

Time To Coast

KICK BACK AND ENJOY THE GREAT **FOOD, SHOPPING AND FAMILY FUN** IN AND AROUND WATCH HILL

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CULTURE & HISTORY

BABCOCK-SMITH HOUSE

Joshua Babcock, the town physician and future postmaster, built this mansion in 1734. It remains one of Rhode Island's premier historic landmarks. **124 Granite St., Westerly, RI; babcocksmithhouse.org**

BENEFIT STREET'S "MILE OF HISTORY"

Known for its impressive Colonial architecture, Benefit Street was home to the area's wealthiest families in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Rhode Island Historical Society offers walking tours at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. **Benefit St., Providence, RI; rihs.org**

COLONIAL THEATRE

With two buildings in the National Landmark Registry and a Shakespeare Festival entering its 20th season, this theater draws nearly 15,000 guests annually. **Wilcox Park, Westerly, RI; thecolonialtheater.org**

EUGENE O'NEILL THEATER CENTER

This landmark is home to the National Playwrights, Music Theater, Puppetry, and Cabaret & Performance conferences, as well as world-class performances. **305 Great Neck Rd., Waterford, CT; theoneill.org**

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE

This Tony Award-winning opera house has brought 19 productions

to Broadway, including *Man of La Mancha* and *Annie*, and still produces six musicals a year. **Goodspeed Opera House, 6 Main St., East Haddam, CT; The Norma Terris Theatre, 33 North Main St., Chester, CT; goodspeed.org**

GRANITE THEATRE

Though the 1843-built structure was once Westerly's "Christian Chapel," it now offers wonderful theatre. **1 Granite St., Westerly, RI; granitetheatre.com**

LILY PAD GALLERY

For over 30 years, this gallery has featured contemporary paintings, from Naturalism to Impressionism, and the owner stages regular exhibits at Ocean House. **1 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; lilypadgallery.com**

MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT MUSEUM

This tribe-owned museum holds centuries of Native American history in a 308,000-square-foot complex. There are permanent exhibits, galleries, libraries, a 320-seat auditorium and a gift shop. **110 Pequot**

Newport Mansions



Trail, Mashantucket, CT; pequotmuseum.org

MYSTIC ARTS CENTER

Founded by American painter Charles Harold Davis, the arts center provides exhibitions, a museum and adult and childhood education programs. **9 Water St., Mystic, CT; mysticarts.org**

MYSTIC SEAPORT

Home to four National Historic Landmark vessels, including America's oldest commercial ship, the *Charles W. Morgan*, Mystic Seaport offers a 41,000-square-foot research center, a recreated 19th-century village and modern shops and eateries. **75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT; mysticseaport.org**

NARRAGANSETT TOWERS

Constructed as an entrance to the Narragansett Pier Casino in the 1880s, the towers survived fires in 1900 and 1965, as well as three hurricanes. The restored structures are now recognized as Narragansett's good luck symbol. **35 Ocean Rd., Narragansett, RI; thetowersri.com**

NEWPORT MANSIONS

Seven of the 11 renowned properties are National Historic Landmarks. From *The Breakers* to the Marble House, Rosecliff and The Elms, a Newport Mansion tour is unforgettable. **424 Bellevue Ave., Newport, RI; newportmansions.org**

OLD LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

This lighthouse was used from 1840 until 1889 before becoming America's first lighthouse museum; it houses artifacts like a cannonball lodged in a hearthstone and a rare Congreve rocket. **7 Water St., Stonington, CT; stoningtonhistory.org**

SALT MARSH OPERA

This award-winning opera performs across southern Connecticut and Rhode Island, including some of Ocean House's most anticipated musical events. **65 Cutler St., Stonington, CT; saltmarshopera.org**

SETTLER'S ROCK

A Block Island vacation isn't complete without the view from Settler's Rock, erected on the 250th anniversary of the island's settlement. **Corn Neck Road, Block Island, RI**

SMITH'S CASTLE

The first Smith's Castle was burned in a 1675 conflict, but the current structure, erected in 1678, serves as an information hub of Rhode Island history. There are tours of the grounds and gardens, plus a museum. **55 Richard Smith Dr., North Kingstown, RI; smithscastle.org**

SUMMER POPS

Over 25,000 gather for this late-June performances by the Chorus of Westerly and the Boston Festival Orchestra, along with subsequent Grucci fireworks. **Wilcox Park, Westerly, RI; chorusofwesterly.org**

THEATRE BY THE SEA

This historic theater offers a subscription musical series and a children's festival. **364 Cards Pond Rd., Wakefield, RI; theatrebymythesea.biz**

WATCH HILL LIGHTHOUSE & MUSEUM

Commissioned in 1806 by Thomas Jefferson, the lighthouse has seen centuries of coastal history. Its museum houses artifacts, such as the original Fresnel light. **Lighthouse Rd., Watch Hill, RI; watchhilllighthousekeepers.org**

WESTERLY ARMORY

This 1901 armory was abandoned by the National Guard in 1996. Now it's a local museum (in the National Register of Historic Places) that hosts weddings and poultry shows. **8 Dixon St., Westerly, RI; westerlyarmory.com**

