Culture and Heritage
Long Island Museum and Vineyard Experience

New York City’s Beachfront Backyard
LONG ISLAND, New York – Multi Day Itinerary

DAY 1 – 3: NYC

GETTING FROM NYC → LONG ISLAND

After spending time in New York City head to Long Island.

- SELF-DRIVE or Group
- Car Rental Options:
  - Long Island MacArthur Airport Car Rentals: Hertz and Sunncars, Enterprise, Budget;

More transportation options: [https://www.discoverlongisland.com/listings/transportation/](https://www.discoverlongisland.com/listings/transportation/)

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DAY 4:

- **Planting Fields Arboretum** [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org)
  Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, which includes the Coe Hall Historic House Museum, is an arboretum and state park covering over 400 acres located in the village of Upper Brookville in the town of Oyster Bay, New York.

- Explore **downtown Oyster Bay** with many great places to shop!

- **Cradle of Aviation Museum** [www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org)
  Long Island’s Air and Space Museum Preserving Long Island’s rich aerospace heritage of discovery and inspiring future generations through science and technology. Great Exhibits over 75 air and space craft in 8 galleries chronicling 100 years of aerospace adventure.

- **Clayton/Nassau County Museum of Art** [https://nassaumuseum.org/](https://nassaumuseum.org/)
  The Nassau County Museum of Art is dedicated to fostering a deeper understanding of art and culture through exhibition and education programs for people of all ages and backgrounds. In practice, the Museum pursues the mission by enhancing its permanent collections, sculpture park, historic property and natural setting.

- **Seasonal - Tilles Center for the Performing Arts** [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org)
  Concert hall on LIU Post campus hosts a variety of music, dance & theater productions.

Choice of accommodation:

- **Courtyard by Marriott Westbury Long Island** [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)
  Find the peace and quiet you crave at Courtyard Westbury Long Island. Centrally located in the village of Westbury, our hotel invites you to savor simple pleasures while staying walking distance from neighborhood shops and restaurants. Sit back and enjoy a show at NYCB Theatre at Westbury, or speed things up with a fun-filled afternoon in New York City, just 30 minutes away via the Long Island Rail Road.

- **Red Roof PLUS+ Long Island - Garden City** [www.redroof.com](http://www.redroof.com)
  Located off of the Meadowbrook State Parkway, this family-friendly hotel is one mile from the LIRR trains at Carle Place Station and about six miles away from the Nassau County Museum of Art.


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Full-Service Long Island Marriott is a 4-star hotel in Uniondale, New York located in the heart of Nassau County conveniently situated near Garden City, New York as well as NYC, Roosevelt Field, Eisenhower Park.

- Econo Lodge [www.choicehotels.com](http://www.choicehotels.com)
  Econo Lodge in Hicksville is located near Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum and numerous colleges and universities. They provide a hotel experience that keeps travel simple and friendly, whether we’re your final destination or just a stop along the way.

- Upscale option: Glen Cove Mansion [https://www.glencovemansion.com/](https://www.glencovemansion.com/)
  Sleep in peaceful luxury during your next Long Island vacation when you book one of our elegant & spacious hotel suites at The Mansion at Glen Cove.

**DAY 5:**

- Walt Whitman Birthplace Association [www.waltwhitman.org](http://www.waltwhitman.org)
  The Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site is a state historic site in West Hills, New York, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The site preserves the birthplace of American poet Walt Whitman.

- Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org)
  The 43-acre estate, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, overlooks Northport Bay and the L.I. Sound. Visitors take guided mansion tours, or may explore on their own the museum’s galleries of marine life, natural history and cultural artifacts, as well as its wild-animal habitats and dioramas. The Vanderbilt’s, Charles and Helen Rechert Planetarium is a state-of-the-art, 147-seat facility that features educational and entertainment shows.

- Stony Brook downtown walk and shop
  A mix of trendy shops, restaurants and services make it the kind of place that draws in visitors from around the world, yet the hamlet focuses enough on the needs of the residents to give it an everyday vibrancy that most downtowns would admire.

