availability.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: **Monday, September 10, 2018.** However, we recommend booking your room as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS

Contact the events team at ntrivents@savingplaces.org or 202.588.6363.

NEWPORT » *a historical overview*



28,000 BC

Narragansett Bay is named for tribal descendants of Rhode Island's first human inhabitants, who settled the region and much of New England more than 30,000 years before their first European contact with Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazano in 1524.



MID-LATE 1600s

Founded under groundbreaking American principles of religious liberty in 1639, Newport quickly grew as a beacon of tolerance and opportunity for many religious sects who risked persecution in Europe and the nearby Massachusetts Bay Colony. By the time of the American Revolution, the community had grown to a major port city with congregations of Anglicans, Quakers, Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, and Baptists.



EARLY 1900s

Although Newport was a summer retreat for wealthy southern planters as early as the mid-1800s, the opulent summer cottages of the Gilded Age captured the American memory with new standards of luxury and recreation immortalized in society columns and the likes of Edith Wharton's 1920 novel, *The Age of Innocence*.



MID-LATE 1900s

By the 1960s, closures and relocations of nearby Naval installations had taken a crippling toll on Newport's local economy. As city officials worked to revitalize the city's downtown area, local leaders like Doris Duke, and Katherine and George Warren, rallied support to preserve the community's rich historic character, creating the thriving, definitive cultural heritage destination we know and enjoy today.



2018

In October 2018, Newport, a city shaped and defined by centuries of vision, ideals, and grassroots preservation, will host the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Trust Council and Board of Trustees to celebrate the success, accomplishment, and remarkable impact of their leadership and support through the \$200 million *Campaign for America's National Treasures*.

LOCAL PRESERVATION

The Preservation Society of Newport County

Founded in 1945 by Katherine Warren, The Preservation Society of Newport County works to protect, preserve, and present an exceptional collection of 11 house museums and landscapes in one of the most historically intact cities in America. Today, the private, non-profit organization is the largest and most-visited cultural organization in Rhode Island.

Newport Restoration Foundation

Founded by Doris Duke in 1968, the Newport Restoration Foundation promotes and invests in the architectural heritage of the Newport community, the traditional building trades, and Doris Duke's fine and decorative arts collections. Today, the foundation boasts the largest collection of vernacular architecture in the Northeastern United States.

TIMELINE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Stone walls at Weeden Farm; Touro Synagogue, *courtesy Touro Synagogue*; Breakers, *courtesy The Preservation Society of Newport County*; Rough Point, *courtesy Newport Restoration Foundation*; Bellevue House, *courtesy Ron Fleming*

AND MORE » *on your own*

Restaurants

White Horse Tavern: Enjoy contemporary fare in America's oldest restaurant, opened in 1673 and meticulously restored by the Preservation Society of Newport County in 1954.

La Forge Casino Restaurant: Take in grand views of Historic Bellevue Avenue or the oldest operational grass tennis courts in North America at La Forge Casino Restaurant, located on the grounds of today's International Tennis Hall of Fame.

The Dining Room at Castle Hill Inn: Pair an award-winning wine list with local ingredients and panoramic views of the Narragansett Bay from the historic Agassiz Mansion, built in 1875.

The Black Pearl Commodore Room: Sample a bowl of the world-famous Black Pearl Clam Chowder in the elegant surroundings of the Commodore Room at this historic Bannister's Wharf in the heart of Newport's waterfront.

The Spiced Pear Restaurant at The Chanler at Cliff Walk: Step into an intimate gilded age dining experience, with French, Italian, and Spanish-inspired dishes and an unimpeded view of the Atlantic Ocean, at this historic 1870 mansion-turned-boutique-hotel along Newport's famed Cliff Walk.

Activities

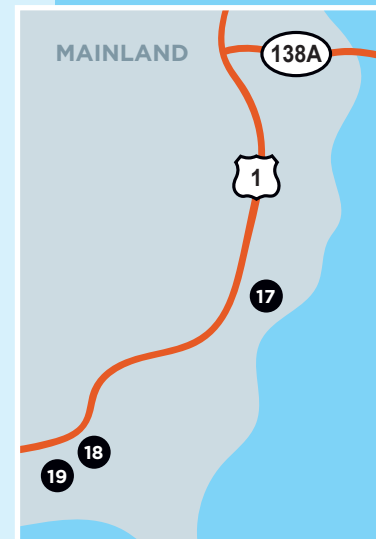
Preservation Society of Newport County: Experience more sights and stories from Newport's mansions and historic homes, including The Elms, Rosecliff, Chateau-sur-Mer, Kingscote, Hunter House, Chepstow, and the Green Animals Topiary Garden.

Prescott Farm: Visit the Newport Restoration Foundation's Prescott Farm, a 40-acre tribute to the agrarian heritage of Aquidneck Island with a kitchen and herb gardens tended by the University of Rhode Island's Master Gardener program and living laboratories showcasing the marriage of colonial horticultural practices with more modern gardening techniques.

International Tennis Hall of Fame Museum: Immerse yourself in the history and achievement of some of the greatest champions in the game of tennis or put in a match on one of the museum's 13 grass courts in the Charles McKim and Stanford White-designed Newport Casino, original home to the U.S. Open, before its move to Forest Hills and Flushing Meadows.

Newport Cliff Walk: Combine breathtaking ocean views with gilded mansions and rocky New England shorelines on this National Recreation Trail, designated in 1975.

Naval War College Museum: Walk in President Eisenhower's footsteps at the Naval War College, his "Summer White House," and explore Newport's longstanding history with the U.S. Navy, its expansive role in the Narragansett bay, as well as the art and science of naval warfare since ancient times.



POINTS OF INTEREST

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| 1. Touro Synagogue | 11. Hammersmith Farm |
| 2. Trinity Church | 12. Blue Gardens |
| 3. Viking Hotel | 13. Marble House |
| 4. Redwood Library | 14. Miramar |
| 5. Whitehorn | 15. Menco's Rockcliff |
| 6. International Tennis Hall of Fame | 16. Rough Point |
| 7. Bellevue House | 17. Dunes Club |
| 8. Issac Bell House | 18. Hale House & Gallery |
| 9. The Breakers Stables | 19. South Kingston Land Trust Barn |
| 10. The Breakers | |

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