WICKFORD VILLAGE

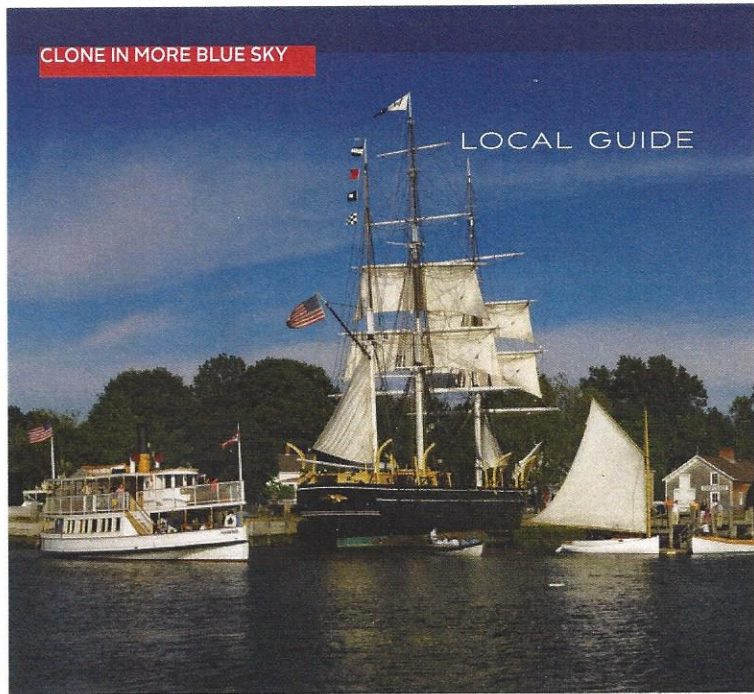
This village offers a taste of New England as it was centuries ago. **55 Brown St., North Kingstown, RI; wickfordvillage.org**

WILCOX PARK

This pastoral landscape is an oasis amid Westerly's bustling downtown. **44 Broad St., Westerly, RI; westerlylibrary.org/park**

CLONE IN MORE BLUE SKY

LOCAL GUIDE



Mystic Seaport

SHOPPING

A SUMMER PLACE

You'll find a variety of tablecloths, rugs, serving plates and other hostess gifts here. There are also beach-friendly Bali handbags and various home décor items that make for great keepsakes. **104 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; asummerplacewatchhill.com**

BANK SQUARE BOOKS

Mystic's Bank Square Books has an expansive selection of titles, boasts a plethora of events and programs and has recently expanded to Westerly. **53 W. Main St., Mystic, CT; 10 Canal St., Westerly, RI; banksquarebooks.com**

BARRECOAST BOUTIQUE + STUDIO

For fitness buffs, this boutique and studio specializes in barre fitness and power yoga. After a rigorous workout, shop the selection of workout clothing and accessories from brands like Pheel at the store's boutique. **Merchants Square, 55 Beach St., Westerly, RI; barrecoast.com**

BAY BREEZE INTERIORS

It's been the go-to destination for unique gifts, beach-casual antiques and nautical rarities for more than 20 years. The shop features Simon

Pearce, Nambe and Mariposa in its wedding registry. **84 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-348-0722**

BREEZY'S

Along with sister store Tami-Ann's, Breezy's is a family-owned business who specializes in unique clothing for men and women. Don't forget to check out their trendy accessories for women on the way to the register. **54 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; (401) 207-6544**

BOOK BARN

One of the most renowned used bookstores in the country, the Book Barn has been thriving for three decades. With over 500,000 books spanning four Niantic locations, this is a bucket-list stop for bibliophiles. **Main Barn, 41 W. Main St., Niantic, CT; bookbarnniantic.com**

CATE CHARLES GALLERY

Kimberly Charles recently moved her gallery from Stonington, Connecticut, to Providence, Rhode Island. She represents new and established artists working in a variety of mediums, specializing in contemporary realism and abstract. Charles also assists private collectors and offers

curating services. **251 South Main St., Providence, RI; catecharlesgallery.com**

CHRISTINA LTD.

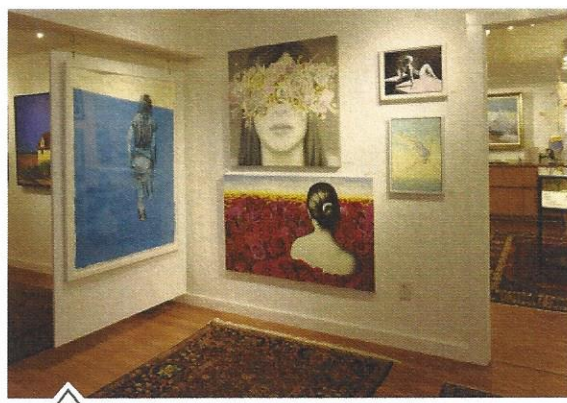
Husband-and-wife proprietors Jamie and Christina Pimenthal have been providing customers with a bohemian, eclectic mix of clothing and accessories for nearly 25 years. Free People, Eliza B. and Lily Pulitzer are just a few of the brands available. **119 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 1 Railroad Ave., Westerly, RI; christinaltd.com**

CHRISTINA STANKARD JEWELRY

Utilizing her early career work as a painter, Stankard focuses on color palette chiefly when designing and building her jewelry. Every piece is handmade in her Brooklyn studio, and every gemstone is handpicked. **100 Bay St., Watch Hill; christinastankard.com**

