

Winter Fest in LI's wine country

Enjoy a weekend of jazz, romance on the North Fork

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Winter still has a long way to go. So, what are you going to do on those cold, bleak weekends? Well, there's the North Fork's Winter Fest to liven up a season of gloom: fine wines served at great wineries and plenty of first-rate jazz Feb. 12-March 21 — and performances are free.

What more do you want?

Well, you have to stay someplace, so we offer a handful of choices to make a night of it, whether you're looking for a romantic weekend for two or a happy house party.

Room with a view

SANNINO VINEYARD TUSCAN SUITE
7490 Alvahs Lane, Cutchogue
631-734-8282,
sanninovineyard.com

RATES \$199 a night Sunday-Thursday; \$250 weekends (two-night minimum)
WHEN Through March 14.
If you're really into wine, this private suite — the only one at the vineyard — is for you. It has its own balcony as well as a marble bathroom. Plus, it has a dining area, living space and flat-screen TV.

A drink by the fire

ACORN HOLLOW BED & BREAKFAST
2110 Oaklawn Ave., Southold
631-765-1234,
acornhollowbandb.com

RATES \$469 a person, double occupancy
WHEN Deal good March 26-28

Get cozy beside a welcoming fire. The Vine Time Holiday Spirits package offers a two-night stay with full breakfast, a winery tour, including transportation and tastings at four wineries, picnic lunch of your choice and dinner for two both

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of this year's
WinterFest lineup

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A Tuscan Suite at Sannino's Vineyard in Cutchogue overlooks the crop and is \$250 on weekends.



The Harvest Inn in Peconic, left, and a room at Arbor View House in East Marion



nights (restaurant choices include the Frisky Oyster, North Fork Table and Inn, and Jamesport Manor Inn).

Old-time romance

ARBOR VIEW HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST
8900 Main Rd., East Marion
631-477-8440,
arborviewhouse.com
RATES \$595 a person, double occupancy

WHEN Deal good Feb. 15-April 4
The two-night Romantic Holiday Magic package includes a horse-drawn carriage tour of a North Fork vineyard (weather permitting), two 60-minute massages and a luxurious aromatherapy bath. The couple will be given a \$100 gift certificate for a romantic dinner, a gift basket with sparkling wine and chocolate truffles, plus daily candlelit breakfasts/brunch at the B&B.

Have it your way

THE HARVEST INN
40300 Main Rd., Peconic
631-765-9412,
harvestinnbandb.com
RATES \$349-\$439 a person
Whether you want to be in the kitchen cooking dinner, or out in the village, Harvest Inn has you covered. First, the inn's Cooking Workshop Weekend Feb. 26-28: Besides accommodations, this getaway offers a private wine tasting on Friday

evening, a cooking workshop on braising and stews Saturday, daily breakfast and a multicourse food-and-wine-tasting dinner (\$439 a person, double occupancy). Additionally, the "Winterfest Escape Package," available through March, includes two nights at the Inn, breakfast, a bottle of wine, private car service to tour the region and a Village Cheese Shop gift certificate (\$349 a person).

Bargain on the beach

PROPERTY ANGELS AT THE CLIFFSIDE RESORT
61475 Rte. 48, Greenport
631-252-5653,
greenportvacation.com
thecliffsideresort.net
RATES \$594 for three-night stay for up to six people Thursday-Sunday
WHEN March 18-21
Take a house party and sip some wine overlooking the water in Greenport. Two-bedroom condos come complete with two bathrooms and a kitchenette. Want to add a third couple and bring down the cost per person? There's a foldout bed in the living room.

Winter wine

ELLIS HOUSE B&B
47100 Main Rd., Southold
631-765-6106,
ellishousebandb.com
RATES \$199 a person, double occupancy
WHEN Through March
Stay two nights as part of the "Winter Wine and Cheese" package and have a fondue lunch at Love Lane Cheese Shop and a complimentary bottle of wine in your room. Breakfast, too.

Get a jump on the weekend

HOME PORT B AND B
2500 Peconic Lane, Peconic
631-765-1435,
homeportbandb.com
RATES \$155 a person, double occupancy
WHEN Through April 1
Start your weekend off with an early check-in for the Friday night escape package. Have dinner out at a restaurant gratis (\$100 value) and wake up to a hearty breakfast.