

Travel



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A weekend in ...

Long Island, N.Y.

Budget



Montauk's Atlantic white sand beaches are a summertime favorite. **Pablo Medinaruliz**

Getting there

Round trip \$298 to Long Island-MacArthur Airport (ISP) on travel through Sept. 14; 14-day advance; Philadelphia flight connection on USAirways.

Stay

Montauk's recently renovated Ocean Resort Inn is 65 feet from the Atlantic's white sand beaches. Lower-level guest rooms have a covered porch with a swing, free in-room Wi-Fi; picnic tables, BBQ area in the courtyard. Comp use of beach blankets, towels, sand chairs, beach umbrellas. Groceries, restaurants within a short walk; from \$105-\$130 to June 25; oceanresortinn.com; 95 S. Emerson Ave., 631-668-2300.

Eat

Rick's Crabby Cowboy Cafe, a family favorite on Lake Montauk, serves fresh local seafood, BBQ; dinner items from \$10.95; children's menu \$8.95; daily from noon; crabbycowboy.com, 435 E. Lake Dr., 631-668-3200.

Experience

The 28-acre Hallockville Museum Farm preserves the island's agricultural heritage from the 1880s-1920s with historic houses, barns and gardens; adults \$7; children \$4; hallockville.com. For maritime fans, the Sag Harbor Whaling and Historical Museum displays artifacts from the 1700s; adults \$5; ages 3-11 \$1; sagharborwhalingmuseum.org.

Moderate



The Montauk Lighthouse recalls the region's maritime heritage. **KKMPhotos** Long Island CVB

Getting there

USAirway's walk-up, round-trip rates from \$299.

Stay

Guests of Harbor Knoll are treated to Friday night dinner on two-night weekend stays in June or July. Also included is full country breakfast, afternoon refreshments and charming accommodations with sea breezes, \$720 per couple. This historic inn sits on a private beach in Greenport, a historic seaport village with the East End Seaport Museum, antique shops (greenportvillage.com); harborknoll.com, 424 Fourth St., 631-477-2352.

Eat

Shelter Island's Planet Bliss Inc. is a mix of country, tropical and eclectic with a menu of comfort-to-Creole-to-Asian, entrees to \$30; planet-bliss.com, 23 N. Ferry Road, 631-749-0053.

Experience

Glimpse the Gilded Age along north Nassau's "Gold Coast" where the Roosevelts, Vanderbilts, Guggenheims (Hempstead House), Chryslers and other magnates built summer cottages. Many estates and gardens open to the public (fees vary from \$2); ligoldcoast.com. Chill out on some of the 400 miles of South Nassau beaches and boardwalks along Long Beach, Jones Beach (33 miles from New York City), Robert Moses Park (visitor permits required); exploreli.com.

Splurge



The Macari Vineyard. Long Island's wine country is a two-hour bus ride from Manhattan. **Eric Schnakenberg**

Getting there

Walk-up Business Class rates to NYC airports from \$418, AirTran.com. It's two hours by Hampton Jitney bus from Manhattan to North Fork (Peconic Lane stop), \$22 one-way, \$40 round trip, hamptonjitney.com.

Stay

The romantic Harvest Inn is in the heart of wine country with a private beach nearby. The year-round, two-night Wine Country Escape package includes private car service on a winery tour; a bottle of wine on arrival and gourmet breakfast, \$349 per person, double; harvestinnbandb.com, 40300 Main Road, Peconic, 631-765-9412.

Eat

It's homey with intimate Euro-elegance. Jedediah's in Jamesport serves the finest local seasonal cuisine and wines from every vineyard on the Island. Choose from a la carte menu (about \$40 per person) to a six-course chef's tasting menu (varies), jedediahhawkinsinn.com, 400 S. Jamesport Ave., 631-722-2900.

Experience

Two dates – June 15-18 and July 20-23 – are set for adult wine camp to learn, blend, taste, and create while soaking in the beauty of regional vineyards. Join local expert winemakers for this three-night, four-day, all-inclusive package for food and wine lovers; includes a take-home case of local wine. \$829 per person, double