- The Long Island Museum and Carriage Museum [www.longislandmuseum.org](http://www.longislandmuseum.org)
  Discover a national treasure in historic Stony Brook. This nine acre park-life setting contains three exhibition buildings featuring changing exhibitions in American art, history and the finest collection of horse-drawn carriages in the United States.

- Washington Spy Trail [washingtonspytrail.com/](http://washingtonspytrail.com/)
  Route 25A from Great Neck to Port Jefferson stretches along Long Island’s North Shore, winding through towns that George Washington explored as the newly-elected president. Known as the Long Island Heritage Trail and,
as designated by New York State, the Washington Spy Trail, visitors can now travel the same Presidential route on a journey that includes early 1900s Gold Coast mansions at the western end of the trail, and 17th Century farmhouses and Prohibition speakeasies in the east.

- **The Brewster House, c. 1665** [https://wmho.org/attractions/the-brewster-house-c-1665/](https://wmho.org/attractions/the-brewster-house-c-1665/)
  During the American Revolution, Joseph Brewster operated the house as a tavern and general store, entertaining British troops inside. American Patriot Caleb Brewster, cousin of the Joseph Brewster and presumably a frequent visitor to the house, was a member of George Washington’s Culper Spy Ring during the Revolutionary War.

  An account of the life in this house is available in the shape of Doctor Samuel Thompson’s (1738-1811) Journal or diary where we learn of his work as a farmer and doctor to his neighbors as he prescribed herbs, antimonial purges, and whiskey to treat his patients. It was during this time that he made surveys to determine safe routes that could be used by arriving support troops should the necks of the harbors fall to the British.

Choice of accommodation:

- **Three Village Inn** [www.lessings.com/corporate/hotel](http://www.lessings.com/corporate/hotel)
  Master and Signature Suites are the ideal getaway retreat. Luxury accommodations are accompanied by Mirabelle’s restaurant, with farm-to-table cuisine by a renowned Long Island chef.

- **Stony Brookside Bed & Bike Inn** [www.thestonybrookside.com](http://www.thestonybrookside.com)
  Overlooking Mill Pond, Avalon Park and Stony Brook village, this quaint 3 room Inn is an intimate overnight experience with options for using bikes to explore Stony Brook or arrange a self-guided Long Island bike tour.

- **Danford’s Hotel Marina & Spa** [http://www.danfords.com](http://www.danfords.com)
  Danford’s Hotel, Marina & Spa is located along the nationally recognized North Shore Heritage Trail and nestled in the heart of historic and nautical Port Jefferson Village. A contemporary harbor side retreat, Danford’s is an elegant boutique hotel and premier destination on the north shore of Long Island.

Visit Fire Island:

**DAY 6:**

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Option 1: Drive to Field 5, Robert Moses Beach and walk to the Fire Island Lighthouse (www.fireislandlighthouse.com). Discover Fire Island’s natural beauty as you explore the nature trail and take the 182-step tour of the tower and see the magnificent panoramic view of the ocean and bay that surround the Fire Island Lighthouse. A trip to the lighthouse, its Keeper’s Quarters and exhibit center will give a unique opportunity to experience this history with photos and displays that tell the rigors of life at the Fire Island Lighthouse.

Stay at: Cleggs Hotel Fire Island http://www.cleggshotel.com

Overlooking Great South Bay, this relaxed, family-run hotel is 7 minutes' walk from the closest beach, 4 miles from Fire Island lighthouse and 8 miles from Robert Moses State Park. The unassuming, TV-free rooms with quaint decor have shared bathrooms; some rooms offer bay views. Suites sleep up to 4 people, and come with private bathrooms and kitchenettes. Room service is available. Complimentary perks include loaner bikes, beach chairs and umbrellas, and continental breakfast served in a low-key dining room.

