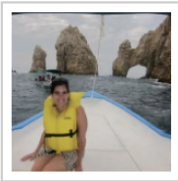




Escape to one of these 10 New England islands for your next vacation

Exploring Northern offshore gems



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New England's coastline is dotted with idyllic islands where flawless beaches are abundant and natural beauty is around every bend. Low-key island pleasures include salty sea swims, sandy sunset strolls and eating fresh seafood at casual lobster shacks.

It's a low-impact getaway, as a bicycle or your own two feet are favored methods of transportation. Islands have a remote, rustic feel and sense of seclusion that's a balm for these times. In truth, they're easily accessible via causeway or breezy ferry ride.

If you're looking to satisfy your wanderlust on a getaway with plenty of nautical charm, consider these 10 scenic islands, all with hotels for a comfortable overnight stay.

Block Island, Rhode Island



Mohegan Bluffs — Photo courtesy of Visit Rhode Island

[Block Island](#) is a nautical paradise with 17 miles of sandy beach, hundreds of freshwater ponds and water so blue that you might think you're in the Caribbean. With over 250 bird species landing here annually, it's an avian wonderland. A web of walkways connects miles of unspoiled habitat with stunning vistas. Ponder the immensity of Mohegan Bluffs and hike rolling trails at Rodman's Hollow.

Foodies shouldn't miss a meal at [Champlin's Galley House](#), where the chef spins magic with just-caught seafood.

Stay: Overlooking Crescent Beach, [Block Island Beach House](#) has vintage-inspired rooms with sea views and a wrap-around porch. Warm hospitality wraps it in a bow.