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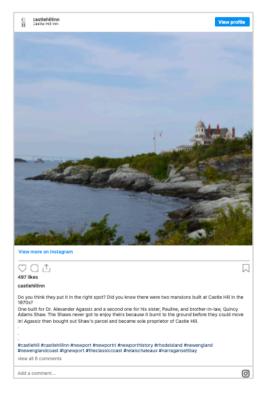
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Castle Hill Inn, Newport, Rhode Island

The first Rhode Island horel to be invited to join the prestigious Relais & Chateaux horel group, in 2008, Castle Hill Inn is a luxurious seaside escape steeped in rich New England history. A stunning waterfront rown, Newport has played vacation home to everyone from Grace Kelly (her favorite private beach is actually on Castle Hill's premises: she used to frequent it while filming High Society) to Taylor Swift, and with good reason: Its classic elegance mixed with beach-town charm draws you right in from the start.

Castle Hill's unique layout includes an original 19th-century mansion that offers seven guest rooms, as well as recently constructed bungalows hidden away on the beach for a more private feel. Stay in one of 33 upscale rooms or beach cottages while enjoying complimentary breakfast and afternoon tea as well as private beach access, and be sure to ask for a room with a gas fireplace and heated floors.



Don't pass up a couples massage in the hotel's signature spa, The Retreat, complete with local products from Rhode Island-based natural skincare company Farmaesthetics, and make sure to dine in one (or both) of the hotel's restaurants: The food is impeccable. With board games and hot toddies offered next to the lobby's wood-burning fireplace, you might never want to leave, but if you get the itch, ice skating at Bowen's Wharf is a fun and wintry experience worth having. Top it off with some hot chocolate and lunch harborside at The Mooring, or have a romantic Italian dinner for two at local spot Mamma Luisa (a personal favorite!)