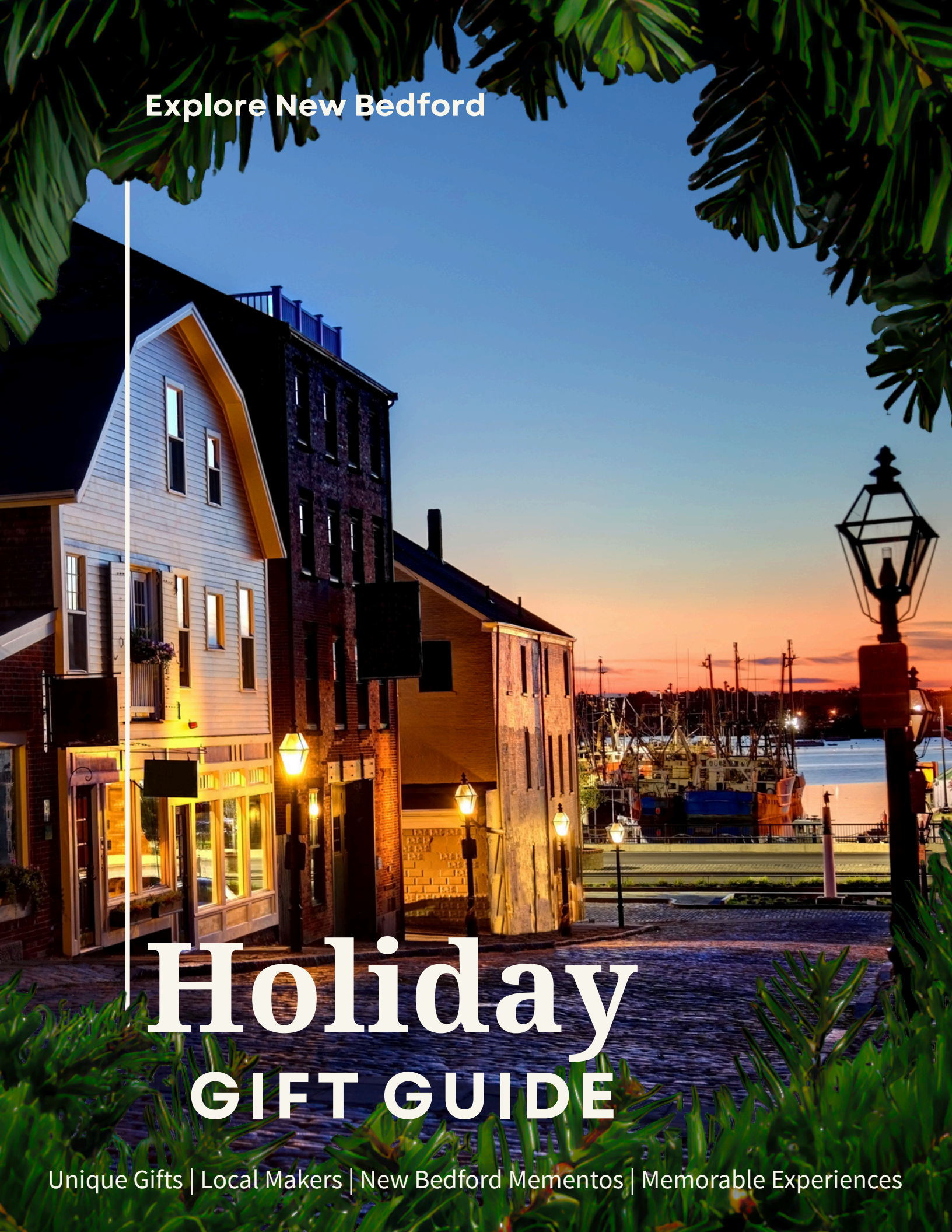


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Holiday GIFT GUIDE

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SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS





This holiday season, give a unique gift while supporting small businesses. From handcrafted goods and art to local flavor and one-of-a-kind experiences, New Bedford is the place to find special gifts for everyone on your list.





New Bedford Mementos

Give a piece of New Bedford to someone special. These iconic gifts reflect the city's creativity and history.



