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## 17 Memorial Day Weekend Getaways from NYC to Book ASAP



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## 5. Newport, RI

- **Distance from NYC:** 3 hours and 45 minutes
- **Why We Recommend It:** nature walks, unique architecture, sailing
- **Where to Stay:** Newport Harbor Hotel & Marina (from \$439/night, sleeps 2); Newport Tree House (from \$224/night, sleeps 5); Downtown Newport Apartment (from \$66/night, sleeps 4)

Newport is just the destination for a Memorial Day Weekend getaway from NYC if you love The Gilded Age. Renowned for its mansions, the town is home to some incredibly sumptuous summer homes, including the legendary, Vanderbilt-owned Breakers. It holds the reputation as Newport's most opulent "cottage"—if Italian Palazzo design, 50-foot ceilings, 70 rooms and 13 acres count as a cottage. Be sure to also visit the Marble House, built by William Vanderbilt as a 39<sup>th</sup> birthday present for his wife, Alva. Not an architecture fan? The Sailing Museum presents an enthralling dive into the sport. But if we're being totally honest, we came for the oysters. (The Deck at Waite's Wharf, Bar and Board Bistro and iconic The Black Pearl won't steer you wrong.)

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## 6. Block Island, RI

- **Distance from NYC:** 3 hours and 15 minutes
- **Why We Recommend It:** isolated, relaxing, tons of shopping
- **Where to Stay:** Historic Mitchell Cottage (from \$396/night, sleeps 4); New Harbor House (from \$253/night, sleeps 14); Mott Hill Cottage (from \$134/night, sleeps 2)

If you're the type who likes to unplug on vacation (i.e., phoneless with zero chance of running into Erin from accounting at the Surf Lodge), this secluded isle off the coast of Rhode Island is just the ticket. Take the Amtrak to New London, Connecticut, where the train stops just steps from the Block Island Ferry dock, and you're golden. Make your first stop the Block Island Historical Society, a quaint museum near New Shoreham exploring the region's history. Here, you can learn about the region's geological formation, Indigenous people and Victorian life. Another locale worth the stop is the North Lighthouse in New Shoreham. While you can't climb to the top, you can visit the maritime museum on the first floor. And for those who truly want to unplug, book an appointment at the award-winning Koru Eco Spa—the signature sacred stone massage is a must.

EXPLORE BLOCK ISLAND