

# Gilded Age Christmas Tour



Planned by Rhonda Strutzenberg & escorted by Paula Templemeyer

**December 9-13, 2022 (5 days)**

***This tour will bring back Christmastime from a bygone era in both Newport, Rhode Island and Boston, Mass. Check out all of the detailed inclusions below for a "not-to-miss" holiday tour!***

## **Day 1, Fri. December 9.... (D)**

Meet the Northland Tour Guide at the Des Moines Airport by the Delta check-in counter at 4:30 am. (If you would like assistance with an overnight hotel near the Des Moines Airport, please let Northland Travel know and they can check on this for you. This pre-night would be at your own expense.) Upon arrival in Boston, we will be met by the motorcoach and then taken over to Newport. We will get you checked in at the hotel and then take you out to dinner.

## **Day 2, Sat. December 10.... (B,Tea,L,D)**

This morning you get a tour of **Blithewold Mansion and Gardens** which are adorned with Christmas décor. You will also be served tea and freshly baked scones. On the go lunch is provided. Then the group is off to tour the **Newport Vineyard** and get a behind the scenes look at their winemaking process, complete with wine tasting. After the winery, the group will enjoy an early dinner before going over to the **Breakers Estate**. This 70-room estate is right on the water and filled with holiday cheer. Then before the evening ends, you will get to visit 2 more mansions that are filled with poinsettias, evergreen trees, wreaths and Christmas lights while enjoying holiday music being performed throughout.

## **Day 3, Sun. December 11.... (B,L,D)**

This morning we check out of the hotel and meet "**The Grande Dame of Newport**" for a driving tour. Then you will enjoy a mid-morning stop at the **Marble House** where the floors are marble and the walls of the ballrooms are 22 karat gold. Lunch is included today at a local restaurant. After lunch the group will get a **Tour of the Elms**. This elegant French style chateau sits on a 20-acre site with beautiful resorted sunken gardens. Mid-afternoon we take off for our coach ride back to Boston and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

## **Day 4, Mon. December 12.... (B,L,D)**

This morning every tour participant will receive a beautiful Christmas stocking and be taken on a **Holiday Stocking Stuffer Tour**. Today will be filled with gifts and Christmas spirit as you tour many places. This includes many of **Boston's historic sites** where you also learn about holiday traditions in this area. You will get to tour private homes in **the Beacon Hill area** and meet the local homeowners as they host you in their home. This private homes tour will be a walking tour for about 2 hours on cobblestone streets between the homes. For lunch the group will get to celebrate the holidays at "**Cheers**" where you not only get lunch but also get to create/decorate your own gingerbread house to take with you. This afternoon you will be taken to the **Symphony Hall** in Boston to see the **Christmas Concert performed by the Boston Pops!** What an awesome way to end this day! Dinner is included today as well.

  
When situations arise beyond our control due to covid or any other unforeseen circumstances, Northland Travel and our staff reserve the right to make itinerary changes.

**\$2749 per person  
double occupancy**

**\$2999 per person  
single occupancy**

**\$2699 per person  
triple or quad  
occupancy**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**  
Active, with a  
moderate pace

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**Day 5, Tues. December 13.... (B)**

We check out of the hotel this morning and then go over to Quincy Market in Boston for some holiday shopping and lunch on your own. Then this afternoon you will be taken to the Boston Airport for the return flight back to Des Moines.



### Trip Highlights:

- Tour holiday decorated mansions on the east coast in Boston & Newport
- Newport Vineyard Tour
- Stocking Stuffer Tour in Boston
- Gingerbread Lunch at Cheers
- The Boston Pops Christmas Concert at Symphony Hall in Boston
- And so much more!

### Cancellation Penalty Terms:

From receipt of deposit to October 5 = \$50/person  
 October 6 – November 1 = \$600/person penalty  
 November 2 – November 16 = \$2300/person penalty

**On or after November 17 = non-refundable**



**PRO TIP:**

Travel Insurance:  
Available at a group rate for this tour. Call for details & pricing.

**\*\*Book by May 25, 2022 for \$50 early booking discount!**

**\$500 deposit per person due at time of reservation**

**Final payment due by October 5, 2022**

**Your Travel Experience Includes:**

- ~Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation in Boston & Newport
- ~Lodging for 4 nights
- ~Luggage handling for 1 suitcase per person
- ~Tickets/admissions to listed attractions
- ~11 meals

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