

Weekapaug Inn, Rhode Island

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The historic [Weekapaug Inn](#) is nestled above the Atlantic Bay in Rhode Island and even if you had the magical ability to lift the Inn up and place it elsewhere in the world, I wouldn't: there is no better place than right where it is.

Built in 1899, the Weekapaug Inn closed for several years and reopened in 2012 after a \$20 million renovation with an attention to historic detail that will set your heart and mind on a romantic passage the moment you set eyes on the property.

With its 27 guest rooms and four two-bedroom "signature suites", the Inn hosts a hideaway like no other. The focus on comfort is apparent and the staff does their utmost to accommodate special requests and make special occasions even more special.



Charming sitting rooms throughout the Inn are equipped with high-powered telescopes that enable you to enjoy seal and whale watching beside a roaring fire and star gazing within the deep, dark skies that the coastal Rhode Island area is known for. If you fancy reading a classic novel or a playing a board game, you'll find a library filled with choices. You see, the Weekapaug Inn provides you a passage through time when a slower way of life was not only embraced, but respected. With one television in a community den, you and your sweetie will have no choice but to de-frag from the hustle and bustle we all know as everyday life.

Our journey began with a breathtaking approach to the Inn as we drove the winding roads through a quiet neighborhood along the Atlantic sea coast.

Upon arrival, our valet greeted us by name (they ask your car make and model when you book) and welcomed us on a cold winter afternoon with a warm smile and tea in the sitting room while we waited for our room. The host, who was delightful, made one mistake. After checking us in, our host gave us a tour by walking us through the sitting rooms and up the sweeping staircase, and showing us the pantry (filled with refreshments, German cappuccino/hot chocolate/coffee machine, complimentary biscotti and more), all while providing us with a brief history on our way to our room. There he opened the door and wished us a fabulous weekend. What's wrong with that you ask? Well, after unpacking in our delightful suite, we decided to explore the grounds a bit on our own. And when we headed back to our room, we realized that we were in such awe of the Inn on arrival, so engrossed in our guided tour that we had no idea which one of the four floors we were staying on, nevertheless what room we were in. You see, our host was too engaging!

While roaming the grounds, we admired the outdoor fireplace set at the foot of Quonochontaug Pond and walked the wide path that appeared to be enjoyed by patrons and locals alike. During the warmer season, you may enjoy kayaking, swimming, fishing, shuffleboard and more. The Weekapaug Inn has successfully recreated a time lost and allows you the opportunity to submerge yourself within it.

One of my favorite restoration features of the Inn is the intercom system. At the front desk you may notice a glass box. It is the original phone system. You see, the rooms do not have phones in them. Yes, you read that right. Better yet, when a call comes in for you, it arrives at the front desk and you are notified through the intercom. Each room does have a 911 call button, so safety is not an issue, but a calm and private atmosphere is. Don't fret just yet, the Inn offers a strong, complimentary Wi-Fi signal that won't keep you from modern communication your entire stay.

Restored to its original grandeur, the Weekapaug Inn, with its delicious food, exquisitely simple decor, manicured grounds and peaceful ambiance is, in one word, perfection.

If you are looking for a quiet and romantic getaway that will bring you back to nature, back to each other and back to life, try the Weekapaug Inn, where disappointment is not an option.

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