CLAD IN

Clad In stores carry designers both domestic, such as Saundra Messinger and Bryn Walker, and international alike, with goods ranging from resort wear to evening attire. Shoes and accessories are available, too. **497 Angell St., Providence, RI; 158 Water**



THE CHARLESTOWN GALLERY

This gallery is best known for its regional, contemporary American art in multiple mediums, in business for over two decades now. Works include paintings, sculptures and photography. Home and office consultations for collectors are available. **5000 S. County Trail, Charlestown, RI; charlestowngalleryri.com**

St., Stonington, CT; 32 Friendship St., Westerly, RI; cladin.com

COPPOLA'S OF WATCH HILL

This mother-and-daughter-owned seasonal boutique offers women's clothing (including dresses for all seasons), shoes, jewelry and accessories, from dressy to casual. **97 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; shopcoppolas.com**

DIANE'S BEACHWEAR

The behemoth, global beachwear retailer offers everything from bikinis, to hats, to bags and accessories. Brands such as Koa Swim, Karla Colletto, Seafoolly, Maaji and more are available here. **128 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; (401) 596-3338**

ELIZABETH MCKAY

Since 2006, Elizabeth McKay's luxury clothing brand has exploded globally. McKay's form-fitting designs flatter with simple cuts and vintage-style details. If you're looking for clothing that can go from day to evening, it's here. **101 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; emckay.com**

GALAPAGOS BOUTIQUE

Stop in at Galapagos and shop the latest men's and women's styles from designers such as Alice and Olivia, Rebecca Minkoff and Ingenua at this award-winning boutique. Accessories include handbags and footwear, for both low-key afternoons and glammed-up evenings. **5193 Old Post Rd., Charlestown, RI; shopgalapagos.com**

GRAND & WATER ANTIQUES

This antique store, more clout than clutter, offers a large selection of fine furniture and accessories from local estates, including a collection of silver. Browse crystal lamps, vintage chairs and reupholstered sofas. **147 Water St., Stonington, CT; grandandwater.com**

GRAY GOOSE COOKERY

This retailer of professional-grade cookware, cutlery, bakeware and kitchen appliances carries Le Creuset, Mauviel and Cuisinart among others. Cooking classes are available, as well. **27 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; graygoosecooking.com**

HIGHPOINT HOME

Rhode Island native Kaitlin Smith, opened shop after half a decade of working in Manhattan's fashion industry. The store is filled with vintage pieces she finds in her travels. Furniture and accessories are up-cycled with new fabrics and fresh paint. The Watch Hill location is seasonal; the Essex store is year-round. **6 Fort Hill Rd., Watch Hill, RI; 55 Main St., Essex, CT; highpointhomedecor.com**

HOPE & SUNDRIES

This contemporary general store brings some of New England's best home goods, specialty foods and keepsakes to Watch Hill; it's also a perfect spot to stock up for a gourmet picnic or to find a great hostess gift. **103 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; hope-and-sundries.com**

HUNGRY PALETTE

This 50-year-old business is

HUXTER

The brainchild of Read McKendree and Sam Angello, Huxter is quintessential New England coastal garb where, as the company slogan states, "luxury meets utility." Huxter's products are a love letter to the waterfront lifestyle. **147 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; huxtergoods.com**



housed in an old Victorian-style building, filled with hand-printed fabrics by owner Sandra Loveland Bragdon. The designer's ready-to-wear clothing is here, too, including skirts, shirts, capris and sweaters. **105 Water St., Stonington, CT; hungrypalette.com**

ISLAND OUTFITTERS

This popular retailer, with locations in Newport, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod and Connecticut also has a presence in Watch Hill. Shop the brand's exclusive Holebrook collection, as well as Vineyard Vines and more. **109 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; islandoutfitters.com**

JAN'S BOUTIQUE

This family-owned, 6,000 square-foot superstore offers the largest selection of evening and formal wear on the east coast. Serving Rhode Island since 1974, Jan's features over 4,000 gowns and special occasion dresses, from sizes 0-26. **2 Fort Rd., Watch Hill, RI; (401) 348-8306**

JC'S OF WATCH HILL

This bathing suit boutique—with sandals, hats and beach bags available, too—carries more than 30 designers.

Resort-worthy brands in all sizes makes this store the place for a myriad of sunbathers. **62 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-348-8415**

LIZA J

This clothing retailer has hats, scarves and clothing and jewelry accessories galore. Whether you're looking to stay warm, or beat the heat, regardless of season, Liza J has you covered. **110 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; (401) 596-5492**

LOLO

This clothing and accessories store couples whimsy with pop art. Finds include colorful beach bags, wallets, clothing and sunglasses. Also, check out the store of newly-founded sister brand, Sweet Lolo, at 114 Bay St. **94 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; lolowatchhill.com**

OCEAN HOUSE BOUTIQUE

Be sure to visit Ocean House's off-site boutique on Bay Street, featuring fine service and high-quality products. Enjoy fresh coffee and baked treats while shopping a selection of home goods (pillows, plates, tablecloths, glassware), art, clothing and collectibles. **31 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-584-7110**

PERFECT PINEAPPLE

This shop offers distinctive jewelry and gifts. Look for Swarovski crystal pineapples and vintage jewelry remade into modern pieces. Don't skip out on the druzy pendants, rings or art glass. Gem and jewelry maintenance and repair services are offered, too. **60 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-596-2405**

R.A. GEORGETTI & CO.

