

## WATCH HILL INN, AN OCEAN HOUSE VILLA PROPERTY, NAMED TO CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER'S 2015 GOLD LIST

The Historic Inn is One of Only 25 Properties in the U.S. to Make the List

WATCH HILL, RI (January 6, 2015) – <u>Watch Hill Inn</u>, which opened this past summer as a newly-renovated, all-suite villa property of the famed <u>Ocean House</u>, was named to *Condé Nast Traveler's* annual <u>Gold List</u>.

For this first time, the annual list was hand selected by *Condé Nast Traveler's* own editors, writers and network of influencers. The 2015 list broke the winners down into categories based on the special touches the properties had to offer. The Inn was recognized in the "Sweet Rides" category, thanks to the availability of complimentary Mercedes-Benz vehicles for guest use through Ocean House's involvement in the Mercedes-Benz Hotel Program.

Offering 19 suite-style accommodations, Watch Hill Inn is located just steps from Ocean House. Guests of the Inn have access to all of the resort's amenities such as the OH! Spa, a private beach, five farm-to-table dining outlets and an array of daily resort activities. Located in the heart of Watch Hill village, the Inn, which is a seasonal property open Memorial Day through October, is situated amongst shops and restaurants, and offers stunning views of Little Narragansett Bay.

"To receive this honor, one of only 25 hotels in the United States to be selected by *Condé Nast Traveler* as one of the best hotels in the world, after only seven months since our re-opening is extremely gratifying," said Daniel A. Hostettler, President & Group Managing Director of Ocean House Management, LLC. "As an Ocean House Villa Property, we wanted the Inn to have its own, unique personality but still deliver the five-star service that Ocean House has become known for both around the country and around the world, and we are proud of our team that accomplished this."

Watch Hill Inn opened in 1845, but before its multi-million dollar renovations last year, it was operated as a condominium property. Watch Hill Inn is managed by Ocean House Management, LLC, operators of the Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, Rhode Island and is owned by Watch Hill Properties.

## **About Watch Hill Inn**

As the oldest original structure in Watch Hill Village, Watch Hill Inn was built in 1845 and was known as the Narragansett House. Listed in the National Historical Landmark Register in

Washington D.C., the Inn was the first building to be built as an inn from conception and reported to be the oldest of its kind in the country. Along with the Ocean House, the Watch Hill Inn was one of only two Watch Hill original hotels to survive the hurricane of 1938. In 2014 renovations were completed that converted the Inn into a collection luxury suites ranging from 650 to 4,000 square feet and each with terraces, just steps away from Watch Hill Harbor. The Watch Hill Inn is a villa property of Ocean House and is affiliated with Relais & Châteaux. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.watchhillinn.com">www.watchhillinn.com</a> or call 401-584-7400.

## **About Ocean House**

Ocean House, one of New England's last grand hotels, re-opened its doors in June 2010 after a \$140 million rebuild and restoration. The 136-year-old property, originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 16 signature suites. Farm-to-table casual and fine dining, the 12,000-square-foot OH! Spa and more than 10,000 square feet of event space make the Ocean House ideal for mid-week business retreats, close-to-home family vacations, weekend luxury escapes and destination weddings. Ocean House is a member of Relais & Châteaux, an exclusive collection of more than 500 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality. This stately property is the only AAA Five-Diamond and Forbes Five-Star rated resort in Rhode Island. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.oceanhouseri.com">www.oceanhouseri.com</a> or call 401-584-7000.

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