



10 End-Of-Summer-Spot Alternatives To The Hamptons

Discover tranquil end-of-summer spots, perfect alternatives to the Hamptons. Embrace nature's serenity and make memories to cherish.

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There are plenty of reasons why the Hamptons have long been the go-to summer destination for New Yorkers. With opulent mansions, posh beaches, and glitzy nightlife, this stretch of Long Island oozes luxury, exclusivity, and old-money charm. However, the popularity of the Hamptons has also led to overcrowding, hours-long traffic jams on Route 27, and astronomical rental prices.

Travelers seeking a more relaxed end-of-summer getaway have plenty of pretty destinations along the East Coast that offer Hamptons-worthy scenery, sophistication, and seaside luxury without the hassle (or the price tag, in some cases).

From exclusive enclaves to historic seaside villages and charming beach towns to rocky stretches of coastline, many destinations deliver everything the Hamptons offers with a bit more seclusion and natural splendor. Travelers looking to close out summer in style without the Hamptons headache, here are some alternative end-of-summer vacation destinations like the Hamptons to consider.

10 Newport, Rhode Island



Dubbed the "Yachting Capital of the World," (and one of many amazing East Coast road trip destinations), Newport offers East Coast old money glamour similar to the Hamptons but with far more history and significantly less pretentiousness.

Spend last summer days touring Gilded Age mansions like The Breakers and Marble House, strolling along the Cliff Walk while taking in stunning Atlantic Ocean vistas, or sipping cocktails at the festive outdoor bars on Bowen's and Bannister's Wharves.

The sailing and yacht scene is unmatched, and the harbor is filled with magnificent vessels during summer. Newport's Ocean Drive is one of the most scenic shoreline drives around.

- **Location** : Rhode Island along Narragansett Bay.
- **Hours** : Open daily during the peak summer season. Popular spots like The Breakers and Cliff Walk are open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. most days. Some restaurants and bars stay open late, until 11 pm or midnight.
- **Best Time to Visit** : Late June through August offers warm weather and the most activity. September is also lovely, with smaller crowds and lower prices.
- **Top Attractions** : The Breakers Mansion, Marble House, Cliff Walk, Fort Adams State Park, International Tennis Hall of Fame, and the mansions along Bellevue Avenue.