From personal keepsakes to housewarming gifts, this store's motto is that their goods will "brighten the home and your day." Luxury brands include Simon Pearce, Swarovski and Wilhem Schweizer. **27 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; georgetti.com**

ROCHELLE'S BOUTIQUE

Personalized service is this women's boutique's specialty. The one-stop-shop, with a Watch Hill location, carries clothing, jewelry, shoes and handbags from around the globe. **117 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 11 Cottrell St., Mystic, CT; 401-596-1035; rochette-s.shoptiques.com**

SEAPORT STUDIOS

This women's clothing and accessory shop, with three locations along Bay Street, offers beach and loungewear for women, including sandals and accessories. Designers include Billabong, Roxy, Nick & Mo and others. **106, 118 and 122 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; seaportstudioswatchhill.com**

SMITH'S HOLIDAY HOUSE

Whether it's a holiday gift or a vacation souvenir, Smith's Holiday House has a keepsake for all occasions. The Watch Hill location is open May through October, but the Westerly store welcomes shoppers year-round. **58 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 45 High St., Westerly, RI; smithsholidayhouse.com**

SPECIAL-T SHOP

Though customers shop here for the personalized t-shirts and sweatshirts, there are gift items for the kids to bring home, including shells, mugs and sandals. **66 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-596-6118**

SMALL AXE

This handcrafted glasswork company has locations in Rhode Island and Virginia. If you're looking for gorgeous glass earrings,



GABRIELLE'S ORIGINALS

This shop, open April through December, has been a Watch Hill retail staple since 1951. It's the go-to place for clothing for children, from infants to age 14, and it's also a good place to find gifts for newborns, like organic burping cloths and handcrafted nautical sweaters. There's a shower registry for new moms, too. **4 Fort Rd., Westerly, RI; 119 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-348-8986**

ornaments, vases or animals, this is your spot. Open May to mid-October. **149 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; (401) 348-1050**

STONINGTON JEWELRY AT CANNON SQUARE

The Stephen Salomonson-owned store specializes in South Sea, Tahitian and Akoya pearls. There is plenty of jewelry at various price points and the shop does custom design and repairs. **67 Water St., Stonington, CT; 860-535-9898**

SUNGLASS SHOP OF WATCH HILL

Whether you're looking for Ray-Bans, Coach, Kate Spade, Costa Del Mar, Maui Jim, Native or Blvgari sunglasses, the Sunglass Shop has you covered. **105 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-596-1041**

TAMI-ANN'S

This fashion-forward store is an area mainstay for dresses of all styles and occasions, including formal, casual and professional, with a selection for women of all ages. They recently expanded to include a men's section, also. **54 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-596-1100**

THE VELVET MILL

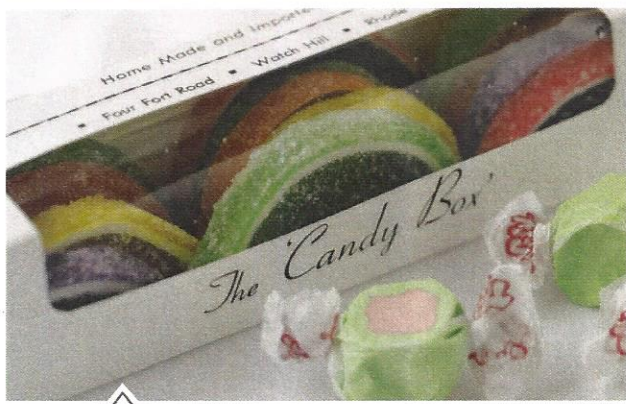
This late-19th-century velvet mill is now a showcase for Rhode Island artists' innovative mixed media, jewelry, paintings, sculpture and more. There are glassblowing demonstrations and weaving and painting lessons. **22 Bayview Ave., Stonington, CT; thevelvetmill.com**

THREE ISLANDS

This clothing retailer is the brainchild of Rhode Island's Phil Barney and Justin Goff, who opened the store after a trip to Bali. Their swim and sportswear collections blend tropical American styles. **99 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; threeislandslifestyle.com**

WH2O

WH2O co-owner Georgia Jones grew up in the legendary Olympia Tea Room, owned and operated by her parents, Jack and Marcia Felber. WH2O sells upscale jewelry (EF Collection, Dean Davidson and more), home goods (LAFCO Candles and Vagabond House) and accessories (White + Warren, Seabags and more), all inspired by Watch Hill. **92 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; wh2ocollection.com**



THE CANDY BOX

This impressively-inventoried confectioner, a must-stop for those with a sweet tooth, has been a Watch Hill staple since it opened in 1955. There's a selection of fudge, chocolates (including sugar-free), almond butter crunch, pecan caramel patties, gummy candies and more. Custom orders are available for weddings, baby showers, anniversaries and other occasions. **14 Fort Rd., Watch Hill, RI; candyboxwatchhill.com**

TOP AND BOTTOM: GEORGE ROSS

CULINARY

CASUAL
UPSCALE

SEAFOOD

22 BOWEN'S WINE BAR & GRILLE

This steakhouse and high-end seafood restaurant sources local ingredients and offers gluten-free options, private rooms and hundreds of wines. The Seafood Pappardelle—with shrimp, salmon, lobster, leek, crimini mushrooms, tarragon-brandy cream and chervil gremolata—is a must-try. Located right on the water, the view can't be beat. **22 Bowen's Wharf, Newport, RI; 22bowens.com**

