

## **GUEST TOUR: *Scenic Newport and Tour of The Breakers Mansion*** **Friday, July 27 9:00am—2:00pm**

**\*meet in lobby at 8:45am**

Your narrated tour will include the colonial section, with its many authentic historical buildings and restored homes...the world famous Ten Mile Ocean Drive, renowned for the rugged beauty of its spectacular coastline...and Bellevue Avenue, the most magnificent collection of homes in the country, where the millionaires built their fabulous "summer cottages".

You will also get to tour the famous Breakers Mansion, Newport's most palatial summer residence built for Cornelius Vanderbilt by Richard Morris Hunt (1893-1895). The symmetry of design, opulence and lavish use of alabaster, marble, mosaics and antique woods rival the magnificent northern Italian Renaissance palaces after which it was modeled. This seventy-room mansion has a spectacular view overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. Children will marvel at the adult-size children's playhouse on the grounds of the Breakers Mansion. Capping ten years of research into the house and the lives of the people who lived and worked there, the Breakers new for 2009 audio tour will take visitors into several previously-unseen areas, and share stories about the Vanderbilt family and their servants that have never been heard before.

After the tour, you will dine at the historic White Horse Tavern for a luncheon. As one of America's oldest buildings, the tavern was originally constructed as the two-room, two-story residence of Francis Brinley sometime before 1673. The White Horse Tavern later became the meeting place of the Colony's General Assembly, Criminal Court and Newport's Town Council, whose members charged their meals to the public treasury. One of the earliest owners of the tavern was a pirate named Mayes, who having returned to the area with great riches from the Red Sea, took over his father's business at the Tavern in 1702.

The White Horse Tavern's clapboard walls, gambrel roof and plain pedimented doors bordering the sidewalk make it one of the strongest examples of the architecture of Colonial Newport. Inside, its giant summer beams, small stairway hard against chimney, tiny front hall and cavernous fireplaces are the very essence of 17th century American architecture. To this day, it remains a place of good fellowship, food and cheer.

MENU: White Horse Tavern Cobb Salad OR Tavern Pairs (*soup or salad with half sandwich*) and Dessert: Crème Brulee or Triple Chocolate Silk



### **Tour Itinerary:**

**8:45am**

**Meet in Lobby**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Scenic Tour with a Tour of the Breakers**

**12:00pm**

**Visit White Horse Tavern for lunch**

**1:45pm**

**Board the Trolley to Return to the Hyatt**

**Or you may choose to stay downtown for shopping after lunch**

The Hyatt offers a free shuttle from Market Square in downtown Newport every 30 minutes for those that choose to remain downtown to shop.

**2:00pm**

**Trolley charter end time**

