



Take a ride on the Jamestown-Newport Ferry to visit a Narragansett Bay landmark, the Rose Island Lighthouse.

on and off the boat and explore at each stop.

The ferry offers a pleasant ride to the island. Visitors exit the boat and may be awed by the cacophony of bird songs that permeate the air. Much of the island off limits to visitors during the nesting season, April 1 through Aug. 15, in an effort to protect the thousands of birds that call the island home.

The Rose Island Lighthouse merges an antiquated lifestyle and modern efforts in sustainability. Fully furnished and restored, the museum doubles as an inn for those who want to experience life as a lighthouse keeper. Water for the washbasins and toilet must be pumped by hand. Outside, solar showers provide a bath for the guests and water for the garden. A radiant oil-fired heating system keeps the lighthouse warm in the winter months while a wind power, pollution-free electric system is used to light the museum's compact fluorescent bulbs. If its innovation and historical significance are not enough to impress, there are also the superb vistas of Narragansett Bay, Newport and Jamestown. The Rose Island lighthouse is open to the public between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. year round.

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