

New England Hospitality Reimagined

OCEAN HOUSE MANAGEMENT COLLECTION UNWRAPS THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON WITH HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

More than 40 Festive Events will Delight and Inspire At Two Award-Winning Relais & Châteaux Resorts in Rhode Island

WATCH HILL, R.I. – November 2019 – A winter wonderland awaits travelers and local residents this holiday season in coastal Rhode Island. The iconic Ocean House in Watch Hill, and its sister hotel, Weekapaug Inn in Weekapaug, announce a line-up of more than 40 'Season by the Sea' holiday events that will spark joy and merriment for people of all ages.

Beginning November 16 through December 31, the two awardwinning Relais & Châteaux properties will offer creative events and new traditions.

The series begins with a Thanksgiving "In the Kitchen" workshop taught by Ocean House's director of culinary education, and culminating in a New Year's Eve Havana Nights themed black tie celebration. This year, Ocean House's holiday décor theme will bring Charlie Brown to life, while Weekapaug Inn will have Nutracker theme décor, and will host intimate family festivities complete with Santa interactions and a Feast of Fishes on Christmas Eve. Highlights of the new holiday line-up include:



Master Holiday Entertaining – Educational Workshops in the Kitchen and Beyond

Ocean House's renowned chefs and experts at the Center for Wine & Culinary Arts will lead a series of workshops to provide hands-on instruction for meal preparation – including appetizers, to main courses, beverages, and even a holiday centerpieces workshop. Other workshops bring out the artist in all of us during this festive time.

- November 16: In the Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner
- November 23: In the Cellar Holiday Appetizers & Beverages
- November 29: Holiday Centerpiece Workshop at the Weekapaug Inn
- December 16: Ornament Making Workshop
- December 21: Feast of Fishes Workshop
- December 22: A Cork & Canvas Art Workshop with Wine
- December 23: Yule Log Workshop

Children's Events and Celebrations

From festive teas with Disney characters to a special visit from Mystic Aquarium penguins, younger guests can enjoy a variety of interactive activities that will keep them jolly. To make children's experiences extra special, Santa will be checking into the Ocean House throughout December, giving them the opportunity to visit his guestroom and divulge if they've been naughty or nice ahead of the big day.

- November 29: Children's Tea with Beauty & The Beast
- December 8: Children's Christmas Tea with Mystic Aquarium Penguins
- December 14: Children's Christmas Party
- December 15: Children's Christmas Tea: Frozen
- December 7, 14, 21: Santa Checks in to the Ocean House

Adults-Only Indulgences

While the children enjoy time with their favorite activities, adults can have some fun of their own with cocktail and champagne tastings in the Center for Wine & Culinary Arts. On December 31, the holiday series wraps up with one of the most anticipated soirees of the year, with Ocean House's Caribbean-inspired New Year's Eve Gala.

- December 17: Cocktails & Canapés event with the Director of Culinary Education and Ocean House Sommelier
- December 19: A Very Veuve Christmas: Veuve Clicquot Champagne Flight Tasting
- December 20 and 21: Christmas Cabaret with Scott Dreier, including a dinner one night
- December 31: New Year's Eve Gala: Havana Nights

Family Festivities and Feasts

Make the most of the family-friendly setting at both the Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn, with celebratory dinners at the property's signature restaurants, or enjoy quality time together at the annual tree lighting ceremony and gingerbread village competition.

- November 30: Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Christmas Village and Dinner with Santa
- December 1: Brunch with Santa at Ocean House
- December 12: Gingerbread Village Competition & Community Reception
- December 20: Christmas in Song, a complimentary community event
- December 24: 'Feast of Fishes' Christmas Eve Dinner at the Weekapaug Inn
- December 25: Christmas Day at COAST restaurant (five-course meal)

For a complete list of activities and events, visit <u>oceanhouseevents.com</u> or call 401.584.7000. Follow the experiences on social media @oceanhouseri and @weekapauginn.

About Ocean House

The Ocean House, one of New England's grand hotels, re-opened its doors in June 2010 after a \$140 million rebuild and restoration. The 150-year-old property, originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 18 signature suites. Farm-to-table casual and fine dining, the 12,000-square-foot OH! Spa and more than 10,000 square feet of event space make the Ocean House ideal for mid-week business retreats, close-to-home family vacations, weekend luxury escapes and destination weddings. his stately property is the only AAA Five-Diamond and Forbes Five-Star rated resort in Rhode Island, for accommodations, dining and the award-winning spa.

About Weekapaug Inn

Weekapaug Inn is an award-winning historic inn, named one of the "Best Hotels in the World" by Travel + Leisure. The property is a natural gem that is nestled on the scenic Atlantic Coast, surrounded

by a salt pond and overlooking a barrier beach. Guests enjoy beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites, sweeping waterfront views, farm-to-table fine and casual dining, a fitness center and outdoor pool and access to a private community beach. The property's dedicated on-staff Naturalist helps guests discover and engage with the flora and fauna of their surroundings, with guided beach walks, boating excursions, biking, bird watching, stargazing, and more. As part of the Ocean House Collection, guests can enjoy the amenities and activities of both Weekapaug and Ocean House, making the Weekapaug Inn ideal for business retreats, family vacations and weekend escapes.

Both Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn are members of Relais & Châteaux, an exclusive collection of more than 500 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality

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