Art installation by Carl Simmons

Fun Fact: Author Herman Melville stayed in New Bedford before setting off on the whaling ship *Acushnet*. That voyage inspired his novel *Moby-Dick*, which references New Bedford and the historic Seamen's Bethel, which you can still visit today.



Piece from art installation by Carl Simmons

Stocking stuffers that travel well.



Paul Revere New Bedford sweatshirt at Solstice



Moby-Dick special edition cover at the Whaling Museum Gift Shop



Ornament at the Whaling Museum gift shop



Whale bookends at the Bedford Merchant



Douglass & Melville book available at the Whaling Museum gift shop



Find this keychain at the Seamen's Bethel



Moby-Dick candle at the Whaling Museum gift shop



A Uniquely New Bedford Experience





Fishing Heritage Center

FHC is dedicated to telling the stories of New Bedford's fishing industry from the past to the present. Learn about the hardworking people who have helped make New Bedford the #1 fishing port in the US for over two decades.

Whaling Museum

Climb aboard the Lagoda, a half-scale model of a whaling bark within the walls of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Little ones can even climb through a life-sized model of a whale heart and enjoy a 3-D movie inside the museum's theatre.





Buttonwood Park Zoo

Named "one of the finest small zoos in the nation" and the 12th oldest zoo in the US., Buttonwood Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and is dedicated to preserving the future of wildlife. Explore over 240 species, a play area for kids, and plenty of events and programs that entertain and educate visitors of all ages.

New Bedford Harbor Tours

Experience the history of New Bedford's maritime past and present while enjoying a cruise on the harbor. Choose a daytime or sunset cruise with stunning views of Buzzards Bay and the cityscape at dusk. The tour accommodates small groups up to 14 people and is BYOB.

The Foodie

New Bedford is famous for its fresh seafood and cultural cuisine. Give the gift of local flavor with restaurant gift cards or something to bring home, like specialty hot sauces and fresh craft beer.



Pictured: Scallops at the Black Whale



Pictured: Izzy's Cape Verdean stew

Fun Fact: New Bedford is the top fishing port in the US, a title it has held for over two decades! That means we take seafood very seriously here.

Stocking stuffers that travel well.



Specialty hot sauce from No Problemo Taqueria



Tin fish from New Bedford cannery Oyster Creek



Craft beer brewed at Moby Dick Brewing Company



Tia Maria's gift card << Nata Latte



Specialty Asian foods at Yum Yum Tiger



Pictured: Brick Pizzeria

A Few Delicious Finds





Wine Tasting

Gift a wine tasting or wine flight at Coastal Bubbles rooftop bar or a wine flight in the historic Joseph Taber building at Cork Wine and Tapas.

Pictured: Coastal Bubbles Wine Bar

Restaurant Gift Cards

New Bedford has so many great restaurants to choose from. Give the gift of restaurant gift cards for a special night out in the city.

Pictured: 222 Union Café Restaurant and Bar





Take a Food Tour

Explore New Bedford's locally owned restaurants, public art, historic architecture, and history on a New Bedford Food Tour. Choose a tour downtown or the north end's International Marketplace.

Pictured: La Fruta Loca

Afternoon Tea In a Mansion

Travel back in time for afternoon tea in a historic mansion. This home, built in the 1800s for whaling merchant William Rotch Jr., is the only whaling mansion in New England open to the public that has preserved its grounds and outbuildings.

Pictured: Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum

Creative

New Bedford is considered one of the most creative cities in the country and home to hundreds of artists and creators, so it's no surprise we have a ton of gift ideas for the creative, crafty, art enthusiast on your list.



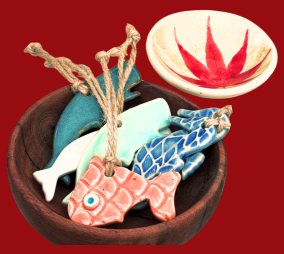
Pictured: New Bedford Art Museum

Fun Fact: The third floor of the New Bedford Public Library downtown branch, is home to the city's historic art collection featuring more than 300 paintings, sculptures, and objects along with roughly 1800 prints and drawings.



Pictured: New Bedford Museum of Glass

Stocking stuffers that travel well.



