

# Explore the fascinating and

**A**t 100 miles long and 20 miles wide, Long Island contains a lot to see and do.

There are several regions of the island. You can explore "Gatsby-era" Gold Coast mansions along the North Shore; or discover a rich maritime history on our South Shore. Set out on a stunning wine-and-farm-country adventure on the North Fork, or wander the tree-lined streets and world-renowned villages of the South Fork/Hamp-ton. While here you'll also find some cool off-shore islands, like Fire Island and Shelter Island, each with a vibe and character all its own.

## North Shore/Gatsby's Gold Coast

The Gold Coast area that stretches along Long Island's North Shore region, from Nassau County into Suffolk County, is interwoven with the history of Long Island and was once home to some of the wealthiest families in America.

Just a short ride from New York City, author F. Scott Fitzgerald immortalized this region in his 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 once held here, are open for the public's perusal and enjoyment.

Over a half-dozen former 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.

While here, shop in quaint villages; tour the homes of President Theodore Roosevelt or Walt Whitman; visit Revolutionary War sites related to the Washington Spy Ring; or catch a star show at our world-class planetarium.

### Sample itinerary

- Tour Long Island's mansions and arboretums.
- Nassau County Museum
- Visit Sagamore Hill: President Theodore Roosevelt's summer "Whitehouse."
- Heckscher Museum of Art
- Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium
- Overnight in a castle or estate.

## South Shore/Maritime Trail

Visit Long Island's South Shore where you'll find charming, bay-front villages just minutes from spectacular ocean beaches.

Explore Long Island parks and nature trails through the ocean dunes and set out on a migratory bird-watching expedition. Venture to the top of Long Island's highest lighthouse and enjoy spectacular views, or visit an aviation museum, a maritime museum or children's museum.

Walk, shop and dine in one of Long Island's



many quaint south shore towns such as Long Beach, Freeport, Babylon, Bay Shore, Sayville and Patchogue. Take a trip on a fishing boat, nature cruise or a paddlewheel river boat

### Sample itinerary

- Take a scenic day boat cruise or embark on an ocean fishing adventure.
- Visit the Maritime Museum in Sayville.
- Lunch and shopping on Freeport's Nautical Mile
- Take an evening stroll on the famous Jones Beach boardwalk.
- Dinner and overnight in Long Beach



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# diverse regions of Long Island

## North Fork/Wine Country

An enchanting visit to Long Island's wine country transports you to a place where over 60 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 and plan to spend the evening at one of the quaint area inns for a complete wine-country vacation. Small village boutiques and a major brand name outlet mall in Riverhead; a folk life preserve; organic gardens and pick-your-own farms; museums; a world-class aquarium; tall ship day cruises; and lighthouse tours add to the adventure here.

### Sample itinerary

- Tanger outlet shopping in Riverhead or a visit to the Long Island Aquarium
- Stop at a local farm stand for fresh fruit, produce and local goods. Or pick your own.
- Sample a flight at a local winery, brewery, cider mill or distillery. (Always drink responsibly.)
- Lunch and antique shopping in a small village.
- Overnight in a B&B or waterfront inn.



## South Fork/Hamptons

There's no better time to visit the world-renowned Hamptons than now.

Stroll quaint villages and boutiques where you're sure to find the top designer names; dine in the trendiest restaurants; take in a theater show; and enjoy some of the top beaches in the country.

And keep your eyes open; you might just spot a celebrity in casual-mode as Hollywood and New York's brightest stars are often spotted in Southampton, Bridgehampton, East Hampton and other area villages.

### Sample itinerary

- Montauk Point Lighthouse & Museum
- Horseback riding on the beach
- Surf lesson
- Spa treatment at an oceanfront spa hotel
- Sunset cruise
- Overnight at a waterfront hotel.

## Fire Island National Seashore

Fire Island National Seashore is located within miles of the excitement of New York

City and minutes to the convenience of Long Island. But to venture there is a journey to an unspoiled, pristine wilderness along 32-miles of dazzling white sand stretches and featuring some of the best beaches in New York.

Don't expect to find high-rise hotels or condominiums, or even cars for that matter, although boardwalks, marinas, restaurants, changing rooms/showers, camping and other facilities are available to accommodate tourists.

Visit the historic lighthouse at the west end of Fire Island. Abundant accommodations exist nearby on Long Island and some hotel and house rentals are available in communities established on Fire Island. Access is primarily via ferry from three different ports on Long Island across the Great South Bay (a short 20-minute ride). And since Fire Island is not even a quarter-mile wide in most parts, it's an easy walk from where the ferry leaves off, to the shores of the sparkling Atlantic Ocean. And, you can grab a little red wagon to carry your beach gear.



### Sample itinerary

- Take a ferry from one of three Fire Island ferry terminals at Bay Shore, Sayville or Patchogue.
- Eat a light lunch at a Fire Island restaurant or bring your own picnic.
- Explore the boardwalks and natural beauty of Fire Island.
- Lounge on the beach before heading back on the ferry.
- Dinner in one of the main Long Island ferry terminal towns.

## Shelter Island

Shelter Island is a tiny island nestled between the north and south forks of Long Island. It can be reached via ferry from Greenport on the North Fork or Sag Harbor (North Haven) on the South Fork. Shelter Island is known for its natural beauty, hiking, biking, bird-watching and some of the most breathtaking kayaking on Long Island. The entire island is approximately 27 square miles. Hotels and restaurants welcome visitors.

### Sample itinerary

- Take the ferry from Greenport to Shelter Island. Bring your bike.
- Spend the day exploring nature preserves and secluded beaches.
- Visit an historic estate.
- Lunch in an historic hotel.
- Rent a kayak and do some more exploring on the water.
- Overnight in a waterfront hotel.

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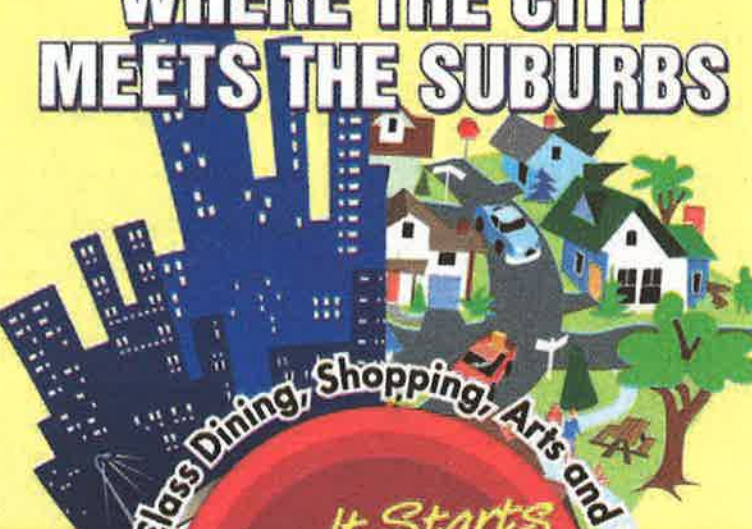
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