

## Anchors aweigh! Experience Newport's seafaring past and present.

Newport earned its reputation as a prosperous seafaring city during the Colonial Era when it was one of the five largest ports in North America. Today, the City's legacy lives on as the fishing industry continues to have a large presence throughout Newport Harbor and the Ocean State.

Your group will begin its "anchors aweigh" adventure by meeting your Captain who will introduce you to the history of Newport's fishing industry and what the fleet is up to and "reeling in" today.

Next you will visit State Pier Number 9, the only state-owned commercial fishing dock in Newport Harbor and home to nearly 60 full-time fishing vessels. Here the group will experience the everyday life of a shipyard and the personalities that make it unique. Time to get out on the water! Board Save The Bay's M/V Elizabeth Morris, a new 46-foot, 40-passenger, Chesapeake Deadrise motor-vessel and enjoy a scenic tour of the harbor and watch the crew haul up lobster traps. Sit back and relax or roll up your sleeves and join in the fun! Your Captain will talk about the great history of Newport Harbor and the lobsters and shellfish thriving in the Narragansett Bay ecosystem.

All that talk of fresh seafood will culminate with a memorable culinary experience at one of the true waterfront restaurants in Newport today. The Pier on Howard's Wharf boasts 180-degree views of Newport Harbor. Take in the scenery while savoring a local seafood dish. Your group will also receive a demonstration of the proper way to crack and eat a fresh lobster. (Dining options for landlubbers will also be available.)

Finally, enjoy some free time for a leisurely walk, an ice cream or shopping on Bowen's and Bannister's Wharves. The brick facades, granite quays and 18th century commercial buildings bring you back to Newport's beginnings as a thriving seaport.

## **OPTIONAL ADD-ONS**

- Group Dining Experience
- Overnight Accommodations in an Area Hotel
- Seal Watch Available November-April

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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