DOG WATCH CAFÉ

Overlooking the Dodson Boatyard—with an eclectic mix of meats and fish—the Dog Watch Café is perfect for a casual evening out. The saffron-infused Bouillabaisse is worth the trip alone. **194 Water St., Stonington, CT; dogwatchcafe.com**

GEORGE'S OF GALILEE

Located on the crest of Block

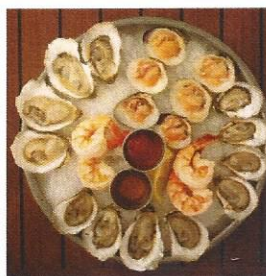
Island Sound since 1948, this restaurant boasts an impressive seafood menu and waterside patio. Bourbon Salmon, Lobster Verano and Galilee Style lobster, baked and stuffed with scallops and shrimp and topped with lobster bisque, are a few of the mouth-watering finds. **Hill Cove Road, Port of Galilee, RI; georgesofgalilee.com**

MATUNUCK OYSTER BAR

The "farm-to-table, pond-to-plate" motto runs deep at Perry Raso's Matunuck Oyster Bar. Food is sourced from the vegetable and oyster farm beyond the eatery's doors (farm tours are available, too). Grab a seat on the waterfront dining terrace just feet from where the oysters are being caught. **629 Succotash Rd., S. Kingstown, RI; rhodyoysters.com**

S&P OYSTER COMPANY

S&P provides downtown Mystic with award-winning fare right on the Mystic River. Try the awesome



yellowfin tuna guacamole, or seafood tower comprised of Blue Point oysters, littleneck clams and jumbo shrimp. **1 Holmes St., Mystic, CT; sp-oyster.com**

THE SEA GOOSE

Located right between Stonington and Point Judith, the Sea Goose has access to some of the world's best seafood. The result is a selection of spectacular dishes such as the Sea Goose Seafood Stew, which combines lobster, shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels and calamari in a saffron tomato broth. **265 Post Rd., Westerly, RI; theseagoose.com**

SUSHI

GO FISH

The highlight of Go Fish might be its sushi and wine bars, but the kitchen routinely turns out dishes like lobster grilled cheese and cornmeal-crusted sea scallops. The technicolor maritime decor in the dining room rounds out what's already a luminous dining experience. **27 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; gofishct.com**

JOHNNY'S PEKING TOKYO

There are few Japanese-Asian fusion restaurants in the area with a more versatile selection of sushi and hibachi than Johnny's Peking Tokyo of Mystic. In addition to good food, the venue is huge and the décor is tasteful. **12 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; johnnysushibar.com**

KOI JAPANESE CUISINE

Creative dishes like the Banana Roll—fried banana with tuna—and the Mountain Top Roll—crunchy, spicy salmon with asparagus, pepper-seared white tuna, avocado, scallions and tobiko—are just two of the

dozens of rolls you'll find on the menu. Presentation is key at this out-of-the-ordinary sushi spot. **65 High St., Westerly, RI; kojapaneserestaurantri.com**

ITALIAN

TRATTORIA LONGO

Growing up in Philadelphia, owner Jerry Longo had "famiglia feasts" every Sunday. When he moved to Westerly, he took the down-home Italian cuisine with him. Chicken, pasta and seafood are spectacular at his restaurant, but you just can't leave without trying the tasty meatballs. **12 Canal St., Westerly, RI; cafelongo.com**

VENICE RESTAURANT

Nestled on Winnapaug Pond, Venice promises a delightful seaside dining experience. Enjoy classic pub food, including the Nachos Bolognese and fine fare alike. **165 Shore Rd., Westerly, RI; veniceresaurant.com**

MEXICAN

AMIGO'S TAQUERIA & TEQUILA

This authentic Mexican restaurant offers dozens of creative entrées, including lobster and oaxaca cheese chiles relenos. We also love the lump crab and chipotle guacamole. The owners stock nearly 100 varieties of tequila, too. Cheers! **2 Canal St., Westerly, RI; amigosri.com**

MILAGRO CAFÉ

Co-owner Martin Zavala brought his Mexico City roots to Milagro Café. Locals like the killer margaritas, dynamite dishes (try the Cazuela de Puerco, or the Rollo de Langosta) and family oriented environment. **142 Water St., Stonington, CT; milagrocafe.com**

PERRO SALADO

Perro Salado—Spanish for "salty dog"—is one of the finer Mexican restaurants in Rhode Island. Co-owner and executive chef Dan Hall drew from his classic culinary training and experiences living in Miami to concoct Perro Salado's upscale contemporary menu that utilizes local and organic ingredients. **19 Charles St., Newport, RI; perrosalado.com**

84 TAVERN ON CANAL

Westerly native Chris Champagne's tavern serves superb salads, steaks, pastas and Mediterranean-inspired fare. If you're looking for a killer Sunday brunch, 84 Tavern on Canal offers one of the best. **15 Canal St., Westerly, RI; 84tavern.com**

BRAVO BRAVO

This upscale Italian joint puts a creative spin on fresh ingredients: shitake mushroom and lobster quesadilla, champagne risotto (with lobster and asparagus), lamb burgers, and more. The Mystic River view and candlelight décor highlight an unforgettable dining experience. **20 East Main St., Mystic, CT; bravobravoc.com**

