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The Best Last-Minute Weekend Getaways from New York City

All the relaxing, delicious, and inspiring ways to enjoy the great outdoors

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New York City: capital of commerce, capital of culture, and to many people, the center of the universe. But every now and again, even the most die-hard New Yorkers will admit to needing an escape from the city's draining hustle and bustle. Lucky for them—and for you—NYC has an abundance of last-minute getaways at its fingertips. Here, we've put together a shortlist of some of the best of the best, with a keen eye for what's new, what's fabulous, and what's going to get your batteries properly recharged.

A Longer Ride: Newport, Rhode Island



THE CHANLER AT CLIFF WALK

Ah, Newport. Known for its heyday as a summer respite for Manhattan's Gilded Age elite, this seaside town still teems with activity and goings-on in the summer months. Order some Veuve Clicquot fieldside at a Newport Polo match, tour the mansions of Bellevue Avenue, and channel your very own Gilded Age moment by securing tickets to the annual Preservation Society of Newport County's [Summer Dinner Dance](#). And as one of the great sailing capitals of the world, this is also a great getaway if you're looking to get out on the water with a [sailboat charter](#).

For where to rest your head, there is no shortage of fabulous options in this town. [Castle Hill Inn](#), a historic mansion located on a prime stretch of waterfront at the mouth of Newport Harbor, was a favorite of Grace Kelly's and offers some of the best waterfront views in town. [The Chanler at Cliff Walk](#) sits advantageously, as its name would imply, at the top of Newport's famous Cliff Walk, a seaside walking trail with enviable views of Newport's historic mansions. For something in the center of the action, however, book a room (or at least stop by for the infamous spicy margaritas) at darling newcomer [Gardiner House](#)—it's located by the waterfront, just steps off the main drag, Thames Street.