Colchester Parks & Recreation Presents:

Newport Flower Show

June 25, 2023 I $150 pp

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Motor-Coach
- ToD Tour Director
- Lunch
- Admission to the Flower Show
- All Gratuities (Including Driver and Tour Director)

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Depart: 8:45am
Estimated Return: 7:00 pm

Trip Activity Level:

This morning we travel to Newport, RI for the **27th Annual Newport Flower Show!** This superb seaside flower show is unlike any other flower and garden show around. Between the fabulous Gilded Age "summer cottage" setting of the Marble House, the excellent vendors, live music, sweeping views and ocean breezes, every corner of this event is a delight for the senses - and that's before you even get to the amazing flower displays! This years theme is "**The Grand Tour**". Each exhibit has a unique signature. A garden is the reflection of the gardener's voice. Whether that voice echoes the strength in mighty trees, the romance of fragrant flowers, or the laughter of bubbling water, all are still heard in great gardens. Celebrate the voices of great American gardeners with us!

Relax and enjoy **lunch** at **Johnny's Restaurant & Patio** - a full service restaurant that offers an eclectic menu featuring fresh seafood and local fare. Today's menu includes a choice of: **Chicken Piccata or Baked Stuffed Scrod**. All entrees include chef's choice of potato and vegetable, bread, butter, a Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Drizzle, Iced Tea, and Dessert.

After lunch, have some free time to enjoy **Newport** before heading home.

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Day 1: This morning we head out on a journey to **Niagara Falls, Canada**. Niagara Falls is a true natural Wonder of the World, and people come from all over the world to see this spectacular sight. We will follow the path of the Erie Canal past Buffalo and into the popular Niagara Region. A late afternoon arrival is expected at the **Hilton Niagara Falls**. Our hotel has a great location in the midst of all the attractions on the Canadian side of the Falls, plus it is connected by a glass walkway to the Niagara Fallsview Casino. Tonight, enjoy **dinner at Betty's Restaurant.** (D)

Day 2: Full **breakfast** is included, before a **local guide** greets us at the hotel and takes us on a full day of touring. We will see the **Floral Clock** and view the **Canadian and American Falls** from many vantage points. We'll also do some shopping in the English community of **Niagara-On-The-Lake** and do a lot of sightseeing in the Niagara area. Today, we'll also sail on the **Hornblower Boat** into the mist and right up to thundering Niagara Falls. This is one of the most spectacular sights in all of nature. Tonight, enjoy **dinner in the revolving dining room atop the Skylon Tower.** The view from your table will be spectacular. (B, D)

Day 3: Enjoy **breakfast,** before concluding our visit to Canada. There will be a stop at the **Rainbow Bridge Duty Free** store for some bargain shopping. On the way home pause in New York's famous Finger Lakes Region, where popular New York State wines are produced. Enjoy a **wine tasting and lunch at a vineyard** in the NY lakes region. (B, L)

$679 pp Double | $879 pp Single | $649 Triple

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Some walking. Expect 1-2 hours of walking per day.
This may be around a park, market, garden or city tour.

Day 1: This morning, we have an **early morning departure** for our journey north to Montreal. Summer is filled with the excitement of the city's extravagant festivals! Upon arrival, we check into our hotel, the **Delta Montréal,** where we will be staying for the next three nights. The hotel is located just steps away from the entertainment district, underground shopping, and Mount Royal. This evening, **dinner** is included at the hotel. (D)

Day 2: Today, following **breakfast**, our day is free to explore Montreal. Montreal is home to 120 distinct ethnic communities, making Montreal a mosaic of cultures and traditions, and it truly deserves the title 'international' city. The city is alive with activities, ranging from events focusing on culture, art, nature, cuisine, and music – like the Montreal Jazz Festival. The Jazz Festival is the world's largest, and today is the final day, so make the most of this fantastic opportunity to see the festivities! This evening, the group will reconvene for **dinner** at the **Restaurant du Vieux Port,** before heading off to our reserved seats at the final concert of the 2019 Montreal Jazz Festival! (B, D)

