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LONG ISLAND



In the height of summer, Long Island becomes almost an extension of New York City, and it is only just a short drive away.

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When the skyscrapers provide little shade from the summer heat, reminding European visitors that Manhattan is located on approximately the same latitude as Naples or Barcelona, Long Island becomes the place to escape.

It delivers the goods: soft breezes, endless beaches, good surf, and a multitude of quaint, charming towns full of trendy eateries and laid-back bars. And it's just a short drive from the Big Apple.

Many New Yorkers would argue that Long Island is even better in spring and autumn, when you feel like you have it to yourself and can observe the waves crashing in from the Atlantic on the golden shores of Fire Island and Shelter Island, deserted by the summer crowds. Sightseeing along the roads is good all year round, with 25 lighthouses, and 60 vineyards along the 'Wine Trails'. Follow road signs for places that offer horse riding, canoeing, bicycle rentals and golf.

Long Island's North Shore was once known as the Gold Coast, whose opulent estates and lifestyle were immortalised by F. Scott Fitzgerald's book *The Great Gatsby*.

Today's ultra-chic scene can be found in The Hamptons, seaside communities where you may well brush shoulders with showbiz stars along the South Fork.

Montauk, at the eastern end, offers pristine beaches and marinas where charter boats can take you ocean fishing to catch tuna and shark.

Rent a car in Manhattan, or at one of New York's airports. Or take the Long Island trains that leave from Penn Station in Manhattan. Distance from midtown to Montauk: around 175 km.

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