

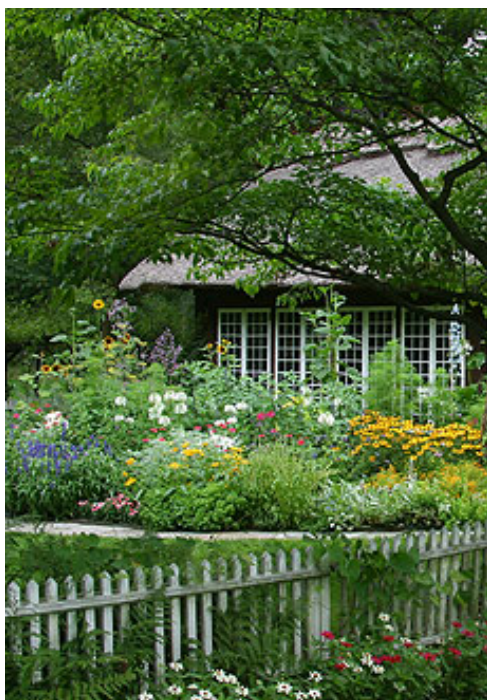
Spotlight Article

Photo: Old Westbury Gardens
A thatched cottage on the grounds of Old Westbury Gardens adds contrast to the mansion.

Long Island surprises

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Who would think that within easy reach of New York City, your groups could be on the oldest working cattle ranch in the United States; hobnobbing in the Hamptons, home to the rich and famous; visiting a Roosevelt Summer White House; and sampling award-winning vintages at local wineries? More than a bedroom community to its metropolitan neighbor, Long Island harbors a wealth of attractions and activities for visiting groups.

Old Westbury Gardens, an English-style country estate built for the Phipps family in 1906, features 160 acres of gardens. More than 100 species of trees, perennials, statuary, rose gardens, lakes and even a thatched cottage with garden, make the house even more magnificent. The elegant mansion is filled with original furnishings and fine arts. House and Gardens tours are available for groups.

Those wishing more can visit Coe Hall at Planting Fields Arboretum, a 65-room Tudor Revival house museum. Tours are given April to September. Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Summer White House for President Theodore Roosevelt, is open year-round.

Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages contains the best collection of horse-drawn carriages in the United States. Innovative exhibits and charming gardens entice visitors throughout the year

If you're not surprised yet, visit the Cradle of Aviation Museum to learn about the role Long Island played in the development and growth of aviation and aerospace.

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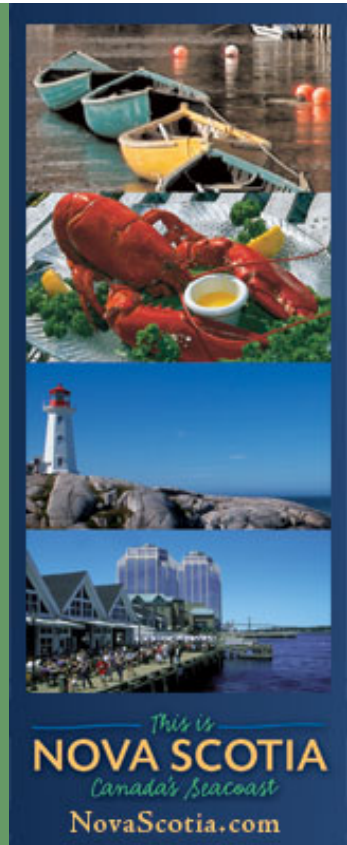
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