ELLA'S FINE FOOD AND DRINK

For fourteen years, chef Jeanie Roland and her husband, James, have owned the The Perfect Capers in Punta Gorda, Florida; in 2012, they expanded their reach by opening the 200-seat Ella's, which offers Asian Fusion and French cuisines. **2 Tower St., Westerly, RI; ellasfinefoodanddrink.com**

ESSEX CLIPPER DINNER TRAIN

The Essex Clipper, a restored 1920s Pullman diner car, offers a four-course, two-and-a-half hour scenic ride along the Connecticut River. Cost is about \$80 per person. **1 Railroad Ave., Essex, CT; essexsteamtrain.com**

GABRIELLE'S

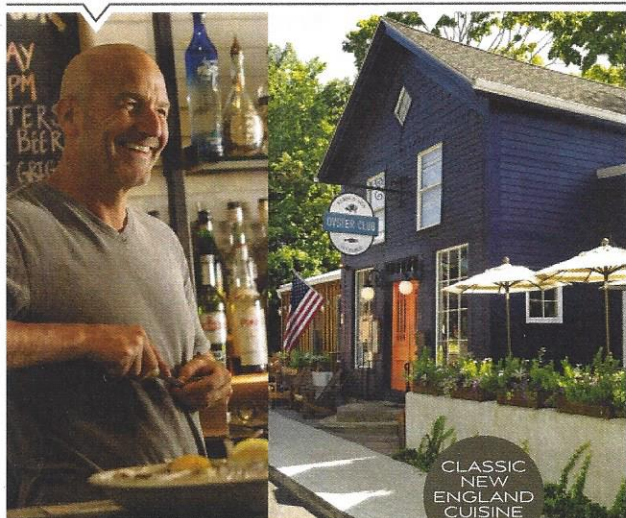
Culinary Institute of America-trained chef Jay Groten's eclectic menu includes American, French, Thai and Mexican dishes. **78 Main St., Centerbrook, CT; gabrielles.net**

GREY SAIL BREWING

Once the home of a U.S. Post Office, Grey Sail Brewing is owned by husband-and-wife duo Alan and Jennifer Brinton. They're renowned for their Captain's Daughter, a fruity imperial IPA, and Flying Jenny, an extra pale ale with five different malts and northwestern hops. **63 Canal St., Westerly, RI; greysailbrewing.com**

HARBOUR HOUSE

Harbour House, on the grounds of the Inn at Mystic is synonymous with casual elegance. Whether it's



CLASSIC
NEW
ENGLAND
CUISINE

OYSTER CLUB

Named one of the best oyster bars in America by *Travel + Leisure* magazine, this bistro's menu includes oysters and clams sourced from Rhode Island and Connecticut, along with dishes like chorizo cornmeal fritters and pan-roasted monkfish. For a unique dining experience, get a seat in The Treehouse, an outdoor patio situated above the restaurant among the trees. **13 Water St., Mystic, CT; oysterclubct.com**



UNIQUE
VENUE
FOR A
SPECIAL
EVENT

SALTWATER FARM VINEYARD

In the past, this location was a 17th-century farm, a 20th-century aircraft hangar, a warehouse, restaurant and a light-manufacturing factory. Today, it's a 108-acre vineyard and music venue. *Brides* magazine rated it one of the top 50 most romantic wedding venues in the country. 349 Elm St., Stonington, CT; saltwaterfarmvineyard.com

brick oven pizza, freshly shucked Ninigrets, or a Gorgonzola-crustied beef filet, disappointment is not an option. 3 Williams Ave., Mystic, CT; innatmystic.com

JONATHAN EDWARDS WINERY

After having success in Napa Valley, Jonathan Edwards expanded east. This Connecticut winery offers nationally renowned wine, spectacular tastings, a gift shop and gallery. 74 Chester Main Rd., North Stonington, CT; jedwardswinery.com

LANGWORTHY FARM WINERY

Langworthy Farm, once the home of a 19th-century Rhode Island governor, is a bed-and-breakfast and winery. Luckily, it's also less than a mile from Misquamicut Beach. 308 Shore Rd., Westerly, RI; langworthyfarm.com

LATITUDE 41° RESTAURANT

This New American-seafood fusion eatery offers dishes like Seafood Cioppino and Honey Miso Glazed Salmon, a great wine list, and plenty of cocktails to pair. 105 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT; coastalgourmetct.com/latitude41

OLYMPIA TEA ROOM

The famous Olympia Tea Room offers more than 50 wines by the glass, ribeye steak and a swordfish and shrimp scampi to die for. 74 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; olympiatearoom.com

SEASONS

The Forbes five-star restaurant at

Ocean House offers impeccable farm-to-table cuisine in an elegant dining room, with fabulous waterfront views and a seasonal menu. The Sunday Jazz Brunch is a must. 1 Bluff Avenue, Watch Hill, RI; oceanhouseri.com

SHELTER HARBOR INN

This 19th-century inn offers an expansive wine cellar, features spectacular seafood dishes (think lobster pot pie) and caters showers, cocktail parties, buffets and weddings. 10 Wagner Rd., Westerly, RI; shelterharborinn.com

SPAIN RESTAURANT OF NARRAGANSETT

Lauded as the "Best Restaurant in South County" by *Rhode Island Monthly* for three years running, the menu boasts poultry, beef, pasta and veal entrees and over 200 wines. 1144 Ocean Rd., Narragansett, RI; spainri.com

