



12 Unique and Exciting Weekend Getaways Within 5 Hours of NYC

Choose your own adventure: stargazing, forest bathing, foraging, and more.



Best Getaway for Oyster Lovers

Rhode Island

If you've ever been to the Ocean State, then you know that in addition to great surf and Gilded Age glamour, Rhode Island is famous for its briny bites of joy. Whether you prefer them raw or cooked, tasting the sea this way always brings about a pleasurable cesura. And because the colder the water, the sweeter the oyster, there's no time like the present to enjoy the humble mussel than with an oyster-infused road trip.

Home to over three dozen varieties of oysters, the state is so fond of their beloved bivalve—and proud to celebrate its growing sustainable aquaculture industry—there’s even a [Rhode Island Oyster Trail](#) for discovering the best restaurants, oyster bars, and farms. For an all-you-can-slurp affair, plan a visit around the [Newport’s Seafood Wine Festival](#) in February, the [Oyster and Chowder Festival](#) in May, or the [Ocean State Oyster Festival](#) in Providence in October. For a pond-to-plate adventure, take an oyster farm tour with [Matunuck Oyster Bar](#), where you can learn about the harvesting process before tucking into a plate of fresh ones with a glass of bubbly. Enjoy buck-a-shuck at [Greenwich Bay Oyster Bar](#), a half price raw bar at [Bristol Oyster Bar](#), and \$1 Mansion Oyster Hour at [The Vanderbilt’s](#) live shucking station. At the [Coast Guard House](#) in Narragansett, you’ll feel like you’re floating on the ocean at the newly launched [oyster dinner](#), or head out to [Block Island Oyster Bar and Grill](#) for the ferry-worthy Oysters Thermidor. In Providence, throw back [Walrus & Carpenter](#) oysters at [Bayberry Garden](#), and sip cocktails made with [Ostreida](#), the country’s first oyster-infused vodka, at Industrious Spirit Company’s tasting room. We hate to haul out the old cliché, but in the Ocean State, the world really is your oyster.

By public transit: [Amtrak](#) to Providence in 3.5 hours.

By car: 3 hours to Providence. Add another 15 minutes to get to Newport.