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Family Fun at Hotel Viking in Newport, Rhode Island Offers Options, Adventures
From Corn Mazes and Hiking Trails to Working Farms and Spa Treatments,
Newport offers Families Choices

Newport, Rhode Island – March 2013 – Kids, whether 5, 15 or 51 will enjoy discovering Newport, Rhode Island. With historic sites, beaches, a vintage carousel for all to ride, an aquarium, an amusement arcade and even adventurous hikes, the small town of Newport has a lot to offer families, all within walking distance of Hotel Viking. Families can book Hotel Viking's Family Fun package, which includes overnight accommodations for up to four people in the same room, a free in-room movie with popcorn, breakfast daily for two adults and two kids, and complimentary parking. Additional perks can be added to the experience including Prince and Princess spa treatments for tots to teens available at Hotel Viking's award winning SpaTerre. Summer rates start at \$390 for Hotel Viking's Family Fun package. For information, please contact Hotel Viking at 401-848-4800 or visit www.hotelviking.com.

Hotel Viking, which offers a heated swimming pool, offers a Top Ten list of fun things for families to do while in Newport. "The options for family fun are endless from sailing to surfing," stated Marlen Scalzi, Director of Sales and Marketing at Hotel Viking, "The big challenge will be when to come." Scalzi suggests looking at the festival schedule. Newport is home to many festivals including the Newport International Film Festival (June), Newport Jazz Festival (August), Newport Folk Festival (August) and the Newport International Boat Show (September).

About Hotel Viking

Hotel Viking is a historic hotel located in Newport, Rhode Island. Hotel Viking offers a total of 209 guest rooms and suites, and 13,400 square feet of event space, including two ballrooms. The award-winning One Bellevue Fine Dining & Seafood Restaurant offers indoor and patio dining, a seasonal roof top lounge, all-day lounge and a renowned Afternoon Tea held daily. SpaTerre features a selection of massage and skin treatments. Additional amenities include an indoor heated pool, fitness center and the historic Newport Kay Chapel. Hotel Viking is a 30-minute drive from TJ Green Airport (27 miles) in Providence and the Providence Train Station, and is driving distance from Boston (70 miles) and New York City (170 miles). For information, please contact Hotel Viking 401-847-3300 or visit online at www.hotelviking.com.



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Please always contact the location to confirm details as things may have changed since we updated this list.

Newport Art Museum – Walking distance from Hotel Viking, the Art Museum launched a new reading and art programs for children ages 2 – 5, held Wednesdays at 11 am. \$5 members; \$8 non-members. www.newportartmuseum.org

<u>Save the Bay Exploration Center and Aquarium</u> - This interactive marine science learning center features over 14 exhibits (including a touch tank) and more than 100 creatures that call Narragansett Bay home. Open in the shoulder-season, (October-April) on Saturdays, 10am-4pm. General admission is \$5. www.savebay.org

<u>Coggeshall Farm Museum</u> – This is a living historical, sustainable farm. The 48-acre site, including woodlands and a slat marsh, offers a look into working a farm in 1799. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00am to 4:00pm, year round. General admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. www.coggeshallfarm.org

<u>Audubon Society of Rhode Island</u> - This nationally acclaimed nature center is open year-round and has award-winning exhibits including the state's largest public aquarium. <u>www.audubon.org</u>

Norman Bird Sanctuary - The Norman Bird Sanctuary is a 325-acre wildlife refuge with trails, a museum, guided tours, camps, and education programs for all ages. Families can stroll through the woods or a hike to the top of Hanging Rock, offering dramatic ocean views. www.normanbirdsanctuary.org



<u>Escobar's Highland Farm Corn Maze</u> – This traditional family farm creates an elaborate maze every year. In addition to finding their way through the maze, families can learn about farming. The farm is open year round. The maze is open August – November. www.escobarshighlandfarm.com

<u>Ryan's Family Amusements</u> – This bowling alley and video arcade offers numerous games. <u>www.ryanfamily.com</u>.

<u>Newport Historical Society Tours</u> - These entertaining walking tours include different themes such as "Rougues and Scoundrels, "The Working Waterfront", "Rum and Revolution" and stories of revolution and ruin, struggles for religious liberty and remarkable entrepreneurship among

Newport's diverse people. Open Saturdays in April, May, and November. www.newporthistorytours.org



<u>Parks</u> – Newport has many parks and most are free. Families can bike the East Bay bike path, fly a kite at Brenton Point State Park, explore a fort at Fort Adams State Park and at Fort Barton, and hike trails at Heritage Foundation of Rhode Island Park.

<u>The Beach</u> – Newport is an island and offers many public beaches all within 10 minutes from Hotel Viking. Try Gooseberry Beach, Baily's Beach, Easton's Beach, Sachuest Beach, and Navy Beach.

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