

# Historic Jacob Hill Inn

## Providence, Rhode Island

This 1722 farmhouse on the outskirts of Providence was the clubhouse of an elite fox hunting club, the Jacob Hill Hunt Club, from 1921-1942. In 1991 Eleonora and Bill Rezek purchased the property. The original house now has seven guest rooms. The most recent project was the renovation and reconfiguration of the White Barn, now the center of activity for the inn. You will notice part of Bill's extensive collection of baseball cards surrounding the front desk.

The second floor of the barn is the recreation center of the inn with a billiard table, leather couches, electric fireplace, and large screen television with surround sound and library of DVDs, and another room with a professional ping pong table. They also have a tennis court; swimming pool; and a guest pantry with coffee and teas, refrigerator stocked with beverages, and a bowl with fresh fruit. Individual cheese plates are in the refrigerator for guests to help themselves to upon arrival (a nice touch especially if you arrive late) and large chocolate chip cookies are in the guest rooms.

For a romantic getaway pick one of their most deluxe one-room spacious suites all of which are different but have king-size beds, double whirlpool tubs (some in the bedroom area and some in the bath), television and a fireplace (some use duraflame type logs and some are electric). The most over-the-top is the Grand Suite, first floor of the house, with the whirl-

pool in the bedroom facing the fireplace, a 32" flat screen television with a DVD and a sun porch with a treadmill and wicker furniture. Newport Suite, first floor of the White Barn, is another top romantic favorite as it has Roman columns framing the in-room whirlpool tub, a view of the fireplace from the tub and five windows. The Providence Suite, on the second floor of the White Barn, has a more traditional feel with deep red walls, a sleigh bed, and electric fireplaces in the bedroom and bath. The Boston Suite, on the first floor of the White Barn, is a spacious room with a wood beamed ceiling and electric fireplace. The only suite with a private outdoor deck is the Vanderbilt Suite in the house overlooking the pool. They will deliver breakfast to you if you stay in this room or the Grand Suite.

Breakfast is served at individual tables on the first floor of the barn or for one couple in the gazebo. There's a cold buffet with homemade granola, vanilla yogurt, and a fresh fruit bowl. Muffins and a hot dish such as French toast stuffed with preserves and cream cheese, pumpkin pancakes, or eggs baked with salsa

are served. Eleonora and Bill visit each table to ask if they need help with the day's activities, another example of their exceptional hospitality.

**Rooms, rates, etc.**—Twelve rooms. Weekdays \$179-\$399, Weekends \$199-\$459. Breakfast and afternoon refreshment included. Children over 13. No pets. Two-night minimum. 120 Jacob Street, Seekonk, MA 02771. P.O. Box 41326, Providence, RI 02940. (508) 336-9165; (888) 336-9165; [www.inn-providence-ri.com](http://www.inn-providence-ri.com)

**Where to Dine.** Providence is a dining destination with over 100 excellent choices. Our favorites include Al Forno where foodies make the pilgrimage to this waterside industrial park for the legendary wood grilled pizza. Come early or late as there are



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Grand Suite

no reservations except for six or more. The Old Grist Mill Tavern, 2.5 miles from Jacob Hill, was built in 1745 and features steaks and chops, crab cakes, scrod, and lobsters. Ask for a window table overlooking the waterfall. Local 121 in downtown Providence has a full menu of dishes that use regional ingredients including jonnycakes (made with white cap flint cornmeal). Zooma, in the historic Federal Hill area, specializes in traditional Neapolitan dishes. The thin crust pizza uses Caputo

“00” flour (from Naples) and is baked in an 800 degree wood oven. Hemingway's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar overlooks Providence's Riverwalk. At CAV, an acronym for “Coffee/Antiques/Victuals” diners are surrounded by tribal rugs, African carvings, and assorted antiques (most for sale). The tables are covered with Turkish kilims under a piece of glass.

**What to Do.** Providence is a walking town. The schools here include Brown University, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) and Johnson and Wales Culinary School. The Rhode Island Historical Society gives walking tour of Providence mid-June to mid-October where you will see dozens of restored 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century homes. Visit the new RISD museum (Chase Center). Attend a Waterfire presentation along the waterfront on Saturday evenings, late May to mid-October, [waterfire.org](http://waterfire.org). Attend a performance of Trinity Rep, one of the best regional theaters in the United States. Newport is under an hour's drive.