Day 3: After **breakfast**, the group will be joined by a local guide. Our city tour will take us through time in **Old Montreal,** as we visit **Place d'Armes**, the **Old Port**, and the **Bonsecours Market** before visiting the new **Quartier International**. We will also visit the **Mount Royal Park**, the **Saint-Joseph Oratory,** and the incredible **Notre-Dame Basilica**. The Notre-Dame Basilica, originally built in 1672, was demolished and rebuilt in 1824. Traces of the original site are visible at Place d'Armes. In 1982, Pope John Paul II recognized the significance of Notre-Dame, and raised it to the rank of a Minor Basilica. Today, the Notre-Dame Basilica continues to play a role in the artistic community as the home to the evening **Aura** experience. Following our tour, enjoy a few hours on your own for lunch, your own explorations of Montreal, and time to freshen up before we head to the evening's festivities. Tonight, we enjoy a **5-Course dinner cruise** on the St. Laurent River, which will put us in the perfect place to view the first performance of the Fireworks Festival. Known in Montreal as **L'International des Feux Loto-Québec,** this festival is the world's largest and most prestigious fireworks competition, drawing the biggest pyrotechnics firms to produce 30-minute pyro-musical extravaganzas. (B, D)

Day 4: Following breakfast today, we say 'adieu' to Montreal as we make our way home with memories of the magnificent music and fantastic fireworks that were enjoyed by all!

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Passport Required

$1,249 pp Double | $1,139 pp Triple | $1,699 Single

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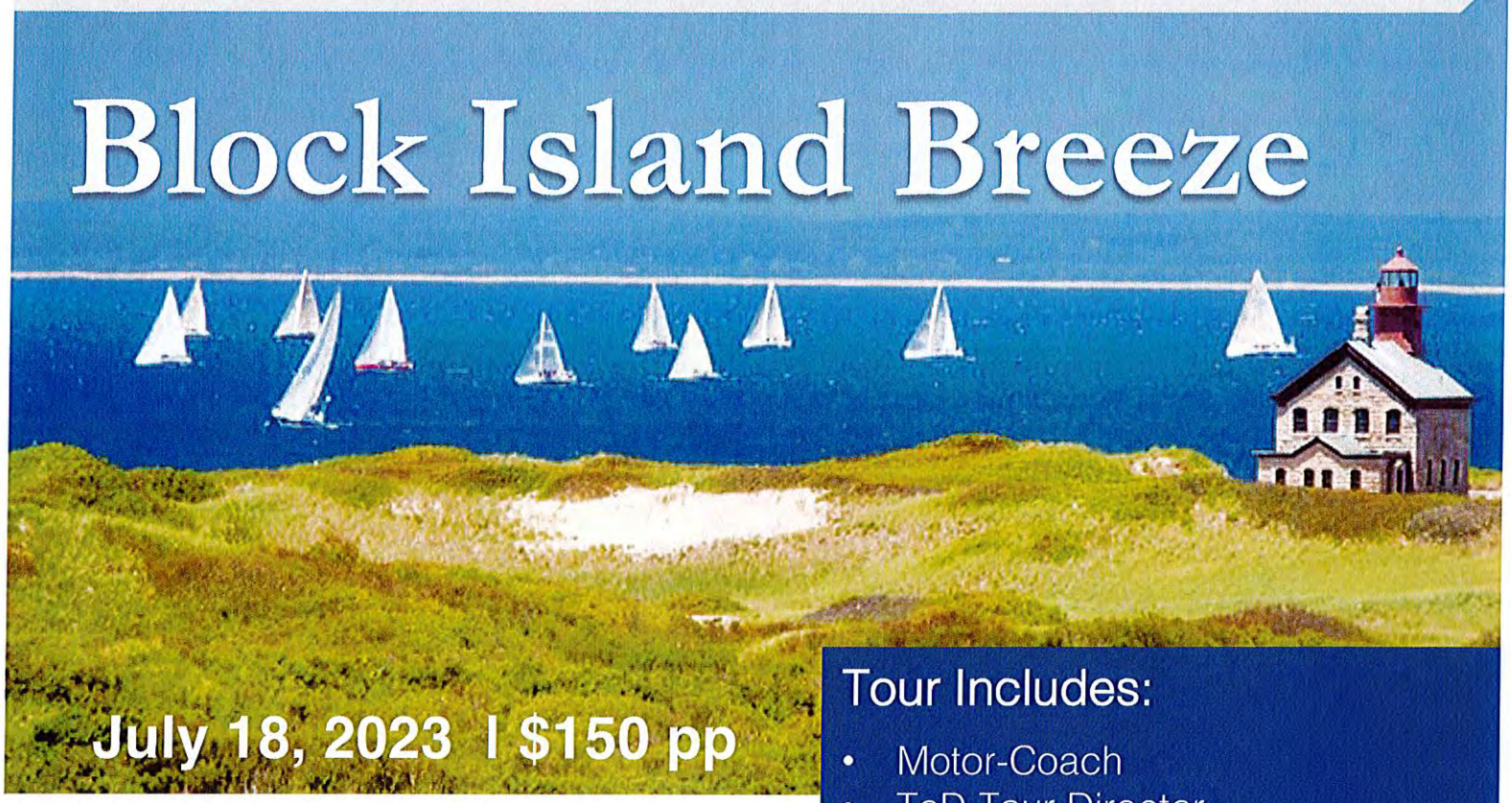
Colchester Parks & Recreation Presents:

