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DINING

From a lobster boil to a Taste of Italy, find the best deals for Newport Restaurant Week



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Dinner and a movie is the theme of the 17th annual Newport Restaurant Week that begins April 14 and runs through April 23.

More than 55 restaurants, not just in Newport, but also in in Middletown, Portsmouth, Jamestown and Bristol, will offer dining deals that include fixed price menus, discounted wine bottles, free appetizers, dinners for two and gift card promotions.

Plus, there's a lineup of films focused on food that will be screened at the Jane Pickens Theater. The second Foodie Film Festival is in partnership with JPT Film + Event Center. Film lovers can enjoy pop-up food tasting, food trucks, and food focused films. Find a dining deal and follow it with classics like "Eat, Love, Pray" or "Bottle Shock" or "Coffee Wars," a 2023 British film or last year's hit, "The Menu." General admission tickets are \$12.

Restaurant deals are added to DiscoverNewportRestaurantWeek.org on a rolling basis.

Here's a sampling of eight deals.

The Safari Room at OceanCliff

This is a stunning setting with dramatic waterviews. Their deal is \$12 sandwiches (Swordfish Club) and flatbreads (Prosciutto and Fig) and \$20 entrees (Truffle in Paradise Pasta). Select bottles of wine are also 50% off. You can dine for lunch or dinner. They are open noon to 9 Friday and Saturday and noon to 8 Sunday as well as 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. 65 Ridge Rd., Newport, newportexperience.com.

Yagi Noodles

Get your "nood on" at the Newport ramen restaurant that offers food by chef Basil Yu who is influenced by techniques from Japanese and Chinese cuisine. Yagi specializes in handmade-from-scratch ramen and other creative dishes which change regularly. Enjoy a fixed price lunch with appetizer, entree and dessert for \$30. The deal is available Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Or go for dinner, or even do takeout with four courses for \$40, including an appetizer, a kushiyaki grill item, entree and dessert. They have bubble tea and non-alcoholic drinks and are BYOB. 20 Long Wharf Mall, Newport, (401) 324-5098, yaginoodles.com.

Our Table

It's the Jamestown restaurant's first anniversary and they are celebrating Restaurant Week with three courses for \$45. Not only does this lovely restaurant have a parking lot, they have an open kitchen so you can watch chef Marc Alexander at work. Entree choices are stellar and include a choice of 16-ounce Ribeye Steak, a Salmon Kale and Quinoa Bowl and a vegetarian option of Wine-Poached Oyster Mushrooms. The dessert from pastry chef Marla Romash is warm apple cider doughnuts. Open Thursday to Monday 5 to 8 p.m. 53 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, (401) 560-4069, ourtablejamestown.com.

Boat House Waterfront Dining

Head to Tiverton if a lobster boil tickles your palate. The offer is for a three-course fixed-price lobster boil for two for \$89. Choices include chowder clam chowder or salad for the first course. Then there are two steamed lobsters to share with PEI mussels, Narragansett littlenecks, corn on the cobb, boiled potatoes, chorizo and drawn butter. Dessert to share is Key Lime Pie with toasted Swiss meringue. The setting is lovely on the water. 227 Schooner Drive, Tiverton, (401) 624-6300, boathousetiverton.com.

Diego's Barrio Cantina

This casual, waterview dining spot offers a burger and beer combo for \$18 for Restaurant Week. The burger is a grilled brisket and chuck patty that is topped with Manchego cheese, grilled pineapple, fried jalapeño and reposado bbq sauce served with crispy potatoes and a 16-ounce Rejects Beer Co. Holy Rhythm Light Lager. 116 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, (401) 619-1717, diegosmiddletown.com.

Sardella's Italian Restaurant

Take a tour with Sardella's fixed-price three course Taste of Italy dinner for \$40. There are 10 different choices for this deal, all served in their dining room. It will not be offered on April 20 as that is the restaurant's 43rd anniversary and they are bringing back their prices from that year that night. Dinner is served 4 to 9 p.m. daily. 30 Memorial Boulevard West, Newport, (401) 849-6312, sardellas.com.

Buskers Irish Pub & Restaurant

Get into some Irish food and enjoy a free appetizer with the purchase of two entrees. You'll order from a select menu. But it's a nice way to start a dinner or lunch of fish and chips. They have more than 20 beers on tap, too. 178 Thames St., Newport, buskerspub.com.

The White Horse Tavern

Go back in time at the oldest restaurant in U.S. It served its first meal in 1673. The Restaurant Week is deal is three courses from their elegant menu for \$50. The dining spaces here speak to the history and the atmosphere stars as much as the food. 26 Marlborough St., (401) 849-3600, whitehorsetavern.com.