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Walking Tours for Newport Winter Festival 2016

Newport, RI – During the 28th annual Newport Winter Festival, New England’s largest winter extravaganza, Newport History Tours (NHT) will guide visitors through three centuries of Newport’s history. The line-up includes the *Lantern Tour of Colonial Newport*, which is presented exclusively during Newport Winter Festival, *Creative Survival* a tour about Newport’s early African American community, the family-friendly *History Detectives* tour along with other popular favorites. The complete schedule below offers dates, times and descriptions. For more information, visit our website, www.newporthistorytours.org.

Lantern Tour of Colonial Newport

Friday February 12 and Friday February 19 at 4:30pm

Feel transported through time to the heyday of this thriving colonial metropolis on a lantern-lit stroll.

Creative Survival: 18th & 19th Century African Community in Newport

Saturday February 13 at 11am

Discover the early history of Newport’s people of color, enslaved and free. This tour looks at the places where slaves lived and labored, along with locations where free blacks built their enterprises and supported a new local industry. It concludes in the country’s oldest intact African-American graveyard, “God’s Little Acre.”

Discover Colonial Newport

Sunday February 14; Thursday, February 18; Sunday February 21 at 11am

Hear stories of revolution and ruin, struggles for religious liberty and remarkable entrepreneurship among Newport’s diverse people.

History Detective: A Family Tour

Monday February 15 at 11am

Discover Newport’s colonial history, its religious and racial diversity, its role in the American Revolution, and its remarkable architecture on a kid-friendly tour. Each family will complete a special History Detective workbook, recording observations from clues.

Road to Independence

Tuesday February 16 and Friday February 19 at 11am

Riots and rebellion, enemies and allies! Learn about Newport’s role in the American Revolution.

Rogues and Scoundrels

Wednesday February 17 and Saturday February 20 at 11am

See where scoundrels lived, pirates profited and criminals were punished. Find out why this colony was known as “Rogue's Island.”

Tours depart weather permitting from the Brick Market: Museum & Shop at 127 Thames Street, Newport, RI and cost \$15 a person, \$12 with a Newport Winter Festival button, \$10 with button for repeat tour guests and \$10 for Newport Historical Society members. Space is limited; call 401.841.8770 for reservations.

About Newport History Tours

Newport History Tours (NHT) is the joint collaboration between the [Newport Historical Society](#) and the [Newport Restoration Foundation](#). NHT, which received a *Yankee Magazine* Best of Award and is celebrating twelve years of partnership, offers the most comprehensive line-up of walking tours that explore Newport's early history and are extensively researched for historical accuracy. Tour proceeds support both non-profit organizations.

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