Block Island Breeze



July 18, 2023 | $150 pp

Tour Includes:

- Motor-Coach
- ToD Tour Director
- Block Island Guided Tour
- Roundtrip Ferry
- Lunch at the National Hotel
- All Gratuities (Including Driver and Tour Director)

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Trip Activity Level:

Welcome to **Block Island**, Nature's Treasure of the Sea, offering an unspoiled rural setting where a visitor can feel like they have stepped back to a gentler, quieter time where there are no traffic lights or automobiles on the island. The Island offers a rich history, miles of sandy beaches, and over two hundred fresh water ponds that dot the island.

Your ferry departs from Point Judith, RI. The comfortably furnished boat with enclosed passenger area, cocktail bar, and galley will transport you to this island located just 12 miles off the Rhode Island coast.

Your ***guided tour*** of the island will highlight the picturesque scenery. It is one of bluffs and gently rolling hills, grassy moors and bayberry covered fields. You'll learn tales of island life from your local historian. So, just sit back and enjoy the views and narration.

Enjoy an elegant luncheon at the **National Hotel.** ***Pre-select*** Pan Seared Chicken Breast, Baked New England Scrod or Pasta Pomodori. Your meal also includes Salad, Bread & butter, Starch and Vegetable, Coffee and Dessert.

There is time to discover Block Island's beauty on your own. There are many unique shops, a wonderful beach, and endless natural beauty to round out your special island experience.

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Colchester Parks & Recreation Presents:

Spooky Salem

at the Witch Museum

October 21, 2023 | $114 pp

Tour Includes:

- Motor-coach
- ToD Tour Director
- Admission to the Salem Witch Museum
- Free-Time
- All Gratuities (Including Driver and TD)

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Depart: 8:00 am – Colchester Parks and Recreation
Estimated Return: 8:00 pm

Trip Activity Level:

Begin your day with a self-guided tour of the **Salem Witch Museum** where you can experience first hand the reign of terror and hysteria that was rampant in Salem in the 1690's through the powerful multi-sensory presentation. The Museum brings you there; back to Salem 1692. Visitors are given a dramatic history lesson using stage sets with life-size figures, lighting and narration ~ an overview of the Witch Trials of 1692. During that summer, 180 people had been accused and imprisoned ~ defenseless against accusations of witchcraft in a society driven by superstition and fear.

This afternoon, you will have free-time to enjoy *'Haunted Happenings'* around town. You'll be able to visit the Witch Dungeon Museum, or the Salem Pirate Museum. You can take a walking tour or ride the trolley. Admission for the *'Haunted Happenings'* is on your own. Shop your way through all the quaint stores Salem has to offer. Enjoy **lunch on your own** at one of the many restaurants or food trucks. The possibilities are endless!

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