

Christmas

in Rhode Island

VISITING THE TINIEST
STATE AT THE BIGGEST
TIME OF YEAR.

Saturday, December 26

Work: Pick up Charlene at 2:00, come home. Have something ready for breakfast. **Leave:** 2:30

Howard Johnson by Wyndham Albany

T: 6:30 D: 646 A: 9:00



Sunday, December 27

Wake: 5:00 **Leave:** 5:30 Eat breakfast in the car.



The Breakers - This is the last day for their Christmas event. First tour time is 9:00. Tickets in the email. This ticket includes the other two mansions.

T: 3:30 D: 330 A: 9:00 (opening) S: 1:45 L: 10:45



Marble House - Christmas decorated mansion.

T: 3 D: 1 A: 10:50 S: 2:10 L: 1:00



Chateau-sur-Mer - Christmas decorated mansion.

T: 2 D: 2 A: 1:05 S: 2:00 L: 3:15



Sunday, December 27

Newport Art Museum - Closes at 4:00. Free with NARM. Probably only worth visiting if we are running very early.

OR

Churches Tour - There are a few churches in this area that might be worth exploring:

- St. Mary Roman Catholic Church : Newport
- Channing Memorial Church
- Newport Congregational Church
- Trinity Church, Newport

Maybe do a drive-by to see if they look open first.



Redwood Library and Athenaeum - America's oldest lending library.

Closes at 5:00. Likely free to enter. Art inside.

L: 5:00

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers - Eat.

T: 48 D: 41 A: 5:50 S: 20 L: 6:10

Roger Williams Park Zoo - Christmas lights. No animals will be on display. No refunds based on weather. 5:00 to 9:30. Sunset is at 4:22.

T: 15 D: 12 A: 6:30 S: 1:30 L: 8:00



Econo Lodge Cranston - Providence

Here for two nights.

T: 12 D: 10



Monday, December 28

Wake: 8:30 Breakfast at the hotel **Leave:** 9:15

Rhode Island State House - Tour is at 10:00. Street parking (paid). There is Rhode Island Colonial Charter Museum which is about the charter that formed Rhode Island that opens at 8:30 in the building. Check this out first. (15 minutes for the museum/60 minutes for the tour)

T: 15 D: 16 A: 9:30 L: 10:50 (try to leave early from the group).

Lizzie Borden House - Tour is at 11:30. Tickets in email. We have the extended tour. Street parking or parking garage if house parking is full.

T: 20 D: 30 A: 11:20 L: 1:00



Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption - This is very close walking distance, see if it is open.

S: 15 L: 1:15

Lizzie Borden Grave - Hopefully snow is not covering it.

T: 7 D: 3 A: 1:30 S: 20 L: 1:50

Clouds Hill Museum - Tour for 2:30. Admission. Decorated house. Pay when we get there.

T: 36 D: 47 A: 2:30 S: 1:00 L: 3:30



Providence City Hall - It is nice inside. We can do a self-guided tour. Closes at 5:00. Paid street parking.

T: 12 D: 7

Monday, December 28

Wayback Burger - Get something to eat.

 **National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette** - Free outdoor lights. Go inside for a creche museum and a display on Galilee. Closes at 9:00.
T: 19 D: 20

Pawtucket Winter Wonderland - Likely free. Public outdoor light display in a park. Maybe a challenge to find parking.

T: 17 D: 13



Prospect Terrace - View the night cityscape.

T: 19 D: 12

Return to the **Hotel**.

Tuesday, December 29

Wake: 8:00 Pack and breakfast at the hotel **Leave:** 8:45

Benefit Street - Drive the entire length. It holds the largest collection of colonial homes in the USA. Consider walking it if it is nice. Also consider doing murals.

RISD - Opens at 10:00. Free with NARM. Street parking maybe an issue. Afterwards, go across the street to see Memorial Park and the memorials there. See if **The Edna W. Lawrence Nature Lab at Rhode Island School of Design** is open to get out the taxidermy.

A: 10:00 S: 2:00 L: 12:00

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church - We are driving by, so maybe?
T/D: a few blocks L: 12:20

 **Linden Place** - Closes at 4:00. Probably decorated for Christmas. Free with NARM. Self-guided tour.

T: 33 D: 27 A: 12:50 S: 90 L: 2:20

Blithewold Manor, Gardens & Arboretum - Likely free with NARM. Hopefully decorated for Christmas. Self-guided tours.

T: 5 D: 3 A: 2:30 S: 90 L: 4:00



Optional: **Sunset at Castle Hill Lighthouse** - Sunset is at 4:20. The only way we can do this is if we are way ahead of schedule. A few minutes walk through the woods to the shore.

T: 42 D: 29

 **Olde Mistick Village** - A tourist shopping area all lit up for Christmas. Stores likely closed but we can still go in.

