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With coronavirus cases on the rise in many states and travel restrictions constantly changing, it's challenging to navigate options for safe summer travel. If this observation from a travel advisor applies to you: "We have clients who have been to Luang Prabang but not the Grand Canyon or even Washington, DC," check out these summer travel ideas from Delaware's Chateau Country to beaches in Cape Cod and Virginia that are known mostly to locals.

It's important to keep up to date on the rules of your destination and its current trend of virus cases; for example, cross Maine off your summer travel list as the state has a mandatory 14-day quarantine for out-of-state visitors. Wear a face mask in public, stay six feet from people not in your party, and carry lots of hand sanitizer and/or wipes.

#### **Newport, RI**

Newport mansions have reopened (no audio guides available now; download the tours on your device and use your own ear buds), restaurants are serving, and there are two brand new hotels to consider. Both are downtown on America's Cup Avenue, face the waterfront, and have on-site parking.

The Brenton Hotel, a new luxury boutique property, is notable for its spacious accommodations: rooms are 450 square feet and suites are 1,100. Head to the roof garden for cocktails and light bites or reserve the hotel's private 36' Hinckley Picnic Boat for a private cruise. The Brenton is a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts Lifestyle Collection.

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