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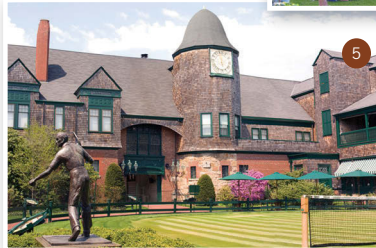
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- MUSEUM OF NEWPORT HISTORY & SHOP AT THE BRICK MARKET**  
*(circa 1762; donation)* 127 Thames Street. The perfect place to begin your visit to Newport's Old Quarter. This award-winning museum provides an engaging introduction to the area's rich history and beautiful architecture. [NewportHistory.org](http://NewportHistory.org) | 401.841.8770
- TOURO SYNAGOGUE**  
*(dedicated 1763; guided tours)* Touro Street. Entrance for tour program: 54 Spring St. The oldest standing synagogue in the United States is virtually unaltered since its dedication in 1763. Begin your visit at the Loeb Visitors Center and explore multi-media exhibits that tell the stories of colonial Jewish Newport and the origin of religious freedom in America. [TouroSynagogue.org](http://TouroSynagogue.org) | 401.847.4794, ext. 207
- THE REDWOOD LIBRARY & ATHENÆUM**  
*(circa 1747; members & students free)* 50 Bellevue Avenue. The country's oldest lending library in continuous use and America's first public neoclassic building, showcasing 18th- and 19th-century portraits, sculpture, furniture, rare books, and changing exhibitions. *Weekly programs – check website for details. Open daily. Circulating and special collections, exhibitions, programs. Tours Mon.-Sat. at 10:30 am.* [RedwoodLibrary.org](http://RedwoodLibrary.org) | 401.847.0292
- NEWPORT ART MUSEUM**  
*(circa 1864; members free)* 76 Bellevue Avenue. Housed in two historic buildings, the Museum offers eleven galleries of rotating exhibitions of American and contemporary art and works from the permanent collection, and an outdoor sculpture garden. Free multi-media tour of the Museum's flagship building, the J.N.A. Griswold House, designed by Richard Morris Hunt. Weekly tours, programs, and classes. Museum shop featuring arts and crafts made by Rhode Island artists. [NewportArtMuseum.org](http://NewportArtMuseum.org) | 401.848.8200
- INTERNATIONAL TENNIS HALL OF FAME AT THE NEWPORT CASINO**  
*(circa 1880; children 16 & under free)* 194 Bellevue Avenue. The architectural masterpiece of the McKim, Mead & White designed Newport Casino is a National Historic Landmark and is home to an interactive museum which showcases the history of tennis through a fascinating collection of artifacts and engaging exhibits, including a hologram featuring Roger Federer. [TennisFame.com](http://TennisFame.com) | 401.849.3990  
\* Present this brochure and receive \$3.00 off regular admissions at the International Tennis Hall of Fame
- WHITEHORNE HOUSE MUSEUM** *(Closed through 2017)*  
*(circa 1811; children 12 & under free)* 416 Thames Street. This rare Newport example of Federal architecture features a classically inspired exterior and a formal garden that is free to the public. Its splendid assemblage of 18th-century Newport furniture, collected by Doris Duke, is one of the finest in the city. [NewportRestoration.org](http://NewportRestoration.org) | 401.847.2448
- AUDRAIN AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM**  
*(circa 1903; members & children under 6 free)* — Designed for Adolphe L. Audrain by architect Bruce Price and built in the Florentine Renaissance Revival style, embellished with rich polychrome terracotta ornament. The Museum occupies the ground floor of the Audrain Building, showing thematic exhibitions of 15 to 20 vehicles at a time, rotating 3 times per year, drawing from encyclopedic collections of over 200 cars. [AudrainAutoMuseum.org](http://AudrainAutoMuseum.org) | 401.856.4420





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▲ Self-guided Tour Signs  
 .10 of a Mile



While visiting Newport's Old Quarter, park your car and walk through this living historic town whose culture and heritage still thrive. Explore its many sites preserved in time but alive in the present. Remember, some of these homes are private and still lived in today. *Admission fees and hours of operation vary for every property and season.*

1. Museum of Newport History & Shop at the Brick Market (circa 1762); *donation*



2. Touro Synagogue & Loeb Visitors Center (circa 1763); *guided tours*

3. The Redwood Library and Athenæum (circa 1747) — The first purpose-built library structure in America and the historic intellectual center of Newport.

4. Newport Art Museum (circa 1864); *members & children 5 & under free.*

5. International Tennis Hall of Fame at the Newport Casino (circa 1880); *children 16 & under free.*

6. Whitehorne House Museum (circa 1811); *children 12 & under free – (closed through 2017).*

7. Audrain Automobile Museum (circa 1903); *members & children under 6 free*

8. The Newport Colony House (circa 1739) — Rhode Island's seat of colonial government and state house, the Colony House has been used for public meetings, important trials, and religious and social functions. 401.841.8770



9. The Great Friends Meeting House (circa 1699) — This oldest surviving house of worship in Newport was built by the Quakers, whose "plain style" of living greatly influenced 18th-century life. 401.841.8770

10. White Horse Tavern (circa 1673) — One of America's oldest taverns still in operation. Open for lunch and dinner.

11. The Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House (circa 1697) — The site of Newport's 1765 Stamp Act riot, this house is a classic example of early Newport Colonial architecture. 401.841.8770

12. The Seventh Day Baptist Meeting House (circa 1730) — Newport's oldest surviving Baptist church; its restored interior includes an intricately carved stair and pulpit. 401.841.8770

13. The Newport Historical Society Resource Center (chartered 1854) — Research by appointment. NewportHistory.org 401.846.0813

14. Colonial Jewish Burial Ground (circa 1677) — Served as the cemetery for New England's Jews throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. See Touro Synagogue.



15. The Old Stone Mill, Touro Park (around 1660) — For decades the mill was attributed to Viking explorers, although it was actually built for the first governor of Rhode Island, Benedict Arnold (great-grandfather of the patriot/traitor), who once had lived near a similar windmill in England.

16. Casino Theatre (circa 1880) — Designed by Stanford White, the grand theatre entertained Newport's turn-of-the-century elite. Today it is a working theatre, managed by Salve Regina University.

17. Trinity Church (circa 1726) — The various shapes and sizes of its box pews reflect the individuality of the congregation's original members.

18. The Armory (chartered 1741); *free* — The Artillery Company, a ceremonial unit of the Rhode Island Militia, was chartered in 1741 by the Rhode Island General Assembly. The company in 1845 built the Armory, which is now a museum.

19. Newport Restoration Foundation (NRF Office) (circa 1801) — Located in the Wilbour-Ellery House, which Joshua Wilbour built around 1801 and quickly sold to William Ellery Jr., son of one of Rhode Island's two signers of the Declaration of Independence.

20. Additional Sights to See:

- Private Colonial homes of the NRF (circa 1700-1899); *private* — This collection of Colonial houses, owned and maintained by the NRF, represent early Rhode Island architecture. Visit NewportRestoration.org for more information
- The John Stevens Shop
- The Common Burying Ground
- Fort Adams
- Rose Island Lighthouse

