



# The 18 Best Weekend Getaways From New York City

From picturesque beaches to dreamy mountain retreats, these weekend getaways are the perfect change of scenery.

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New York City has been called many things but "relaxing" isn't necessarily one of them. When you need a break from the hustle and bustle of the Big Apple, relieve some stress by packing a bag and getting out of the city for a few days. To help you pick the right destination for your much-needed escape, U.S. News evaluated expert and traveler opinion to find the best weekend getaways from New York City. Whether you're planning a couples retreat or a fun-filled family weekend, these getaways have everything you need for a memorable trip.

## Four hours or less

### Newport

If sandy toes and lobster rolls are calling your name, look no further than [Newport, Rhode Island](#). This New England port town, located on the southern tip of Aquidneck Island and approximately 180 miles northeast of New York, is famous for its miles of pristine shoreline, upscale boutiques and ornate Gilded Age mansions. It is also lauded as one of the premier sailing capitals of the world.

While here, gain your sea legs aboard a boat tour of Newport Harbor, or get your steps in on part of the [Cliff Walk](#), a scenic 3.5-mile pathway that runs along Newport's eastern shore. Then, engage in some well-deserved retail therapy along [Thames Street](#), which is lined with a plethora of shops and restaurants. And of course, you can't leave without touring [The Breakers](#), Newport's iconic Renaissance-style "summer cottage." When it's time to bed down, check out one of Newport's many lavish accommodations, such as [The Vanderbilt](#) and [The Chanler at Cliff Walk](#).