STONINGTON VINEYARDS

This vineyard (and founding member of the Connecticut Wine Trail) is also one of Connecticut's most famed and oldest wineries. 523 Taugwonk Rd., Stonington, CT; stoningtonvineyards.com

CAPTAIN DANIEL PACKER INNE

The 250-year-old Daniel Packer Inne offers an impressive menu with a mix of imported and local seafood, which is featured in dishes like the legendary truffle scallops and shrimp and lobster ravioli. A meal in the historic dining room is a treat. 32 Water St., Mystic, CT; danielpacker.com

CASUAL

ABBOTT'S LOBSTER IN THE ROUGH

117 Pearl St., Noank, CT; abbottslobster.com

BAY STREET DELI & CATERING

112 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-596-6606

BLEU SQUID BAKERY & CHEESE SHOP

Olde Mistick Village, 27 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; dessertsmysticct.com

ENGINE ROOM

14 Holmes St., Mystic, CT; engineroomct.com

FRIZZANTE CHAMPAGNE & WINE BAR

38 Norwich-Westerly Rd., North Stonington, CT; 15 Water St., Mystic, CT; frizzantewinebar.com

KIT KAT'S SMOKED BBQ

36 Mechanic St., Pawcatuck, CT; kitkatsbbq.webs.com

MAIZE 'N MANNA

40 High St., Westerly, RI; 401-596-1680

MIA'S PRIME TIME CAFÉ

1 West Broad St., Pawcatuck, CT; miaspt.com

OCEAN MIST

895 Matunuck Beach Rd., Wakefield, RI; oceanmist.net

PADDY'S BEACH CLUB

159 Atlantic Ave., Westerly, RI; paddysbeach.com

TEN SANDWICHES

98 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; 401-315-2620

THE ANDREA

89 Atlantic Ave., Westerly, RI; andreabeachbar.com

THE BLACK SHEEP

247 Main St., Niantic, CT; theblacksheepniantic.com

THE BRAZEN HEN

4 Canal St., Westerly, RI; thebrazenhen.com

BRIDGE RESTAURANT

37 Main St., Westerly, RI; bridgeri.com

THE COOKED GOOSE

92 Watch Hill Rd., Westerly, RI; thecookedgoose.com

THE HARP AND THE HOUND

4 Pearl St., Mystic, CT; harpandhound.com

THE MALTED BARLEY

42 High St., Westerly, RI; themaltedbarleyri.com

THE MYSTIC CHEESE COMPANY

49 Chappell Rd., Lebanon, CT; mysticcheese.com

THE TWISTED VINE

3 Canal St., Westerly, RI; thetwistedvineri.com

TWO LITTLE FISH

300 Atlantic Ave., Westerly, RI; 401-348-9941

VESTA BAKERY

47 Railroad Ave., Westerly, RI; vestabakery.com

WATER ST. CAFÉ

143 Water St., Stonington, CT; waterstcafe.com



PIZZA

CASA DELLA LUCE

105 Franklin St., Westerly, RI; casadellaluce.net

MYSTIC PIZZA

56 West Main St., Mystic, CT; mysticpizza.com

PIZZAPLACE

43 Broad St., Westerly, RI; pizzaplacewesterly.com

THE PIZZA LADY

50 Liberty St., Pawcatuck, CT; pizzaladyct.com

VETRANO'S RESTAURANT

130 Granite St., Westerly, RI; vetranosrestaurant.com



ICE CREAM & FROZEN YOGURT

FROYOWORLD

12 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; froyoworld.com

GRAMMA'S GELATO CAFÉ

12 Fort Rd., Westerly, RI; grammasgelatocafe.com

MYSTIC DRAWBRIDGE ICE CREAM

2 West Main Street, Mystic, CT; mysticdrawbridge-icecream.com

NANA'S ICE CREAM & GELATO

28A Pier Market Place, Narragansett, RI; 250 Sand Hill Cove Rd., Narragansett, RI; 6710 Post Rd., North Kingstown, RI; 348 Thames St., Newport, RI; nanasgelato.com

ST. CLAIR ANNEX RESTAURANT

141 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI; stclairannexrestaurant.com

FAMILY FUN & HOLIDAY

ADVENTURELAND FAMILY FUN PARK

Head here for a full day of family fun: batting cages, go-karts, miniature golf, a carousel, an arcade game pavilion and more. Burdick's Ice Cream is a mainstay, featuring 15 flavors of Gifford's famous ice cream. 112 Point Judith Rd., Narragansett, RI; adventurelandri.com

ATLANTIC BEACH PARK

This park has been an institution near Misquamicut Beach since 1921, with a variety of rides and kid-friendly games. The main draw is the Herschell-Spillman Carousel, active since 1915. 321 Atlantic Ave., Westerly, RI; atlanticbeachpark.com

B.F. CLYDE'S CIDER MILL

Established in 1881, the cider mill has been owned and operated by the Clyde family for six generations. The oldest

steam-powered cider mill in the United States offers ciders, wines, jams, jellies, local honey, maple syrup, fudge and, later in the season, pumpkins, apples and pies. 129 North Stonington Rd., Old Mystic, CT; bfclydescidermill.com

