



10 Weekend Getaways from NYC You Can Reach Without a Car

This spring and summer, hop on public transportation for these dreamy weekend getaways from NYC.

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Now that you've given [cherry blossoms](#) and [tulips](#) their due, the next best way to celebrate the season is to get out of town and see what else is blooming. Since a restorative getaway should be a basic right for every New Yorker, we scoured the Tri-State and beyond to find the dreamiest destinations that let you slow down and remember the important things, like each other's company, being in the moment, and outdoor heated pools.

From a Victorian mansion-turned-modernist knockout on the Jersey Shore to riverside vintage campers in the Catskills and a beachside resort on Long Island that we really wanted to keep secret, these 10 new and improved retreats have something for everyone—plus, no driver's license required.



The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection

Newport

Built in 1909, the recently revamped Vanderbilt mansion takes Gilded Age glamour to new heights. Admire the hotel's richly-hued rooms (each one more dramatic and alluring than the next) and sashay in your finest Gatsbian attire to on-site diversions like the [Art of Scrimshaw](#) in the Snooker Room; bivalves at [Oyster Hour](#) in the dining room; or an [absinthe tasting around a secret bar](#). Off-site offerings include a [private tour of The Breakers](#) along the famous Cliff Walk, an [Oyster Farm](#) outing, and sailing on [an America's Cup boat](#) (the next best thing to participating in the [Ocean Race](#)).

Nearby activities: At this car-free travelers' haven, choose to walk, [bike](#) or [trolley](#) to the [historic mansions](#) that were the summertime playground of high society at the turn of the century. Plan a trip around the [Newport Folk Festival](#) or [Newport Jazz Festival](#), bring the family to the new [Save the Bay Aquarium](#), and check out the much-anticipated July opening of Mother Pizzeria from hot new restaurateur, chef Kevin O'Donnell of [Giusto's](#). Since this is the sailing capital of the world, don't miss the new [Sailing Museum](#), complete with high- and low-tech exhibitions, famous boats, and a virtual vessel you can pilot. The museum also harbors the National Sailing Hall of Fame and America's Cup Hall of Fame.

How to get there without a car: Four-hour [Amtrak](#) train to Providence, then hop the station's complimentary shuttle bus or [Seastreak's](#) \$12 ferry to Newport.

Total travel time: 5 hours