

EXCURSIONS from the SQUARE

NEWPORT & PROVIDENCE

MAY 28-31, 2012

In **NEWPORT** we will explore its beginnings as a bustling colonial port and visit its venerable Gilded Age mansions of the early 20th century. We have included the **BREAKERS**, designed by Richard Morris Hunt, and the **ELMS**, designed by Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer. Highlights of our stop in **PROVIDENCE** will be the 18th century **JOHN BROWN HOUSE** and the Museum of Art at the **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN**.

MONDAY, MAY 28 (MEMORIAL DAY) – Depart the Philadelphia area this morning by deluxe motorcoach for New England. A box lunch will be served aboard the bus. Driving north along the coastline of Connecticut, we will enjoy breathtaking views of Long Island Sound and a guided tour of **OLD SAYBROOK** where we will see the childhood home of Katherine Hepburn and the pristine and beautiful architecture in **OLD LYME**. We will arrive in Newport in the late afternoon and check in at the centrally located **NEWPORT MARRIOTT**. Dinner is included this evening.

TUESDAY, MAY 29 – This morning explore 18th century **NEWPORT**, a commercial epicenter for trade and culture and a refuge for religious tolerance. Enjoy a walk through well preserved **WASHINGTON SQUARE** and nearby **TOURO SYNAGOGUE**, the oldest synagogue in America, dedicated in 1763. We will visit the **REDFEARN LIBRARY** with its fine collection of colonial portraits and **HUNTER HOUSE** with its priceless collection of furniture, pewter, silver and ceramics. Later we will drive north to **PORTSMOUTH** to see the spectacular **GREEN ANIMALS TOPIARY GARDEN** located on seven acres along Narragansett Bay. Optional dinner plans have been made for this evening.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 – Stroll on Newport's dramatic **CLIFF WALK** running between the rocky beach and the mansions of the **GILDED AGE**. Among the grand "cottages" included in our tour today are **THE ELMS**, resembling an 18th century French chateau built in 1901 for Philadelphia coal tycoon Edward J. Berwyn; the **BREAKERS**, the summer home of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt II; and lovely **ROSCLIFF**, built by Stanford White in 1902, a home where Harry Houdini entertained the guests, and scenes from the **GREAT GATSBY** were filmed. An optional cruise in the Newport Harbor is planned for late afternoon.

THURSDAY, MAY 31 – Depart **NEWPORT** for **PROVIDENCE**, founded by Roger Williams after he was banished from Massachusetts for heresy in 1636. Our tour will include an overview of the city's diverse neighborhoods, with a focus on architecturally rich **BENEFIT STREET** and the elegant Georgian **JOHN BROWN HOUSE** with its colonial furnishings and decorative arts. Then we will visit the extraordinary museum of the **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN (RISD)** located in the heart of this historic district. Lunch is included before we depart for Philadelphia.

TOUR COST: \$1395 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is **\$335**. **THIS PRICE INCLUDES** three nights' accommodations as described including tax and portage; two lunches, one dinner; all sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary including entrance fees; and a pre-trip packet. The trip will be escorted by a representative from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**. **SPACE IS LIMITED** to 25 participants. Please complete the form below and mail it with a deposit of **\$350.00** to **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**, P.O. Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. We also accept **VISA, MASTERCARD** and **AMERICAN EXPRESS**. Ask about our special discounts if you pay by check. **FINAL PAYMENT** is due no later than April 16, 2012. Full refund may be made until April 16 less an administrative fee of **\$350.00**. Thereafter the trip is non-refundable unless a replacement is found. Trip cancellation insurance is available from **EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE**.

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