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## 18 Best Weekend Getaways From NYC

From mountain towns to quaint coastal retreats, these are the best places to escape NYC.

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View of Montauk Lighthouse. PHOTO: CONNY POKORNY/GETTY IMAGES

New York City has a lot to offer—from live entertainment and sporting events to world-class restaurants, museums, and outdoor activities. But even as a NYC-based travel writer who has spent years covering all of the great things to do in the city, I sometimes need a change of pace (without jumping on a long-haul flight).

Luckily, NYC is located within a few hours of some of the best places for a weekend trip in the entire country. Whether you're looking for an adventurous trip to the mountains, some relaxing time on the coast, or a taste of life in a smaller city, you'll find a wealth of options just a quick drive or train ride away. So, the next time you need an escape from the Big Apple, check out our list of the best weekend getaway destinations near NYC.

# Providence, Rhode Island



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**Distance From NYC:** 3.5-hour drive (or 3 hours by train)

The capital city of the smallest state in the nation has a larger-than-life art scene. With the Rhode Island School of Design in town, Providence is home to a huge population of burgeoning artists, resulting in cool galleries like [Public](#) and [The Wurks](#) that keep visitors occupied even beyond a weekend stay. Check out each space's calendar and stop in to peruse the latest exhibitions. Alternatively, plan your visit around [WaterFire](#), a celebration of the city's waterfront where more than 80 crackling bonfires light up the river and fill the area with aromatic wood smoke in a captivating art installation.

Lean into the city's vibrant culture even further and book a room at [Dye House](#). Set in a wool-dyeing factory built in 1880, the boutique hotel and event space is a design lover's dream. The team tapped local talent to contribute to the design, furniture, and even ceramics found in each room, and you're practically guaranteed to find a cool artist pop-up or other event going on during your stay.

# Newport, Rhode Island

**Distance From NYC:** 4-hour drive (or 3.5 hours by train)



Get a [taste of Europe without pulling out your passport](#) in Newport, Rhode Island. This coastal destination has been a beloved destination for the country's elite since the late 19th century, and its grand properties and high-end shopping and dining remain today.



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Take a self-guided tour of the iconic [Newport Mansions](#), then walk along the 3.5-mile [Newport Cliff Walk](#), which provides some of the most breathtaking views along the entire Eastern Seaboard. If you want to dive in further, so to speak, get out on the water yourself by renting a boat to sail around Narragansett Bay.

Finally, live like the local elite with a stay at [The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection](#), a 33-room hotel that dates back to 1909. Get ready to enjoy five-star service just as the hotel's namesake family would.