



## LONG ISLAND

### NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Long Island has several new offerings for the 2024 summer season. [Montauk Yacht Club](#) is ready to welcome travelers searching for a luxurious dream getaway, thanks to a multi-million-dollar renovation. Guests will be treated to a new kind of luxury, equipped with refreshed facilities, wellness offerings and a brand-new onsite dining experience, Ocean Club Montauk. For visitors planning a weekend away with the kids, [Adventureland](#) should be on your radar for visitors planning a getaway with the kids, as the park is debuting two new rides this season: Moon Chasers will spin, twist and invert riders, while the Jr. Pirate Ship is the perfect choice for the little ones. An additional ride and new renovations are also expected this season, thanks to the park's new \$10 million expansion.

[Heckscher State Park](#) in East Islip will host a celebration of the [New York State Parks Centennial](#) on Saturday, June 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., featuring food trucks, vintage cars, swing dance lessons and a live jazz band. Later that night, the [Palm Tree Music Festival](#) in the Hamptons will offer live electronic music performances from artists like Kygo and Swedish House Mafia.

### DESCRIPTION

Though nestled just outside one of the world's most-visited metropolis, Long Island stands out on its own with 120 miles of sparkling ocean beaches, historic sites including "America's First Spy Ring," quaint downtown villages, exclusive shopping and some of the best farm-to-table fare anywhere courtesy of incredible farmlands and bountiful waters. World-renowned Long Island Wine Country is rated one of the "Top 10 Wine Regions in the World" by *Wine Enthusiast*, and of course, the Hamptons on the island's South Fork are always buzzing.

Come summertime, the oceanfront is the place to be with [Jones Beach](#) and [Fire Island](#) state parks famed for miles of white-sand beach for swimming, surfing, fishing and bird watching. East Hampton's [Main Beach](#) and [Cooper's Beach](#) at Southampton consistently ranked among the Top 10 Beaches in America by Dr. Beach. Montauk Point boasts some of the world's best fishing, with special events at [Montauk Point State Park](#) and many options for deep-sea fishing charters and excursions. One can even saddle-up and ride on the beach at [Deep Hollow Ranch](#), the oldest cattle ranch in the country.

Long Island is also a golfer's paradise, with an 18-hole pitch and putt at Jones Beach, one of America's top public courses at [Montauk Downs](#), and the challenging Black Course at [Bethpage State Park Golf Course](#) which has twice hosted the U.S. Open Championship and will welcome the 2025 Ryder Cup. [Bethpage State Park](#) also hosts world-class polo with a family-friendly setting.

With the Town of Southold, Long Island's oldest dating from 1640, there is plenty of history to go around. Take in the [Sag Harbor Whaling & Historical Museum](#) set in an 1845 whaler's mansion designed by prominent American architect Minard LaFever; [Montauk Point Lighthouse](#) on the eastern tip of Long Island, commissioned by George Washington in 1792; [Walt Whitman State](#)

[Historic Site](#) in Huntington Station, the birthplace of one of America's great poets, with a restored farmhouse, c. 1819, featuring 19th-century furniture and an interpretive center filled with artifacts. There is also the [Joysetta & Julius Pearse African American Museum of Nassau County](#) in Hempstead, which was named by *American Legacy* as one of the Top 10 unique and less well-known Black history museums in the U.S.

Not far from NYC on Long Island's North Shore, travelers can discover [Gold Coast mansions](#). Built during the opulence of the "Roaring Twenties," nearly 200 of 500+ original mansions and estates still exist today. Discover some of the region's rich Revolutionary War history with General George Washington's "Culper Spy Ring," a secret group of men and women who ferried details of British activity to the Continental Army. Associated sites open to the public include the [Stony Brook Grist Mill](#) and [Three Village Inn](#) in Stony Brook and [Raynham Hall](#) in Oyster Bay.

Long Island doesn't lack for interesting accommodations. Accommodations include [Daunt's Albatross](#), a 24-room compound that's a perfect base for exploring the beauty of Montauk; [The Northport Hotel](#), a 26-room luxury boutique hotel in downtown Northport along the Gold Coast; [Shou Sugi Ban House](#) for a wellness retreat; and [Hotel Moraine](#), just right for a staycation in the [North Fork of Long Island Wine Country](#).

## GETTING THERE

- 30 min-2 hours from NYC
- 9 hours from Niagara Falls
- 7 hours from Montreal
- [Long Island Rail Road](#) (LIRR) with service to 134 stations
- [JFK International](#) and [LaGuardia Airport](#) located in Queens accessible from Long Island Expressway (I-495) as well as [Long Island Islip MacArthur Airport](#)

## COUNTIES

Nassau, Suffolk

## MAJOR CITIES & TOWNS

Babylon, Bridgehampton, Fire Island, Greenport, Huntington, Jones Beach, Long Beach, Montauk, Northport, Oyster Bay, Sag Harbor, Setauket, Shelter Island, Southampton and Westhampton

## CLIMATE

The diverse climate of New York State has four distinct seasons. Summers on Long Island are comfortable and warm, with daytime temperatures averaging in the mid-70s to mid-80s (degrees F.) and cooler evenings. The weather is moderately cool and sunny in springtime and autumn, when spectacular fall foliage attracts thousands of visitors. Cold, snowy winters create a wonderland of magnificent scenery in parks and villages.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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