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YOUR OFFICIAL GUIDE TO RESOURCES FOR THE COAST

Discover Long Island

Whether you choose a barefoot walk on the beach... an adventuresome climb atop a lighthouse where the ocean view takes your breath away... an afternoon sampling the latest vintages at a local winery ... or touring the stately halls and gardens of Long Island's Gold Coast mansions... Long Island has it all. How about challenging your self with a round at a championship golf course... Or enjoying the many cultural and historic treasures Long Island has to offer... Children's attractions, sporting events, special performances... Create Your Own Long Island Memories.

THE NORTH FORK: IT'S WINE COUNTRY

An enchanting ride to Long Island's Wine Country transports you to a place where over 50 vineyards flourish and over 30 wineries open their doors, offering their bounty to visitors. Come sample Long Island's latest award-winning wines, or take a fascinating cellar tour and see how Long Island's gifted vintners have perfected their craft. Make sure to check winery schedules for special events and entertainment. Enjoy lunch at a fabulous local restaurant or plan to spend the evening at one of the quaint area inns. Folk life preserves, museums, a world-class aquarium, a top-rated water park, tall ship day cruises aboard schooner ships, lighthouse tours and sport fishing centers add to the superb adventure here for travelers. Make your next visit to Long Island Wine Country memorable.

JUST OUTSIDE NYC: VISIT AN ISLAND WITH NO ROADS OR TRAFFIC FOR A TRUE GETAWAY AT THE BEACH

It's difficult to imagine that just outside the non-stop hustle and bustle of New York City is a beachfront vacation spot so quiet and serene, even automobiles are not allowed in most areas as there are no paved roads. Fire Island, the 32-mile long barrier beach just off Long Island's South Shore, is primarily accessed via ferry. Ferries disembark passengers directly at town centers so that very little walking is actually required. The island is



only a half-mile wide at its widest point.

FROM A SUNKEN FOREST TO A SEAL WATCH CRUISE, ECOTOURISM OPPORTUNITIES AROUND IN LONG ISLAND, NY

Just outside New York City -one of the most populous cities in the nation- Long Island offers visitors an escape from the ordinary. The Long Island Convention & Visitors Bureau invites visitors to explore a 200-year old Sunken Forest in Fire Island's ocean dunes; or to hike the beachside Long Island Seashore Trail or see the rare Dwarf Pines in the Pine Barren region; or the bluff-top hiking trails of the Greenbelt Trail system. You can get up close and personal with wildlife on a whale watching boat or seal watch cruise, or come see free-roaming deer, a bat conservation site and rare species of birds.

VISIT LONG ISLAND'S GOLD COAST IMMORTALIZED IN F. SCOTT FITZGERALD'S "THE GREAT GATSBY"

Just a short ride from New York City on Long Island's north shore is a place of uninhibited wealth and opulence immortalized in F. Scott Fitzgerald's book, THE GREAT GATSBY. Many of the "Gold Coast" mansions that grace this scenic coastal area, so-called due to the huge concentration of fortunes here, are open for the public's perusal and enjoyment. Over a half-dozen estates have been converted to public use, many offering art galleries and tours, and others open to allow visitors to stroll the grounds and spectacular gardens to get a feel for what life was like for the privileged few.

THE HAMPTONS: FOR SOME IT IS "CAMELOT"

A famous Long Island region anyone can enjoy is the East End, also known as The Hamptons. This area is a haven for "the rich and famous," replete with history, sensational shopping and celebrities going about their daily lives. A tour through The Hamptons also shows its deep artistic and avant-garde history, as well as its earlier roots as a whaling community.

LONG ISLAND'S HISTORICAL VENUES CREATE MEMORABLE VISITS

Well-known for its sandy white beaches and top-rated golf courses, Long Island is also rich in history and features fabulous historic venues, including gorgeous "Gold Coast" mansions perched high on the bluffs of the Sound, to the exciting Belmont Racetrack, celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2005. Others include: Oheka Castle, a 1920s French Chateau style castle considered one of the finest castles built on Long Island; The De Seversky Center, a 1920s estate on 100 acres of manicured property, just 30 minutes from JFK and LaGuardia airports.; Vanderbilt Museum, an historic, Spanish Revival mansion. This mansion also has a planetarium and "sky theater" on site, as well as an extensive marine and wildlife exhibit featuring some of the most exotic creatures found in the ocean and on land.

Long after your footprints are left in the sands of our pristine beaches – the memories will linger. Memories of views from atop a lighthouse, or shopping and dining in a quaint seaside village. The bouquet of an award-winning vintage from one of 30 vineyards, or a thrilling round at a championship golf course. Children's laughter at the penguins in the aquarium, or their squeals of joy at our water park. Long Island... Close to New York City, but a world away.