DENISON PEQUOTSEPOS NATURE CENTER

This non-profit educational center, complete with a natural history museum, a wildlife sanctuary and plenty of hiking, also offers walking and bird-watching trails. 109 Pequotsepos Rd., Mystic, CT; dpnc.org

FESTIVAL FARM

Festival Farm's petting zoo is home to alpacas, sheep, goats, a pony, bunnies and pheasants. There's also a country store with jams, jellies and more. 2 Canonchet Rd., Hope Valley, RI; festivalfarmri.com

FLYING HORSE CAROUSEL

The oldest and longest-running carousel in America is also the only flying horse carousel left in the country. The horses are carved from wood and boast real tails, manes and leather saddles. Catch the brass ring to win a free ride. 151 Bay St., Westerly, RI; 401-348-6007

FROSTY DREW NATURE CENTER & OBSERVATORY

The top-notch nature center also has an observatory. Catch the Summer Stargazing Nights every Friday and Saturday, from the last week of May until the end of August to see the sky in a whole new light. 61 Park Ln., Charlestown, RI; frostydrew.org

HAUSER CHOCOLATES

Since opening in 1983, Hauser Chocolates has been known for fine chocolate, concocted by Swiss founder, Ruedi Hauser, Sr., who brought his recipes over from Switzerland. 59 Tom Harvey Rd., Westerly, RI; hauserchocolates.com

MANFREDI FARMS

This 42-acre farm has been operating for more than 75 years. There are pick-your-own strawberries, lettuce, rhubarb, blueberries and pumpkins, and a year-round petting zoo. A shop sells herbs, flowers, jams, jellies and baked goods. 77 Dunns Corner Rd., Westerly, RI; farmfresh.org

MISQUAMICUT STATE BEACH

Rhode Island's largest beach features a large central pavilion, complete with an observation tower, a gift shop, gazebos and refreshments. 257 Atlantic Ave., Westerly, RI; riparks.org

MYSTIC AQUARIUM

Home to New England's only beluga whales and endangered African penguins, the aquarium also features Covanta Cove, which demonstrates how marine debris can produce clean energy. 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; mysticaquarium.org

NAPATREE POINT CONSERVATION AREA

This popular tourist spot stretches

towards Connecticut across Little Narragansett Bay. The stunning views and hiking trails are aided by Napatree being on the migration route of dozens of bird species. Napatree Point, Watch Hill, RI

RIVER GLOW

For one night in late August, 37 floating bonfires light up the Pawcatuck River in downtown Westerly and Pawcatuck. The event also features live music, children's activities and more. Donahue Park, Westerly, RI; westerlychamber.org

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO

Roger Williams Park Zoo is one of America's oldest zoos and has been recognized by *The New York Times* for its conservation efforts. It's also home to more than 100 rare and endangered animals. 1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence, RI; rwpzoo.org

SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

Everything from fresh fruit and vegetables, to wine, bread, honey, jams, fish, meat and more are available. Every vendor is local and CT-Grown-certified. It's open from May through mid-October. Stonington Borough Town Dock, 4 High St., Stonington, CT

TASTE OF MYSTIC

Every June, on the grounds of Olde Mistick Village, local eateries showcase signature dishes prepared with locally sourced ingredients. There's also live entertainment, with a half-dozen bands performing. Olde Mistick Village, 27 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT; thisismystic.com

TERRA FIRMA FARM

This pasture-based livestock and poultry farm boasts 100-percent grass-fed beef, pork and chickens, and educates children on the importance of local food. Goods are sold at the farm and wholesale to Connecticut restaurants. 330 Al Harvey Rd., Stonington, CT; terrafirmafarm.org

WATCH HILL BEACH

Opposite the Flying Horse

HOLIDAY

HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

A few weeks before Christmas, Santa arrives by tugboat to pay a visit to Mystic. Following that salty entrance is a tree-lighting ceremony and traditional boat parade down the Mystic River. Mystic River Park, 10 Cottrell St., Mystic, CT; mysticchamber.org

WASHINGTON TRUST ICE RINK

From November through March, the Washington Trust Community Skating Center opens a 100' by 120' skating rink featuring 12,000 square feet of true ice and enough seating for 200 people. 61 Main St., Westerly, RI; oceancommunityymca.com

CHRISTMAS IN NEWPORT

For more than four decades, the town of Newport has sponsored a month-long holiday celebration. Typical events include live concerts, tours, tree lightings, caroling, storytelling, pageants and more. Newport, RI; christmasinnewport.org



THE DINOSAUR PLACE

With 40 life-size dinosaurs, a Jurassic Moon Bounce and a slide through the mouth of a T-Rex, The Dinosaur Place takes kids on a trip back in time. Don't forget to visit New England's largest Splashpad while you're here. 1650 Hartford-New London Turnpike, Montville, CT; naturesartvillage.com

Carousel, with pristine sand, this public beach is an idyllic family day spot. 151 Bay St., Watch Hill, RI

WATCH HILL FARMS

Watch Hill Farms has provided produce, fruit, herbs and trees to locals for generations. Staunchly against pesticides, they utilize crop rotation, companion planting and natural soil enhancement. They also breed Katahdin sheep in an effort to conserve the species. 55 Watch Hill Rd., Westerly, RI; watchhillfarms.com

WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

More than 80 shimmering bonfires light up Providence and Waterplace Park in an effort to revitalize the urban experience and reinforce community engagement. 101 Regent Ave., Providence, RI; waterfire.org