(From Blithewold) T: 90 D: 91 A: 5:30 S: 40 L: 6:10

Tuesday, December 29

KFC - Eat.

T: 12 D: 12 A: 6:30 S: 20 L: 6:50

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T: 13 D: 14



Wednesday, December 30

Wake: 7:45 Breakfast at hotel. Pack. **Leave:** 8:30

Mural Tour of New London - About 1 KM of walking. Street parking. Parking lots are only \$2.

T: 14 D: 12 A: 8:45 L: 9:30

Florence Griswold Museum - Free with NARM. Opens at 10:00. Art museum. Limit time here.

T: 30 D: 35 A: 10:00 S: 60 L: 11:00



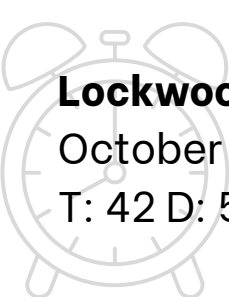
 **St. Mary Church of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish** - Street parking. Hopefully it is open. Founder of the Knights of Columbus.

T: 44 D: 55 A: 11:45 S: 25 L: 12:10

Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center - Museum on the Knights of Columbus. Free parking.

T: 10 D: 2 A: 12:20 S: 40 L: 1:00

Optional: **Unique Mural - Square with four circles** - Stand just right, it creates an illusion. Street parking. Do not spend too much effort to see it; timed event next stop.

 **Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum** - Guided tour at 2:00. Check in October for booking. 90 minute tour.

T: 42 D: 53 A: 1:45 L: 3:30



Basilica of the Immaculate Conception - Appears that it should be open. Check Google Maps for times since they seem to be closed and open throughout the day.

T: 53 D: 71 A: 4:20 S: 20 L: 4:40

Wednesday, December 30

Hubbard Festival of Silver Lights - Free lights in a park. Can drive through or walk.

T: 18 D: 21 A: 5:00 S: 45 L: 5:45



McDonald's - Maybe go here first in case Hubbard is not open yet when we arrive.

T: 11 D: 11 A: 6:00 S: 20 L: 6:20

Howard Johnson by Wyndham Hartford South – Rocky Hill

T: 21 D: 19 A: 6:40

Thursday, December 31

Wake: 8:30 Breakfast **Leave:** 9:30

New Britain Museum of American Art - Opens at 10:00. Free with NARM.

Parking on site. Charlene loves this stuff!

T: 20 D: 20 A: 10:00 S: 90 L: 11:30

The Mark Twain House & Museum - Free with NARM.

T: 21 D: 22 A: 11:50 S: 90 L: 1:20



Cathedral of Saint Joseph - We are close so let us give it a try.

T/D: short

Connecticut Museum of Culture and History - Parking on site. Free with NARM.

S: 60 L: 2:40

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art - Free with NARM. Find a place to park for a few hours. Closes at 5:00. Consider visiting **Ancient Burial Ground** first which is across the road.

T: 15 D: 6 A: 3:00 S: 2:00 L: 5:00

Subway - 6 minute walk.

Fireworks - In Bushnell Park by the Capitol Building. They go off at 6:00. This is the family friendly version so might not be as great.

Walk: 15

L: 7:00

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Downtown Albany New York

T: 145 D: 180 A: 8:45



Friday, January 1

Wake: 8:30 Breakfast **Leave:** 9:30

World's Largest Nipper Statue - We drove by it before. This time, get a pic.

T: 6 D: 3 A: 9:40 S: 5 L: 9:45

Vedder Family Cemetery - Read description from Atlas Obscura.

T: 25 D: 33 A: 10:10 S: 10 L: 10:20

VW on Smokestack - Might have been removed. Look up around this area. Read Atlas Obscura.

T: 22 D: 29 A: 10:45 S: 5 L: 10:50

Matilda Joslyn Gage Grave - Found in the central part of the cemetery. Related to the Wizard of Oz writer and inspired him to create strong female characters. Read Atlas Obscura.

T: 1:44 D: 171 A: 12:40 S: 20 L: 1:00

William Morgan Monument - Murdered or missing. A hero or villain. Read Atlas Obscura.

T: 1:57 D: 197 A: 3:00 S: 10 L: 3:10

Love Canal Disaster Memorial - Read Atlas Obscura. I remember this! South of here is the neighbourhood that we can drive through if it is not blocked.

T: 57 D: 87 A: 4:10 S: 20 L: 4:30

Harvey's

T: 30 D: 17 A: 5:00 S: 20 L: 5:20

Friday, January 1

Niagara Festival of Lights - Renew my parking permit at the end of November. Lights on at 5:30. Walk around and see these lights.

Fireworks at 8:00

S: 3:00 L: 8:30



Home

T: 2:00 D: 170 A: 10:30