

8 Easy Weekend Getaways From New York City

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Summer in the [New York City](#) can mean cool cocktails on a Manhattan rooftop, or breezy walks along the Brooklyn waterfront. But it can *also* mean sticky subway stations and flocks of tourists. The happy medium: Leave the crowds behind come Friday and swap views of the Hudson for a weekend trip to the beach or country. You can see these easy, awe-inspiring destinations in two days—and they're all less than five hours from NYC. *Plus:*

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New Yorkers looking to escape city limits will find solace on Shelter island, nestled between Long Island's ritzy South Fork and wine-focused North Fork. It'll be hard to leave [The Chequit](#), where whitewashed decor meets homey details, like a sprawling front porch with harbor views. If you do, walk the [Mashomack Nature Preserve](#)—filled with hiking trails, osprey, and salt marshes. Then people-watch with a cocktail at the [Bar at Sunset Beach](#), a bustling roadside spot with seaside dining.

~3-hours via the Long Island Railroad (Penn Station to Greenport) and ferry.

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