Option 2: Take Fire Island Ferries (www.fireislandferries.com) from Bayshore to Fire Island. Choose from Ocean Beach, Ocean Bay Park, Fair Harbor, Kismet, Saltaire Seaview and Dunewood/Atlantique. Fire Island is known for its protected beaches and vibrant communities with multiple dining, entertainment, shopping and activities for both day and night. While there, visit Fire Island’s Sunken Forest. According to the New York Natural Heritage Program, the Sunken Forest was ranked as "globally rare," meaning there are few remaining occurrences of this assemblage of plants throughout the world.

Stay in Fire Island: Palms Hotel Fire Island www.palmshotelfireisland.com

The Palms is a boutique hotel in Ocean Beach on Fire Island which offers luxurious accommodations in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Unlike typical hotels on Fire Island, the Palms distinguish itself as having the finest amenities with the highest standard of customer service.

Or enjoy the day visiting aquarium, kayaking, swimming and sun-bathing:

Long Island Aquarium www.longislandaquarium.com

This fantastic destination features one of the largest all-living coral reef displays in this hemisphere, a 120,000-gallon shark tank, year-round sea lion shows, African Penguins, Marmosets, numerous touch tanks and more than 100 exhibits including the lavish indoor gardens of our Butterflies, Bugs and Birds Exhibit!

Kayaking https://www.longislandcanoekayakrentals.com

Looking for fun on the forks? Spend a few hours – or an entire day – discovering the natural beauty of Long Island’s local waterways. Ideally located on the picturesque Peconic River, Long Island Canoe Kayak Rentals, part of Treasure Cove Resort Marina, features in-season canoe, kayak, stand up paddle board, fishing pole, electric tour board, and bicycle rentals. Seasonal guided tours also offered.

Choice of accommodation:

Hyatt Place Long Island/East End www.hyatt.com

Located on the tip of Long Island’s famed North Fork, Hyatt Place Long Island/East End offers access to a variety of companies, the county government seat, and a myriad of exciting attractions. Their waterfront hotel near the Long Island Aquarium is ideal for any traveler.

Hotel Indigo Long Island - East End www.ihg.com

Hotel Indigo East End is a chic boutique with over 100 luxurious guest rooms. Poolside rooms, deluxe rooms with private terraces and contemporary rooms with modern spa bathrooms are all available.

Upscale option: The Preston House www.theprestonhouseandhotel.com
Located minutes from the famed Hamptons on the South Fork and historic Wine Country on the North Fork of Long Island, The Preston House & Hotel is a beautifully reimagined hotel in downtown Riverhead. This 1905 historical home once owned by Henry H. Preston, the first salaried sheriff of Suffolk County, boasts original floors, beams, fireplace, stonework, barn doors, and hardware, restored to its original elegance, with modern refinements.

**DAY 7:**

Choose a Vineyard or a brewery to visit: check before visit, some vineyards are seasonal 🌞🌼🌿

- **Jamesport Vineyards/NOFO Pizza Company** [www.jamesportwines.com](http://www.jamesportwines.com)
  Jamesport Vineyards is a father-son collaboration that began in 1986 making it one of the North Fork’s oldest vineyards. The tasting room has increased to accommodate an ever-growing number of visitors. A full-service kitchen, operating as NOFO Pizza Co. now operates year-round, offering wood-fired pizzas and more.

- **Pellegrini Vineyards** [www.pellegrinivineyards.com](http://www.pellegrinivineyards.com)
  Bob Pellegrini and his wife Joyce were one of the original pioneers in the Long Island wine community. After partnering in a small vineyard in the 80’s, they quickly realized the potential of the North Fork region. In 1991, the Pellegrini’s purchased their own vineyard and built a 14,000 square foot winery complex that was one of the very first wineries that integrated the entire winemaking process.

- **Pindar Vineyards** [www.pindar.net](http://www.pindar.net)
  Pindar Vineyards encompasses more than 500 scenic acres. They grow 17 varieties of grapes, crafting them into some 23 varietals and proprietary blends. They produce 70,000 cases of wine a year, making them the largest vineyard on Long Island.