Handmade ceramic ornaments by New Bedford Pottery



Block print by artist Pixel Palmer



Art by local artists at Gallery X and Hatch Street Studios



Yarn and accessories at New Bedford Fiber Arts



Patch stamped on recycled fabric by New Bedford artist Beatrice Alder at the Bushwood Tailors Opp Shop



Potted plants at Apothecorner



Art theory, architecture, photography and other secondhand arts books at Aviary books

A Few Creative Experiences





See Chihuly and Historic Art

Browse rotating exhibits including the city's historic art collection that includes Bierstadt and Audubon at the New Bedford Art Museum. Revel in the beauty of the museum's Chihuly chandelier.

Pictured: New Bedford Art Museum

See a Live Show

The newly renovated state-of-the-art Zeiterion theater was once part of the vaudeville circuit. Now it brings national and international tours of plays and musicals, concerts, and film screenings.

Pictured: The Zeiterion





Seaglass Workshop

Take a seaglass crafting workshop at These Two Crafty Chicks, located in the historic Kilburn Mill in New Bedford's south end. Workshops and classes are designed to accomodate all experience levels.

Pictured: These Two Crafty Chicks

Boutique Downtown Hotel

Gift a getaway in the heart of downtown New Bedford. This hotel is located steps away from the New Bedford Art Museum, The Baker, and other downtown gems like Record High vinyl shop. The lobby includes a restaurant and bar that features live entertainment throughout the week.

Pictured: New Bedford Harbor Hotel

Thrifty

Shopping for someone who loves vintage, collectibles, or secondhand clothing and accessories? New Bedford is home to a variety of vintage boutiques, collectibles shops, and antiques malls.



Pictured: Cojo's Toy World

Fun Fact: New Bedford is home to the largest antiques center in Southeastern Massachusetts. That title belongs to Antiques at the Cove, located in the Kilburn Mill, a former textile mill built in the early 1900s.



Pictured: Antiques at the Cove

Stocking stuffers that travel well.



Hewn: vintage, non-binary clothing and accessories



Record High: vinyl records and CDs



Cirqa: vintage clothing & accessories



Deep Finds: vintage clothing and accessories



Cojo's Toy World: vintage toys and collectibles



Antiques at the Cove



Pictured: Hewn

A Few More Experiences





Relax In a Salt Cabin

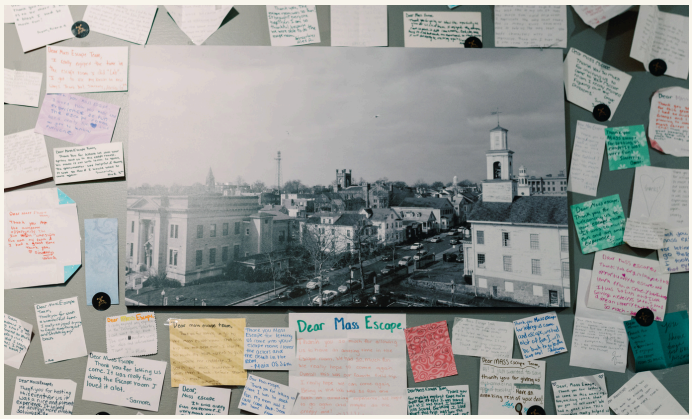
The Halo Salt Cabin at Apothecorner mimics the natural microclimate of a salt cave by dispersing micro-particles of salt in the cabin, creating a space to relax and breathe in the beneficial salt air.

Pictured: Apothecorner

Stretch and Restore

Help your loved ones reduce stress, relax their bodies, and find a moment of peace in their busy lives. Give the gift of self-care with a yoga class or class pack to reset and rejuvenate in the new year.

Pictured: Sangha





Try Your Best to Escape

Schedule a trip to Mass Escape with a group of friends or family and put everyone's logic and communication skills to the test to solve puzzles that lead you to unlocking the escape room door.

Pictured: Mass Escape

Stay in a Luxury Penthouse

Spanning two levels and encompassing 2,500 square feet, Millie's is a sophisticated two-bedroom, two-bath penthouse featuring original stone walls, exposed beams, and breathtaking panoramic views from the expansive private roof deck.

Pictured: Millie's





Explore New Bedford

Explore New Bedford promotes New Bedford as a leisure and business travel destination and hub for creatives, entrepreneurs, and small business owners. They celebrate the city's history, arts, and culture by sharing diverse stories of the community.







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