- **Osprey’s Dominion** [www.ospreysdominion.com](http://www.ospreysdominion.com)
  Located on Long Island’s North Fork, this winery contains more than 90 acres of vinifera grapes and a comfortable wine tasting room that makes a visit to this establishment a memorable one.

- **Sparkling Pointe** [www.sparklingpointe.com](http://www.sparklingpointe.com)
  Nestled in the breezy and beautiful North Fork of Long Island, Cynthia and Tom Rosicki have dedicated Sparkling Pointe Vineyards and Winery to estate grown sparkling wines produced exclusively in the traditional Méthode Champenois.

- **Macari Vineyards & Winery** [www.macariwines.com](http://www.macariwines.com)

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Macari Vineyards & Winery, established in 1995, is family owned and operated with two tasting rooms and over 180 acres under vine.

- **Love Lane in Mattituck**
The heart of the North Fork universe, Love Lane in Mattituck, is a bastion of local businesses and small-town shopping mecca.

- **Kontokosta Winery** [www.theharborfrontinn.com](http://www.theharborfrontinn.com)
Perched atop the sweeping bluffs overlooking the Long Island Sound, Kontokosta Winery offers guests the unique opportunity to sample award-winning hand crafted wines in the maritime climate from which they were created.

- **Greenport Harbor Brewing Company** [www.greenportbrew.com](http://www.greenportbrew.com)
They make every drop of Greenport Harbor beer in two small craft breweries at the very end of Long Island.

- Visit [Greenport and explore a thriving downtown](#), enjoy beautiful pier

- **Claudio's Main Restaurant** [www.claudios.com](http://www.claudios.com)
American cuisine with an emphasis on fresh seafood in the New England coastal tradition. Quality fresh ingredients, generous portions, local wines and warm hospitality.

- ✨lavender By the Bay** [www.lavenderbythebay.com](http://www.lavenderbythebay.com)
Since 2002, Lavender by the Bay has been New York’s premier lavender farm. They offer locally produced lavender products - from their farm to your home.

Choice of accommodation:

- **Soundview Inn Greenport** [https://soundviewgreenport.com](https://soundviewgreenport.com)
This casual, resort-style hotel with a private beach is 2.3 miles from the boutique shops and restaurants of Greenport Village, and 3.3 miles from Shelter Island. The functional rooms and suites have beachfront decks, satellite TV, minifridges and coffeemakers. Suites add private porches and/or kitchenettes.

- **Greenporter Hotel** [https://greenporterhotel.com](https://greenporterhotel.com)
This retro 1950s-style hotel is a 3-minute walk from both the nearest beach, and Mitchell Park and Marina. The minimalist rooms offer free Wi-Fi and HDTVs, Italian linens, pillow-top mattresses and en suite bathrooms. They also come with designer toiletries, minifridges and coffeemakers. Some rooms add soaking tubs and pull-out sofas.
Head back to New York City or continue to New England by ferry:

- Cross Sound Ferry [www.longislandferry.com](http://www.longislandferry.com)


RETURN TO NYC (OR CONTINUE TO NEXT DESTINATION)

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| **April** |  |
| **May** | Bethpage Air Show  
The Jovia Long Island Marathon  
[https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/EastMeadow/LongIslandMarathon](https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/EastMeadow/LongIslandMarathon) |
| **June** | Belmont Stakes Racing Festival  
[https://www.belmontstakes.com/event-info/](https://www.belmontstakes.com/event-info/)  
Long Island Pride on the Beach  
[https://prideonthebeach.org/li-pride-events/](https://prideonthebeach.org/li-pride-events/) |
| **July** | Jones Beach Fireworks  
[https://www.jonesbeach.com](http://www.jonesbeach.com) |
| **August** | The Hampton Classic Horse Show  
[http://www.hamptonclassic.com](http://www.hamptonclassic.com) |
| **September** | Greenport Maritime Festival  
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